



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

TY2214 Language, Politics and the Public Sphere, 7.5 credits

Språk, politik och offentlighet, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Languages and Literatures on 2014-09-04 and was last revised on 2020-03-10 to be valid from 2020-08-31, autumn semester of 2020.

Field of education: Arts 100%

Department: Department of Languages and Literatures

Position in the educational system

The course is a freestanding course.

The course can be part of the following programme: 1) Master's Programme in Language and Intercultural Communication (H2SIK)

Main field of studies

German

Specialization

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

For admission to the course, a Bachelor's degree is required, 60 credits of which must be German including 30 credits from the intermediate course in German or the equivalent qualifications.

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- describe how politics and public life can be analysed using linguistic methods
- account for different aspects of language from a politolinguistic perspective,
- account for the relevance of the notion of text and discourse for the study of language and politics,

Competence and skills

- integrate and apply knowledge of the linguistic study of politics in public life
- independently define a field of research and formulate relevant research questions for the field in question
- solve an independently formulated problem within politolinguistics

Judgement and approach

- orally and in writing analyse, evaluate and critically review his or her own linguistic arguments and studies and those of others on the basis of their scientific and ethical possibilities, limitations and consequences for the surrounding society and for continued studies within the field.

Course content

The relationship between language and politics is a central field for linguistic analysis, particularly in the context of Germanistics. This thematically oriented course introduces politolinguistics as a research field and shows how language and politics can be studied in a concrete way. Important analytical tools such as slogans, keywords, deontic meaning, text and discourse are given a theoretical frame and are applied in linguistic analysis. The close relationship of politolinguistics with rhetoric, discourse linguistics, conceptual analysis, language criticism, semantics and pragmatics is examined. The course aims to provide analytical tools for the analysis of how politics and political values are communicated and constructed in public life through different uses of language. Some current and historical political events in Germany are selected to show how they can be analysed linguistically.

Form of teaching

The teaching consists of teaching sessions and seminars.

Language of instruction: German

Assessment

The students' achievement of the expected learning outcomes is assessed partly continuously through oral presentations during the course, partly through a final examination in the form of a written assignment.

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 failed a test twice has the right to change examiner, if it is possible. A written request must then be submitted to the Department.

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 based on the previous course structure. 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).

Course evaluation

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

Additional information

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