



## DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

### **TY1213 German, Linguistics: Language variety and language development, 7.5 credits**

Tyska, Språkvetenskap: Språklig variation och språkutveckling, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
*First Cycle*

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#### **Confirmation**

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Languages and Literatures on 2015-03-06 and was last revised on 2017-04-12 to be valid from 2017-08-28, autumn semester of 2017.

*Field of education:* Arts 100%

*Department:* Department of Languages and Literatures

#### **Position in the educational system**

The course TY1213 is given as a freestanding course. Together with TY1214, TY1215 and TY1216, this course corresponds to TY1210.

#### *Main field of studies*

German

#### *Specialization*

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

#### **Entry requirements**

The requirement for admission to the course is at least 22.5 credits from TY1110, Introductory course (30 credits), or the equivalent thereof, where the module "The structure of modern German" or the equivalent thereof must be included.

#### **Learning outcomes**

The course aims to give students an advanced knowledge of the development of the German language from a historical and contemporary perspective as well as to develop

the understanding of the origin of linguistic variation and different language varieties.

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

*Knowledge and understanding*

- account for basic concepts and methods of analysis in German variationist linguistics, language history and syntax;
- demonstrate skills in reading and listening comprehension, conversation/oral interaction, oral production and written skills that correspond to the level of B2-C1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages;

*Competence and skills*

- carry out simple analyses of systematic changes in the German language from a historical and a contemporary perspective;

*Judgement and approach*

- critically evaluate his/her own learning process as well as identify additional competence needs in the subject;
- relate critically to sources.

**Course content**

This course builds on the knowledge and skills that have been acquired in the equivalent module in the Introductory course. The course offers a specialization in syntax from a contrastive perspective and in the structure of the German language with regard to regional, medial and social variation as well as the historical development of the language. Representative texts from different regions, social groups and periods are studied both from a phonological, morphological, lexical, syntactic, pragmatic and a cultural-historical perspective. The course contains oral and written exercises that strengthen the theoretical knowledge of linguistic variation and language development.

**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.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish and German

**Assessment**

The course is examined through oral and written presentations.

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 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.

**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, at least 4 credits with the grade of Pass with distinction are required.

**Course evaluation**

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

**Additional information**

TY1213 may be included in a Bachelor's Degree with German as main the field of study but not together with the Advanced course in the German TY1210.

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. In addition, the course should make students aware of and problematise ecological, economic, cultural and socially sustainable development.