



LUND UNIVERSITY  
Humanities and Theology

## Master of Arts in Language and Linguistics (as of September 2011)

### Course Details

Swedish title of the programme	<i>Språk och språkvetenskap</i>
English title of the programme	<i>Master of Arts in Language and Linguistics</i>
Main field	<i>Language and Linguistics</i>
Specialisations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>General Linguistics</i></li><li>2. <i>Arabic/Semitic Languages</i></li><li>3. <i>English</i></li><li>4. <i>Phonetics</i></li><li>5. <i>French</i></li><li>6. <i>Greek/Modern Greek</i></li><li>7. <i>Italian</i></li><li>8. <i>Japanese</i></li><li>9. <i>Chinese</i></li><li>10. <i>Latin</i></li><li>11. <i>Romanian</i></li><li>12. <i>Russian</i></li><li>13. <i>Spanish</i></li><li>14. <i>Swedish/Scandinavian Languages</i></li><li>15. <i>German.</i></li></ol>
Scope of programme in higher education credits	<i>120</i>
Cycle (1st, 2nd or 3rd)	<i>Second</i>
Programme code	<i>HASPV</i>
Details of approval of course	<i>Syllabus approved by the pro-dean for first-cycle studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology 15 October 2009.</i>
Details of changes approved	<i>Changes approved by the pro-dean for first-cycle studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology 12 January and 14 October 2011.</i>

## 2. Description of 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 14 specialisations: Arabic/Semitic Languages, Chinese, English, French, General Linguistics, German, Greek/Modern Greek, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Phonetics, 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.*

## **For a Master of Arts (120 credits)**

### **3. 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 in the first-cycle degree of the student, this course or these courses are replaced by another/other second-cycle course(s).*

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

Compulsory courses, 30 credits.	<i>Students select courses totalling 30 credits within the General Linguistics specialisation.</i>
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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.</i>
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**Specialisation 2:  
Arabic/Semitic  
Languages**

Compulsory courses,  
30 credits

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*

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 3:  
English**

Compulsory courses,  
30 credits.

1. *English: Descriptive Grammar, 7.5 credits,*
2. *English Lexicology, 7.5 credits,*
3. *English: The History of Language, 7.5 credits,*
4. *English: Linguistic Variation in English, 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 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.

*Students may choose four of the following courses:*  
1. *French: Spoken French – Intercultural Dialogue, 7.5 credits,*

2. *French: Spoken French – Political Rhetoric, 7.5 credits,*
3. *French: The Linguistic System of French, 7.5 credits,*
4. *French: French Language Learning, 7.5 credits,*
5. *French: The French Language in Multilingual Settings, 7.5 credits,*
6. *French: Modern French Thinkers – Biographies and Texts, 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. *Greek Literature, Advanced Course, 15 credits, OR Modern Greek Literature, Advanced Course, 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 Literature and Linguistics I, 15 credits,*
2. *Japanese: Text Course in Literature and 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 Non-Fiction, 15 credits,*
2. *Chinese: Chinese Modern 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 10: 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 11: Romanian

Compulsory courses,  
30 credits.

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

*Students select elective courses totalling 45 credits in*

credits.

*consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.*

### **Specialisation 12: 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*

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: 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*
2. *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 14: 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 15:  
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.*

Availability in the  
academic year

*The programme starts in the autumn semester every year.*

Schematic layout of  
the programme

*Semester 1: The 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 and elective courses*

*Semester 3: Fundamental Linguistic Methods, 7.5 credits, compulsory course(s) and elective course(s) for each specialisation.*

*Semester 4: Language and Linguistics: Degree project, 30 credits.*

**5. Degree**

1. Title of the degree  
in Swedish

*Filosofie masterexamen*

2. Title of the degree  
in English

*Master of Arts (120 credits)*



## 6 Admission Requirements and Selection Criteria

1. Admission requirements *To be eligible for the programme the student must have a Bachelor's degree, or the equivalent, specialising in the subject chosen for the Master's programme. In addition, English B from Swedish secondary school is required, or the equivalent. International students are required to have a Bachelor's degree from an English speaking university, or an IELTS test with an average result of 6.0 and no section scoring less than 5.5, or a TOEFL test with a minimum result of 550 (computer-based test 213, internet-based 79) or Cambridge/Oxford Advanced or Proficiency level, or O-level/GCSE. **A completed independent project is a requirement.***  
  
*In order to specialise in English an average result of 7.5 is required in IELTS tests (Academic), with no section scoring less than 7.0. **Furthermore, the specialisation of the degree must be in English Linguistics.***
2. Selection criteria *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)

#### 3. Outcomes

For a Master of Arts (60 credits) degree 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 specialised 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 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**

Compulsory courses for a degree of Master (60 credits), 22.5 credits.	<p><i>1. Philosophy of Science for Linguists, 7.5 credits,</i></p> <p><i>2. Language and Linguistics: Degree project, 15 credits.</i></p>
Compulsory courses for each specialisation, 15 credits.	<p><i>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).</i></p> <p><i>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></p>
Elective courses, 22.5 credits.	<p><i>Students select compulsory elective courses totalling 22.5 credits in consultation with the programme coordinator. A list of all courses is available from the programme coordinator.</i></p>
Availability in the academic year	<p><i>The programme starts in the autumn semester every year.</i></p>
Schematic layout of the programme	<p><i>Semester 1: Philosophy of Science for Linguists, 7.5 credits,</i></p> <p><i>Compulsory and elective courses, 22.5 credits.</i></p>

*Semester 2: Compulsory and elective courses, 15 credits.*

*Degree project, 15 credits.*

**5. Degree**

1. Title of the degree in Swedish *Filosofie magisterexamen*
2. Title of the degree in English *Master of Arts (60 credits)*

**6 Admission Requirements and Selection Criteria**

1. Admission requirements *See above.*
2. Selection criteria *See above.*