

Course Syllabus

Japanese IV: Introduction to Linguistics 15 Credits*, First Cycle

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- explain the fundamental nature of the sound structure, the word structure, grammatical structure, and dialectal variations of the Japanese language
- analyze the typological characteristics of the Japanese language using theoretical concepts in an appropriate way
- utilize linguistic knowledge to improve their writing, reading and oral skills in Japanese.

Course Content

In this course, some of the key concepts of phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics, which are used to describe the Japanese language, are studied. The students also reflect on how such knowledge is obtained through the study of language acquisition and historical linguistics. In addition, related areas as psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, and the writing systems, are discussed.

Assessment

In order to pass the course, students must actively take part in class activities and group discussions, complete written assignments and oral presentations and pass a written examination.

Forms of Study

The course consists of lectures, discussions, and presentations. The students work individually and in groups. The lecture is mainly given in Japanese with English as a support language.

Grades

The Swedish grades U–VG.

Prerequisites

Japanese III: Language Proficiency, 15 credits, Japanese III: The Modern Short Story, 7.5 credits and Japanese III: Reading Manga, 7.5 credits, First Cycle

Prior knowledge of linguistics is helpful but not required.

Other Information

Replaces JP2002.

Subject:

Japanese

Group of Subjects:

Japanese

Disciplinary Domain:

Humanities, 100%

This course can be included in the following main field(s) of study:

1. Japanese

Progression Indicator within (each) main field of study:

1. G2F

Approved:

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