



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

AF1100 Languages and Societies in Africa, 7.5 credits

Språk och samhälle i Afrika, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by The Faculty of Arts on 2011-02-14 and was last revised on 2023-02-07 by Department of Languages and Literatures to be valid from 2023-08-28, autumn semester of 2023.

Field of education: Arts 100%

Department: Department of Languages and Literatures

Position in the educational system

The course is offered as a freestanding course and may be included in a general qualification.

Main field of studies

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Specialization

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Entry requirements

General entrance requirements for university studies. Exemption is given from Swedish.

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the student is expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- describe the language situation in Africa today and from a historical perspective;
- explain the importance of languages in multilingual communities and for the development of countries;

Competence and skills

- relate today's language situation and language policy in African countries to the colonial past;
- show what consequences language policies in African states have for their populations, e.g. through education policy;
- identify language-related problems in Africa, and analyse the conditions for future development, for example through modern technology;
- use relevant sociolinguistic terminology to discuss language situations in African countries;

Judgement and approach

- critically and independently discuss the literature in the reading lists and the topics that are brought up in the course.

Course content

The study of language and society in Africa from a sociolinguistic perspective, both from a historical and present-day point of view and with an emphasis on multilingualism and the issues that follow from this.

Form of teaching

The course may be given as an on-campus course or as an online course. The course is given in the form of lessons, seminars, discussions and assignments on the university's learning platform.

Language of instruction: English

Assessment

The course is assessed through continuous compulsory assignments during the course as well as through a final examination.

A student who has failed a course item is eligible for a retake exam/assignment. In connection with written assignments, supplementary assignments may be offered in order for the student to achieve a Pass grade. Such a supplementary assignment should be done within the stipulated time (normally five working days after the result has been posted). Otherwise a Fail grade will be reported.

A student who has completed an exam/assignment with a passing grade is not eligible for a retake for the purpose of receiving a higher grade. Nor may a student withdraw a test/assignment once it has been submitted for the purpose of avoiding receiving a grade for the work.

A student who has taken two examinations in a course or a part of a course without obtaining a passing grade is entitled to the nomination of another examiner unless there

are special reasons to the contrary (HF 6 chap. 22§). Such a request should be made in writing to the department responsible for the course.

If the University of Gothenburg has decided that a student is eligible for special study support, the examiner may, provided it is compatible with the aim of the course and it can be done within the scope of available resources, decide to offer the student an adjusted examination or a different examination format.

If the course has been discontinued or substantially revised, a student should be guaranteed to sit the examination on at least three occasions (including the ordinary examination occasion) during a period of at least one year, but not later than two years after the course was discontinued or revised. As regards internships/placement the same as above applies, with the exception that examination is offered on only one occasion.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

For the grade of Pass with distinction on the whole course, a Pass with distinction on the final examination, module Part 3, is required.

Course evaluation

The students are given the opportunity to make a written evaluation of the course. The results of the evaluation are published digitally.

Additional information

The course literature is primarily in English.

Equality aspects should be taken in consideration in content, literature, teaching and evaluation.

To follow a web-based course, students must have access to a computer, web camera and stable broadband connection.