

Course Syllabus

Languages, Literature and Culture: Research Methodology and Academic Writing 7.5 Credits, First Cycle

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- describe and critically compare basic research methodology in literary, cultural and linguistic studies
- formulate a project description with a relevant research question, a clearly expressed theoretical approach and a methodological discussion for a feasible research project related to literary, cultural or linguistic studies
- write different types of academic texts
- analyse and critically evaluate the content, disposition and argumentation in scientific texts
- discuss and relate to research ethical issues
- provide constructive criticism on the texts of fellow students and respond objectively to the criticism of others.

Course Content

In the course, students read and analyse various examples of scientific studies in literature, culture and linguistics. Based on these examples, the students carry out a comparative analysis of a research question, theory, method, argumentation and disposition. Each student formulates an idea for a research project within one of the languages, and writes a detailed project description. Furthermore, students write reviews and will in this way practice their ability to discuss the contents of scientific text. Students read and discuss each other's texts.

Assessment

- Written assignments
- Active participation in seminar discussions where students discuss their own texts and those of others

Grades

The grading scale used for the final course grade is U–VG.

For a final course grade of VG, students must achieve VG in two modules, including the module *Formulating a Research Project*.

Grades are reported as follows:

- Formulating a Research Project - 2.5 Credits | U–VG
- Research Methodology and a Research Ethical Approach - 2.5 Credits | U–VG
- Analysis of Scientific Texts - 2.5 Credits | U–VG

Prerequisites

90 credits at level G1F in one of the main fields of study of Russian or Chinese, or 90 credits in the main field of study of Portuguese

Other Information

The languages of instruction in the course are English and Swedish.

This course overlaps older course codes GPR276 and GPR2VQ, and the course *Portuguese: Research Methodology and Academic Writing*, 7.5 cr.

This course cannot be counted towards the same degree along with courses that have equivalent content.

If the student has received a decision/recommendation granting study support from Dalarna University because of a disability, then the examiner has the right to offer an alternative examination arrangement. The examiner takes into account the objectives in the course syllabus when deciding whether the examination can be adapted in accordance with the decision/recommendation.

Subject:

Portuguese

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

1. Chinese
2. Portuguese
3. Russian

Progression Indicator within (each) main field of study:

1. G2F
2. G2F
3. G2F

Approved:

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