

Syllabus

for course at first level

Latvian I

Lettiska I

**30 Higher Education Credits
30 ECTS credits**

Course code: BAL116
Valid from: Autumn 2014
Date of approval: 2013-09-11
Department: Department of Baltic Languages, Finnish and German (incl. Dutch)

Main field: Baltiska språk
Specialisation: G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Decision

The course syllabus has been confirmed by the board of the Department of Baltic Languages, Finnish and German on September 7, 2010, and revised on May 31, 2011 and March 14, 2012.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements course

Basic eligibility.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1161	Language knowledge and proficiency A	7.5
1162	Language knowledge and proficiency B	7.5
3000	Baltic History, Culture and Society - Latvia	7.5
3200	Baltic Linguistics - Latvian	7.5

Course content

The course covers Latvian grammar, syntax, oral and written skills, as well as Baltic linguistics, history, culture and society. The course is useful for all professions and positions where knowledge in or about the Latvian language or about Baltic history, culture, society and linguistics is necessary or provides a competitive advantage.

The course consists of the following modules:

1. Language knowledge and proficiency I, 15 HEC

BAL315 Baltic history, culture and society - Latvia, 7.5 HEC (see separate syllabus)

BAL335 Baltic linguistics - Latvian, 7.5 HEC (see separate syllabus)

Learning outcomes

At the end of the course the student will have shown an ability to

- acquire elementary knowledge about Latvian morphology and syntax
- develop a basic vocabulary in Latvian
- express oneself in elementary Latvian, both orally and in writing

See separate course syllabus for:

BAL315 Baltic history, culture and society - Latvia

Education

Instruction is in the form of teacher-led classroom lessons, lectures and seminars. The form and scope of the instruction may be adapted to the number of students studying the course.

Forms of examination

a. The following methods of examination are used: written examinations, oral examinations, obligatory attendance, and written and oral examination in connection with classroom instruction.

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b. Grades are given according to a criterion referenced seven-point scale: A=Excellent, B=Very Good, C=Good, D=Satisfactory, E=Adequate, Fx=Insufficient, F=Fail.

c. The grading criteria for this course are to be distributed at the beginning of the course.

d. A grade of at least E on all modules is required in order to obtain a grade for the whole course.

e. In order to obtain at least a grade of E, a student who has received an F or Fx has the right to an additional four tests provided the course is still offered.

When the course is given, at least two examination opportunities are provided during the relevant term. At least one examination opportunity will be offered during the term or year when the course is not given.

A student who has received a grade of E or higher may not take the test again in order to get a higher grade. A student who has received the grade of Fx or F twice on a given test and by the same examiner can, on application, be granted a new examiner, unless there are specific reasons against it. The application should be addressed to the board of the department.

f. The completion of course requirements may be allowed for the Fx grade if the student is close to the passing mark. The assignment is to be handed in within a week after the completion requirement has been announced by the examiner. If the completion is approved for some lack in comprehension - lesser misunderstandings, defects or limited reasoning - then the grade E will be given. If the completion is approved for simpler mistakes of a formal character, then the grades C-E may be given.

Interim

When the course is no longer offered or its contents have been essentially revised, the student has the right to be examined according to this course syllabus once per semester for a three-semester period. However, the restrictions above under "Forms of examination" point e still hold. For information about transitional rules for courses in the older pre-Bologna system the student counsellor or director of studies at the department should be contacted.

Limitations

This course cannot be included in a Bachelors degree together with other approved courses attended domestically or abroad, whose content wholly or partially is congruent with the contents of this course.

Required reading

See the course information on the department homepage (www.bafity.su.se) one month before the start of the course at the earliest.