



Kursplan

Beslut om inrättande av kursen

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences on 2022-05-03 and is valid at Karlstad University from the autumn semester 2022.

Forskarutbildningsämne

English

Kursnamn

Språkanalys inom humaniora och samhällsvetenskap
Language Analysis in the Humanities and Social Sciences

Högskolepoäng

7.5

Utbildningsnivå

Doctoral

Undervisningsspråk

English

Målgrupp och behörighetskrav

Admission to a doctoral program. (Behörig att gå kursen är den som är antagen till forskarutbildning.)

Kursens mål

Upon completion of the course, doctoral students should be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of different types of language data and assess their suitability to different research questions,
- demonstrate knowledge of methods that are available for the collection and analysis of language data,
- critically assess the suitability of analysis methods for linguistic data sets, in particular as relevant to their own field of research,
- give an account of different tools available for language analysis, and
- demonstrate an understanding of ethical implications and legal aspects of data collection, storage and analysis.

Kursens huvudsakliga innehåll

Doctoral students in many humanities and social science disciplines work with spoken or written language data, such as interviews, interaction recordings, or textual data, with little training in methods of language analysis. This course provides students with tools to approach such data systematically, with respect to both communicative and interactional as well as structural and formal aspects. It offers hands-on experience in different methods of language data collection and analysis.

The course comprises two main parts: The first data collection part investigates issues that need to be considered in the design of instruments (e.g., interview protocols, questionnaires) and collection practices (e.g., recording of audio and video conversations, creation of small targeted language corpora). The second language data analysis part provides an overview of and scrutinises analysis methods for language data, including their suitability for different data types and research questions. Example methods explored include, e.g., conversation analysis, discourse analysis (including appraisal), corpus analysis, and content analysis. In addition, the course introduces a number of practical tools for language analysis and examines ethical and legal aspects in the collection, storage, and analysis of language data.

Throughout the course, participants are given the opportunity to apply the tools and methods to actual language data and, if applicable, work on their own language data as appropriate.

Kurslitteraturlista och övriga läromedel

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment takes the form of oral presentations and individual written hand-in assignments.

Kvalitetsuppföljning

The outcomes achieved and students' learning conditions are evaluated during and upon completion of the course. These results shall be taken into account for the planning and development of subsequent offerings.

Övrigt

The course is taught in English, to afford all doctoral students the opportunity to attend and to practice their skills in the international scientific lingua franca. Assignments can be submitted in both Swedish and English.