

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

TY1113 German, Linguistics: The Structure of Modern German, 7.5 credits

Tyska, Språkvetenskap: Den moderna tyskans struktur, 7,5 högskolepoäng First Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Languages and Literatures on 2015-03-06 and was last revised on 2019-08-16 to be valid from 2020-01-20, spring semester of 2020.

Field of education: Arts 100%

Department: Department of Languages and Literatures

Position in the educational system

The course TY1113 is given as a freestanding course. This course, together with the courses TY1114, TY1115 and TY1116, corresponds to the introductory course TY1110.

Main field of studies Specialization

German G1N, First cycle, has only uppersecondary level entry requirements

Entry requirements

General entrance requirements for university studies and the Swedish upper secondary course German 3 or equivalent or German, Beginners Course 2, 15 credits (TY1032).

Learning outcomes

The course aims to develop the student's basic theoretical knowledge of the structure and the morphological system of German as well as his/her skills to use correct German in speech and writing. In addition, the course aims to lay the basis for independence in studies and a reflective approach in the student to his/her own knowledge development.

Upon successful completion of the course, the student should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

• account from a contrastive perspective for the grammatical structures of German with special focus on morphology and some focus on German word formation and syntax;

Competence and skills

- analyse the grammatical structure of the German language;
- demonstrate an ability in reading and listening comprehension, conversation/oral and interaction at a level that corresponds to B1-B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages;

Judgement and approach

• critically reflect on the reference material used in the course.

Course content

The students gain a deeper insight into the morphological system of German and are also given an introduction to word formation and syntactic analysis. In the course, a contrastive perspective is applied on the basis of comparisons between German and Swedish. Grammatical analysis and linguistic awareness are trained primarily on the basis of the morphological system of German.

Form of teaching

The course is given either as an on-campus course or as an online course. The teaching on the on-campus course includes lectures and seminars. The teaching on the online course includes web-based activities on virtual learning platform and web-based seminars.

Assessment

To what extent the student has achieved the aim of the course is tested partly continuously through written and oral exercises, partly through a written final examination. For components of assessing type, compulsory attendance applies.

Students who have failed any part of the course are given the possibility to sit a new test. 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 passed a subtest may not do a new test for a higher grade. Nor do students have the right to withdraw a submitted test and in such a way avoid being graded.

If a student who has failed the same examined course component twice, wishes to change examiner before the next examination, a written application should be sent to the department responsible for the course and be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary. (Chapter 6, Section 22, Higher Education Ordinance).

In case the course is discontinued or goes through major changes, examination is available for a maximum number of three attempts (including the regular examination) for a period of one year on the basis of the previous set-up of the course. 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). To pass the course with distinction, the grade Pass with distinction is required on the written examination.

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 may be included in a Degree of Bachelor with German as the main field of study but not together with the introductory course in German, TY1110.

In case the student follows the web-based specialisation of the course, the student is expected to have access to a computer with Internet connection as well as a headset with a microphone and headphones.

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