



LUND UNIVERSITY

Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

Programme syllabus for the Master of Arts in Language and Linguistics (2015)

1. Programme details

English title of the programme	<i>Master of Arts in Language and Linguistics</i>
Swedish title of the programme	<i>Språk och språkvetenskap</i>
Main field	<i>Language and Linguistics</i>
Specialisations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>General linguistics</i> 2. <i>Arabic/Semitic Languages</i> 3. <i>English</i> 4. <i>Phonetics</i> 5. <i>French</i> 6. <i>Greek/Modern Greek</i> 7. <i>Italian</i> 8. <i>Japanese</i> 9. <i>Chinese</i> 10. <i>Cognitive semiotics</i> 11. <i>Latin</i> 12. <i>Rhetoric</i> 13. <i>Romanian</i> 14. <i>Russian</i> 15. <i>Spanish</i> 16. <i>Swedish/Scandinavian Languages</i> 17. <i>German</i>
Cycle	<i>Second</i>
Credits	60 (one-year Master) 120 (two-year Master)
Programme code	<i>HASPV</i>
Details of approval	<i>Syllabus approved by the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology 15 October 2009.</i>

Details of changes approved

Changes approved by the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology 12 January 2011, 14 October 2011, 1 February 2013, 14 February 2014 and 13 May 2015.

2. Description of the programme of study

The Master of Arts programme in Language and Linguistics is intended for students with either a Swedish or international bachelor's degree who are interested in language and linguistics. The objectives of the programme are to increase the student's knowledge and understanding of language in its broad sense and theoretical understanding of linguistic issues. It also aims to develop the student's language proficiency in and knowledge of the specific language in which he/she has chosen to specialise. The student can choose from 17 specialisations: Arabic/Semitic Languages, Chinese, Cognitive Semiotics, English, French, General Linguistics, German, Greek/Modern Greek, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Phonetics, Rhetoric, Romanian, Russian, Spanish and Swedish/Scandinavian Languages. The programme consists of compulsory courses common to all specialisations, compulsory courses for each specialisation and elective courses. Elective courses are chosen in consultation with the programme coordinator. The languages of instruction are English and other languages according to the area of specialisation. The final degree project consists of a thesis on language or linguistics with an in-depth study in one of the areas of specialisation. The programme can constitute a preparatory course for further academic studies or for a future career in an area related to languages.

Students are also offered the opportunity to complete a **one-year Master's degree** within the programme. Sections 3–6 below refer to the two-year Master's programme and sections 7–10 to the one-year Master's programme.

FOR A MASTER OF ARTS (120 CREDITS)

3. Learning outcomes

For a Master of Arts (120 credits) in Language and Linguistics the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of language and linguistics, including both broad knowledge of linguistics and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in the selected area of specialisation
- demonstrate knowledge of the basic processes behind language production and language perception

- demonstrate deeper insights into current linguistic research and development work
- demonstrate advanced methodological knowledge in linguistics
- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate research issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge, as well as the ability to evaluate this work
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to report clearly and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, using the language of the selected specialisation
- demonstrate the knowledge and skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in a qualified capacity concerned with language, the teaching of language and international relations
- demonstrate the knowledge and skills required to take responsibility for, evaluate and develop activities in which language competence is an integral part
- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in linguistics informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and developmental work
- demonstrate the ability to assess, summarise and evaluate information from various sources, within the chosen area of specialisation for the degree project
- demonstrate knowledge of the place of linguistics in the context of other sciences
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

4. Information about the courses

The Master of Arts (120 credits) programme consists of:

1. Compulsory courses common to all specialisations (45 credits)
2. Compulsory courses for each specialisation (30 credits)
3. Elective courses on the programme (45 credits)

If one or several of the compulsory courses of the programme are included as a compulsory course in the first-cycle degree of the student, this course or these courses are replaced by another/other second-cycle course(s).

<i>Compulsory courses common to all specialisations, 45 credits.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Linguistics: Philosophy of Science for Linguists, 7.5 credits 2. Fundamental Linguistic Methods, 7.5 credits 3. Language and Linguistics: Degree project, 30 credits.
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<i>Compulsory courses for each specialisation, 30 credits, and elective courses, 45 credits.</i>	See below.
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Specialisation 1: General Linguistics

<i>Compulsory courses, 30 credits</i>	Students select courses totalling 30 credits within the General Linguistics specialisation.
<i>Elective courses, 45 credits</i>	Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 2: Arabic/Semitic Languages

<i>Compulsory courses, 30 credits</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arabic: Arabic Non-Fiction I, 7.5 credits 2. Arabic: Arabic Poetry and Fiction I, 7.5 credits 3. Arabic: Arabic Non-Fiction II, 7.5 credits 4. Arabic: Arabic Poetry and Fiction II, 7.5 credits
<i>Elective courses, 45 credits</i>	Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 3: English

