



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

AF1212 Academic English for Africanists, 7.5 credits

Akademisk engelska för afrikanister, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Languages and Literatures on 2023-02-06 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.

Main field of studies

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Specialization

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

To be admissible to the course, students must have completed (a) the course AF1111, and (b) a course equivalent to 7.5 credits in academic English, e.g. EN1003, or equivalent.

Exception is made to the requirement for Swedish as a general entry requirement.

Learning outcomes

The aim of the course is to give students knowledge of and skills in using English for academic communication in speech and writing and to practice adopting a scholarly approach. In addition, the course intends to be a platform for the development of generic skills.

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate the ability to apply basic communicative strategies to write a coherent academic text in idiomatic English;

Competence and skills

- adopt basic knowledge of cohesion and overall structure in written production;
- efficiently and without elementary errors use English in connection with oral and written argumentation and presentation;

Judgement and approach

- critically reflect on his/her own and others' theoretical arguments and methods in his/her own production.

Course content

The course treats basic linguistic features of academic English in speech and writing. In particular the written components constitute an introduction to English academic prose. Examples of components that are included are linguistic awareness, linguistic correctness, stylistics, academic vocabulary, cohesion and argumentation structure. The course trains skills that are needed to write a Bachelor's thesis in African languages.

Form of teaching

The course is an online course. The teaching is given in the form of recorded lectures and discussion fora.

Language of instruction: English

Assessment

To what extent student has achieved the aims of the course is tested through oral and written tests and written home assignments. Assessment should be based on the individual performance of each student.

The course is assessed partly through a vocabulary and multiple choice test (1 credit), partly through an oral presentation (1.5 credits), partly through an argumentative essay written in grammatically and stylistically correct English (5 credits).

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). The requirement for the grade of Pass with distinction on the whole course is this grade in the Thesis component (5 credits).

Course evaluation

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

Additional information

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