1.	**Course Details**	
1.	Course code	*ALS M04*
2.	Course title	*General Linguistics: The Origins of Language*
3.	Cycle	*Second*
4.	Higher education credits	*7.5*
5.	Details of approval of course	*Syllabus approved by the pro-dean for first-cycle studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology 28 April 2009.*
6.	Details of changes approved	

2.	**General Information**	
1.	Main field(s) (if applicable)	*General Linguistics*
2.	Subject (if applicable)	*General Linguistics*
3.	Type of course and its place in the educational system	*The course is offered as a free-standing course and can normally be included as part of a general first- or second-cycle degree. With the approval of the relevant authenticating body, it can also be included in certain professional degrees.*
4.	Language of instruction	*The course is normally taught in English. It can be taught in Swedish if an agreement is reached by both the teacher and the students. Such an agreement would depend on both the lecturer and the students having a good knowledge of Swedish.*

3.	**Learning Outcomes**	
		On completion of the course the student shall be able to
1.	Knowledge and understanding	• *account for the current research on the origins of language* • *account for different types of communication between animals and describe similarities and differences between animal and human language* • *describe certain physiological and neural conditions for language from the perspective of evolution* • *describe similarities and differences between biological and cultural evolution and the possibilities for interaction between them* • *explain aspects of the complex relationship between mind and language at an advanced level*
2.	Competence and skills	• *compare different hypotheses on the origins of language on the basis of empirical evidence*
3.	Judgement and approach	• *critically assess different hypotheses on the origins of language.*

4.	**Course Content**	
1.	Brief description of the course and its content	*The course deals with current interdisciplinary research on the origins of language. Focus is placed on the relationship*

	including details of any sub-divisions	*between biological and cultural evolution and physiological and neural conditions for language from the perspective of evolution. Furthermore, the course addresses animal communication, experiments on language acquisition in primates and other animals, the relationship between mind and language and different hypotheses on the origins of language and evaluation of these on the basis of empirical evidence.*

5.	**Teaching and Assessment**	
1.	Teaching methods employed including details of any compulsory components	*Teaching consists of lectures and seminars.*
2.	Examination details	*The assessment is based on an oral report on selections of the required reading and a written assignment which addresses a theme of the course at an advanced level.*
3.	Restrictions regarding the number of examination occasions (if applicable)	

6.	**Grades**	
1.	Grades	*Students are awarded one of the following grades: Fail, Pass or Pass with Distinction.*
2.	Grading of the complete course	
3.	Availability of supplementary ECTS grades	*International students and Swedish students intending to use their qualifications abroad have the right to a supplementary ECTS grading. Students must request such a grading from the director of studies or equivalent authority at the latest three weeks from the start of the course.*
4.	Sub-courses and variations in grading (if applicable)	

7.	**Admission Requirements**	
1.	Specific admission Requirements	*To be admitted to the course students must have passed the course LIN B02 or 60 credits in a language subject or the equivalent.*

8.	**Literature**	
1.	Required reading	*For reading lists and other relevant educational materials see appendix (ces).*

9.	**Further Information**
1.	*The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.*