

Swedish as a Second Language

SFSH02, Study Abroad: Swedish as a Foreign Language - Levels 5-8, 30 credits

Study Abroad: Svenska som främmande språk - nivå 5-8, 30 högskolepoäng First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the prodean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2013-03-05. The syllabus comes into effect 2013-03-05 and is valid from the autumn semester 2013.

General information

Subject: Swedish

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It cannot be included as part of a degree from a Swedish university or university college.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of study

Specialisation

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G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to describe in a fundamental way how the word choices and stylistic features of different types of texts are affected by context and communicative situation
- be able to account for some key aspects of the morphology and syntax of modern Swedish
- be able to describe some fundamental traits of Swedish pronunciation
- be able to account for the use of references and quotations and how to refer to sources

- be able to account for different registers in Swedish usage, e.g. levels of formality in vocabulary, pronunciation and syntax
- be able to describe at least one chosen Swedish literary text and its author
- be able to account for current public debate in different sectors of society presented in Swedish media

Competence and skills

- be able to communicate spontaneously with a good command of grammar and with few signs of limitations and be able to choose a level of formality appropriate to the situation (oral proficiency)
- be able to write analytical and argumentative texts of a scholarly character with a varied and good sentence structure and use of connectives (written proficiency)
- be able to interpret and comment on facts, diagrams and tables in Swedish texts (written proficiency)
- be able to use a comprehensive Swedish vocabulary in speech and writing covering the language domains of public issues and be able to apply knowledge of techniques of argumentation and debate
- be able to understand the main points of Swedish speech including complicated language and abstract and complex topics (listening comprehension)
- be able to assimilate large bodies of text through skimming and scanning (reading comprehension)

Judgement and approach

- be able to express a view on Swedish society in some fields and make comparisons with international situations, and take a position on issues concerning ethnicity and cultural exchange
- be able to identify the personal need for further knowledge and skills in the subject.

Course content

The course consists of teaching and practical exercises in Swedish language proficiency. In addition to the skills training, the typical traits of Swedish grammar and phonetics are presented. In the course students practise oral proficiency through discussions, debates, short presentations and talks. Written proficiency is practised through essay writing, summaries, public letters and compilations of facts from different sources. Different texts are analysed from the point of view of genre and style. Reading comprehension is practised through study of both non-fiction and fiction. Newspaper articles and radio and television programmes are used in the skills training.

The course consists of the following modules:

1. Swedish as a foreign language – Level 5, 7.5 credits,

- 2. Swedish as a foreign language Level 6, 7.5 credits,
- 3. Swedish as a foreign language Level 7, 7.5 credits,
- 4. Swedish as a foreign language Level 8, 7.5 credits.

Course design

Teaching consists of exercises, lectures and seminars.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a written and an oral exam at the end of the course.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: U=Fail, E=Sufficient, D=Satisfactory, C=Good, B=Very Good, A=Excellent

The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail.

To pass the whole course the student must have been awarded the grade of E on all modules. The final grade on the course is determined by the grade on level 8.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

- 1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- 2. A grade of Pass on SFSH02 meets the requirement of Swedish proficiency for admission to Swedish higher education.
- 3. For admission to the course, students must have general eligibility for higher education studies in Sweden, with the exception of proficiency in Swedish, and knowledge of Swedish corresponding to level 4 of course SFSH01.
- 4. The modules on the course can also be studied as separate modules worth 7.5 credits each (SFSA15, SFSA16, SFSA17 and SFSA18).
- 5. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.
- 6. The sub-course names in Swedish:
 - 1. Svenska som främmande språk nivå 5,
 - 2. Svenska som främmande språk nivå 6,
 - 3. Svenska som främmande språk nivå 7,
 - 4. Svenska som främmande språk nivå 8.