



COURSE UNIT MSV-ME305

Linguistic minorities and interlinguistic communication, with a special focus on Swedish in Finland (5 cr)

Responsible organisation: Master's Programme in Social Sciences (in Swedish)

Responsible teacher for course unit: **Laszlo Vincze**

Course unit level: Advanced studies

Course unit type: Regular course unit

Possible attainment languages: **Swedish**

COMPLETION METHODS FOR COURSE UNIT

For one course unit, usually one or several implementations (e.g. lecture courses, exams, seminars) are held during the academic year. Once the student has passed it, the student has attained the course unit and is given a grade. For some course units the implementations are held less frequently, for example only every other year.

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Implementations	Method of study	Time
Linguistic minorities and interlinguistic communication, with a special focus on Swedish in Finland, Lectures	Lectures	14/3–2/5/2023

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COURSE UNIT INFORMATION

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Conceptualize the issue of linguistic minorities in the light of multilingualism and linguistic diversity on the one hand, and to historical-political and socio-economic issues on the other
2. Critically evaluate and objectify minority and majority view on linguistic diversity per case and comparatively evaluate the case of different linguistic minorities, most specifically with regard to Swedish-speaking Finns as a reference of comparison
3. Understand the patterns of interlanguage communication in the different cases and relate interlanguage communication to the retention of multilingualism and linguistic diversity

Learning materials

Edwards, J. (2010). *Minority language and group identity: cases and categories*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia, USA: John Benjamin's.

The course book is accessible as an e-book via the library of the University of Helsinki. Additionally, each guest lecturer will upload two articles relating to his/her topic on the Moodle platform.

Additional info

Target group

This course is on BA level.

28 students are admitted to the course.

Students and exchange students at the Swedish School of Social Science and MSV are given priority, second priority to students at the European and Nordic studies and third students and exchange students at the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Timing

Recommended time for the course: At the end of bachelor studies or the beginning of masters studies.

Period IV.

Completion methods

Contact teaching.

Contents

The course consists of an introductory lecture about the Swedish language group in Finland, and then a set of guest lectures about the situation of various linguistic minorities and a theoretical approach to study interlinguistic communication. Each lecture will end up with a comparative analysis of and discussion on the given linguistic minority and Swedish-speaking Finns.

Activities and teaching methods in support of learning

Lectures, discussions and individual work.

Assessment practices and criteria

The course is assessed on the basis of lecture participation, lecture diaries and an exam. Grading scale 0-5

Responsible person

University lecturer Laszlo Vincze

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