<i>Compulsory courses, 30 credits</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English: Descriptive grammar, 7.5 credits 2. English: English Lexicology, 7.5 credits 3. English: The History of English, 7.5 credits
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*Elective courses,
45 credits*

4. English: Linguistic Variation in English,
7.5 credits

Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 4: Phonetics

*Compulsory courses,
30 credits*

1. Phonetics: Experimental Phonetics, 7.5 credits
2. Phonetics: Phonology, 7.5 credits
3. Phonetics: Sounds of Speech of the World, 7.5 credits
4. A second-cycle course in Linguistics

*Elective courses,
45 credits*

Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 5: French

*Compulsory courses,
30 credits*

1. French: Modern Linguistic Theory Applied to French,
15 credits
2. French: Introduction to Medieval French, 7.5 credits
3. French: French Language Learning, 7.5 credits

*Elective courses,
45 credits*

Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 6: Greek/Modern Greek

*Compulsory courses,
30 credits*

1. The History of the Greek Language from Antiquity to the Present, 7.5 credits
2. The History of Greek Literature from Antiquity to the Present, 7.5 credits
3. Specialisation in Greek Literature, 15 credits

*Elective courses,
45 credits*

Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 7: Italian

*Compulsory courses,
30 credits*

1. Italian: Written Proficiency, 7.5 credits
2. Italian: Linguistic Variation in the Italian Language,
7.5 credits

3. Italian: The Synchrony and Diachrony of the Italian Language, 7.5 credits
4. Italian: Italian Literature, 7.5 credits

*Elective courses,
45 credits*

Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 8: Japanese

*Compulsory courses,
30 credits*

1. Japanese: Text Course in Linguistics I, 15 credits
2. Japanese: Text Course in Linguistics II, 15 credits

*Elective courses,
45 credits*

Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 9: Chinese

*Compulsory courses,
30 credits*

1. Chinese: Chinese Public Information Management, 15 credits
2. Chinese: Specialisation in Chinese Officialese, 15 credits

*Elective courses,
45 credits*

Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 10: Cognitive Semiotics

*Compulsory courses,
30 credits*

1. Cognitive Linguistics: Meaning, Mind and Communication, 7.5 credits
2. Linguistics: Metalinguistics – Language as an Object of Knowledge, 7.5 credits

In addition, two of the following courses:

1. General Linguistics: The Origins of Language, 7.5 credits
2. Semiotics: Translation Theory, 7.5 credits
3. Linguistics: Language in the Visual Modality – Gestures and Signs, 7.5 credits
4. English: Cognitive Linguistics, 7.5 credits

*Elective courses,
45 credits*

Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of

all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 11: Latin

*Compulsory courses,
30 credits*

1. Latin: Classical Prose and Poetry, 15 credits
2. Latin: Medieval and Neo-Latin Prose and Poetry, 15 credits

*Elective courses,
45 credits*

Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 12: Rhetoric

*Compulsory courses,
30 credits*

1. Rhetoric: The Canons of Rhetoric, 7.5 credits
2. Rhetoric: Contemporary Rhetorical Theory, 7.5 credits
3. Rhetoric: Rhetoric and Knowledge, 7.5 credits
4. Rhetoric: Rhetoric and (Popular) Science, 7.5 credits

*Elective courses,
45 credits*

Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 13: Romanian

*Compulsory courses,
30 credits*

1. Romanian: Written Proficiency, 7.5 credits
2. Romanian: Linguistic Variation in Romanian, 7.5 credits
3. Romanian: The Synchrony and Diachrony of the Romanian Language, 7.5 credits
4. Romanian: Romanian Literature, 7.5 credits

*Elective courses,
45 credits*

Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 14: Russian

*Compulsory courses,
30 credits*

1. Russian: The History of the Russian Language and Early Texts, 7.5 credits
2. Russian: Modern Linguistic Theory within Slavic Philology, 7.5 credits
3. Russian: Morphology and Lexicology, 7.5 credits
4. Russian: Pragmatics and Syntax, 7.5 credits

*Elective courses,
45 credits*

Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of

all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 15: Spanish

*Compulsory courses,
30 credits*

1. Spanish: The History of the Spanish Language and Early Texts, 15 credits
2. Spanish: Linguistic Variation in Spanish, 7.5 credits
3. Spanish: Written Proficiency in Spanish, 7.5 credits

*Elective courses,
45 credits*

Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 16: Swedish/Scandinavian Languages

*Compulsory courses,
30 credits*

1. Swedish: Grammar in Theory and Practice, 7.5 credits
2. Swedish: The Theory and Practice of Text Analysis, 7.5 credits
3. Scandinavian Languages: The History of the Scandinavian Languages, 7.5 credits
4. Scandinavian Languages: Variation in Scandinavian Languages, 7.5 credits

*Elective courses,
45 credits*

Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

Specialisation 17: German

*Compulsory courses,
30 credits*

1. German: Modern Linguistic Theory within German Philology, 7.5 credits
2. German: Pragmatics, 7.5 credits
3. German: The Structure of Information, 7.5 credits
4. German: Text Analysis, 7.5 credits

*Elective courses,
45 credits*

Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.

