



UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG  
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGY

Introduction

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<http://www.gslt.hum.gu.se/about/documents>

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# Brief history and overview

# Graduate School of Language Technology (GSLT)

- ▶ one of 16 national graduate schools funded by the Swedish government in 2001
- ▶ training not available at single institutions
- ▶ national and international profile
- ▶ original mandate to produce 25 graduates by 2007
- ▶ our 25th thesis defence (by Anna Hjalmarsson, KTH) took place 3rd Sept. 2010 (<http://www.gslt.hum.gu.se/people-research/publications/>)

# Participating institutions

- ▶ Aim to include all academic institutions with research and graduate teaching in language technology.
- ▶ <http://www.gslt.hum.gu.se/about/partners/>

# The GSLT administration team

- ▶ Directors
  - ▶ Robin Cooper (director@gslt.hum.gu.se) overall administration
  - ▶ Lars Ahrenberg (lah@ida.liu.se) seminars and industrial relations
  - ▶ Joakim Nivre (joakim.nivre@lingfil.uu.se) courses and individual study plans
- ▶ Coordination and administration
  - ▶ Ola Björklund (ola.bjorklund@gu.se) arrangements, travel, accommodation, contracts, ...
  - ▶ Robert Andersson (robert.andersson@gu.se) computers and software (on parental leave Autumn, 2010)

# Academic Board

- ▶ one representative from each participating institution plus a few more
- ▶ <http://www.gslt.hum.gu.se/about/board-management/>

## Useful email addresses

- ▶ [directors@gslt.hum.gu.se](mailto:directors@gslt.hum.gu.se) – Robin, Lars, Joakim, Ola
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- ▶ [steering\\_committee@gslt.hum.gu.se](mailto:steering_committee@gslt.hum.gu.se) – Academic Board

# GSLT activities

- ▶ <http://www.gslt.hum.gu.se/education/courses/>
- ▶ <http://www.gslt.hum.gu.se/current/calendar/>
- ▶ Seminar days (PhD seminars, invited/senior seminar)
- ▶ Swedish Language Technology Conference (in alternate years to [Nodalida](#), at different GSLT sites – [SLTC 2010](#) will be in Linköping.)
- ▶ Retreat (normally the weekend before week 5)

# Relation between students, GSLT and home departments

# Commitments

GSLT	Student	Home department
Provides salary, travel expenses to Gothenburg, 10kkr for additional travel and other expenses, laptop computer	Registered, employed and examined in home department. Fulfils both department's and GSLT's degree requirements	Provides office space, desktop computer, additional costs of employment

GSLT	Student	Home department
Board formally approves study plans at first meeting of the year. Provides a reviewer who will assist by checking your study plan annually.	Provides an individual study plan (updated annually) which meets GSLT's and home department's requirements	Processes your study plan according to the rules of your department and university.

GSLT	Student	Home department
Provides policy documents concerning the relationship between students and GSLT: <a href="http://www2.gslt.hum.gu.se/docs/phdpolicy.pdf">http://www2.gslt.hum.gu.se/docs/phdpolicy.pdf</a> , <a href="https://internal.gslt.hum.gu.se/travel/">https://internal.gslt.hum.gu.se/travel/</a>	Follows policy, suggests changes	Follows policy, suggests changes

# Course requirements

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- ▶ Progression
  - ▶ Level 1: Introduction to research
  - ▶ Level 2: Advanced research courses
  - ▶ Level 3: Research seminars
  - ▶ <http://www.gslt.hum.gu.se/education/levels/>
- ▶ Credit recognition
  - ▶ Courses organized by GSLT are always recognized
  - ▶ Courses organized outside GSLT can be recognized as equivalent to GSLT courses (report in study plan)
  - ▶ Home department decides on recognition for degree

# Individual study plans

- ▶ Two individual study plans
  - ▶ Home institution
  - ▶ GSLT
- ▶ Why a separate study plan for GSLT?
  - ▶ Enforce GSLT requirements
  - ▶ Condition for GSLT funding
- ▶ GSLT requirements
  - ▶ Thesis related to language technology
  - ▶ Course requirements (two variants)

# Procedure for ISPs (GSLT)

- ▶ December
  - ▶ Student and supervisor revises the study plan
    - ▶ Evaluation of the past year
    - ▶ Plans for the following year
  - ▶ Student uploads study plan to GSLT together with input to the Annual Report and web pages
- ▶ December–January
  - ▶ Reviewer gives feedback to student and supervisor
  - ▶ Reviewer reports to directors
- ▶ January
  - ▶ Board approves new study plan

# Graduate student seminars

- ▶ Goals
  - ▶ Train presentation skills
  - ▶ Communicate plans and results
  - ▶ Invite comments, suggestions
- ▶ Form
  - ▶ Schedule one hour seminars
  - ▶ one seminar day every semester
  - ▶ at least two seminars per student

## From the PhD student policy document

During their time of study GSLT students are required to give two longer thesis seminars relating to their thesis topic with the main supervisor present. The first one of these should take place after about two years of study, and the second one, about six months before completion of the thesis. The latter may be given at the student's home department.

# External relations

# Invited seminars

- ▶ One every semester
- ▶ Invitations to
  - ▶ companies using and/or developing language technology
  - ▶ researchers with industrial experience
  - ▶ academic researchers (including senior researchers at GSLT)

# External relations

- ▶ Annual report
- ▶ Advisory board(s)
  - ▶ Lori Lamel (CNRS-LIMSI, Orsay), John Nerbonne (University of Groningen), Stephen Pulman (Oxford University)
  - ▶ Johan Boye (SpeechAct), Eva Ejerhed (Newsmachine), Jesper Högberg (Hewlett Packard)
- ▶ Involvement in national initiatives
- ▶ <http://sprakteknologi.se>
- ▶ Contacts with industry by students
- ▶ the GSLT website