The programme starts in the autumn semester every year. The courses are distributed as follows in the programme:

Semester 1: The compulsory course Philosophy of Science for Linguists, 7.5 credits, compulsory course(s) and elective course(s) for each specialisation

Semester 2: The compulsory course Fundamental Linguistic Methods, 7.5 credits, Fundamental Linguistic Methods, 7.5 credits, compulsory course(s) for each specialisation and/or elective course(s)

Semester 3: Compulsory course(s) for each specialisation and/or elective course(s)

Semester 4: Degree project

5. Degree

On completion of the programme, students will be awarded the degree of *Master of Arts (120 credits) in Language and Linguistics specialising in xx* (Filosofie masterexamen i Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i xx) in accordance with the 2007 system of qualifications.

6. Admission requirements and selection criteria

To be admitted to the programme, students must have a Bachelor's degree, or the equivalent, specialising in the subject chosen for the Master's programme. In addition, English 6/B from Swedish upper secondary school is required, or the equivalent.

International students are required to have a Bachelor's degree from a university where English is the main language of instruction or documented proficiency in English equivalent to English 6 from Swedish upper secondary school (please visit universityadmissions.se for information on the level required in internationally recognised language tests such as IELTS, TOEFL etc.). Furthermore, a completed independent written degree project is a requirement.

To be admitted to the specialisation in Cognitive Semiotics, students must have, in addition to proficiency in English and a written degree project, one of the following qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in General Linguistics
- Bachelor's degree in a language (e.g. English, French, Spanish) specialising in linguistics
- Bachelor's degree in Semiotics specialising in linguistics
- Bachelor's degree in Cognitive Science specialising in linguistics
- an equivalent degree

To be admitted to the specialisation in English, students must have an IELTS (Academic) test with an average result of 7.5 and no section scoring less than 7.0, and a degree specialising in linguistics.

The following selection criteria may be applied if the number of students exceeds the number of places: Bachelor's degree project or the equivalent, grades on relevant courses, interviews.

FOR A MASTER OF ARTS (60 CREDITS)

7. Learning outcomes

For a Master of Arts (60 credits) in Language and Linguistics the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of language and linguistics, including both an overview of linguistics and specialised knowledge in the selected area of specialisation
- demonstrate insight into current linguistic research and development work
- demonstrate methodological knowledge in linguistics
- demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge critically and systematically and to analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing to report clearly and discuss his or her own development work and research and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, using the language of the selected specialisation
- demonstrate the knowledge and skills required for participation in research and development work or employment in some other qualified capacity demonstrate the knowledge and skills required to take responsibility for, evaluate and develop activities in which language competence is an integral part
- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in linguistics informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate the ability to assess, summarise and evaluate information from various sources, within the chosen area of specialisation for the degree project
- demonstrate knowledge of the place of linguistics in the context of other sciences
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

8. Course details

*Compulsory courses
for a degree of Master
(60 credits), 22.5
credits.*

1. Philosophy of Science for Linguists, 7.5 credits,
2. Language and Linguistics: Degree project, 15 credits.

Compulsory courses for each specialisation, 15 credits. Students select courses totalling 15 credits from the list of compulsory courses for the degree of Master (120 credits) in the chosen area of specialisation (see above).

If one or several of the compulsory courses of the programme are included as a compulsory course in the first-cycle degree of the student, this course or these courses are replaced by another/other second-cycle course(s).

Elective courses, 22.5 credits.

Students select elective courses totalling 22.5 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator

The programme starts in the autumn semester every year. The courses are distributed as follows in the programme:

Semester 1: The compulsory course Philosophy of Science for Linguists, 7.5 credits, compulsory course(s) and elective course(s) for each specialisation

Semester 2: Compulsory course(s) for each specialisation, elective course(s) and a degree project

9. Degree

On completion of the programme, students will be awarded the degree of *Master of Arts (60 credits) in Language and Linguistics specialising in xx* (Filosofie magisterexamen i Språk och språkvetenskap med specialisering i xx) in accordance with the 2007 system of qualifications.

10. Admission requirements and selection criteria

See above