Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

# SFSH31, Swedish as a Foreign Language: Level 5-8 Online Course, 30 credits

*Svenska som främmande språk: Nivå 5-8 distanskurs, 30 högskolepoäng*

**First Cycle / Grundnivå**

## Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2022-05-27 and was last revised on 2026-06-25 by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology (U 2026/450). The revised syllabus comes into effect 2026-09-01 and is valid from the spring semester 2027.

## General information

The course is offered as a freestanding distance learning course. It may not be included in a degree at Lund University for students who already meet the requirement of Swedish proficiency for admission to higher education.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

| *Main field of study* | *Specialisation* |
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| - | G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements |

## Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall be able to:

### Knowledge and understanding

- provide a basic account of the impact of context and communication situation on both the choice of words and stylistic design of different types of texts
- account for key aspects of the structure of modern Swedish with regard to morphology and syntax
- describe basic features of Swedish pronunciation
- account for summary, quotation and referencing techniques

- account for different registers of Swedish usage, e.g. different degrees of formality with regard to word choice, pronunciation and syntax
- describe at least one selected Swedish literary text and its author
- account for a current public debate in Swedish mass media within different sectors of society

### Competence and skills

- communicate spontaneously with a good command of grammar and few signs of restriction, and choose a level of formality appropriate to the situation (oral proficiency)
- write analytical and thesis-driven texts of an academic character, exhibiting varied and correct sentence structure and coherence techniques (written proficiency)
- interpret and comment on factual information, diagrams and tables in Swedish texts (written proficiency)
- use an extensive Swedish vocabulary in speech and writing, covering language on societal issues, and apply knowledge of argumentation and discussion techniques
- account for the main points in sophisticated spoken Swedish on both abstract and complex topics (listening comprehension)
- assimilate large volumes of text through browsing and looking for specific information (reading comprehension)

### Judgement and approach

- provide perspectives on Swedish society in some fields and make comparisons with international circumstances, and take a position on issues of ethnicity and cultural encounters
- identify their need for further knowledge and skills in the subject

## Course content

The course includes teaching and practical exercises in Swedish language proficiency. In addition to the skills training, the course provides an overview of the distinctive features of the grammatical and phonetic systems of Swedish. The course enables students to practise oral proficiency through discussions, argumentations, short presentations and talks. Written language proficiency is practised through varied written assignments such as papers, reviews, practical texts and compilations of facts from different sources of information. Different texts are analysed with regard to genre and language style. Reading comprehension is practised through studies of both non-fiction and fiction texts. Newspaper articles, radio and TV programmes are used in the proficiency training.

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



This is a translation of the syllabus
which was established in Swedish.

## Course design

The teaching consists of exercises, lectures and seminars.

The course is offered as a distance learning course, and makes use of an online learning platform, including scheduled real-time components. Students are required to participate under these conditions, and to have access to a computer with a web camera and an Internet connection. The department provides information on the technical requirements for participation in teaching and assessment.

## Assessment

Levels 5–7 are assessed through a written exam (5.5 credits) on campus in Lund, and an online camera-monitored oral exam (2 credits). Camera monitoring takes place in real time. No recording occurs. Live monitoring is required in order to assess the student's knowledge without the student having access to any aids.

Level 8 is assessed through a written exam (5.5 credits) and an oral exam (2 credits) on campus in Lund.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

## Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
For the grade of Pass on the whole course, students must have been awarded this grade on all modules. For a grade of Pass with Distinction for the whole course, the student must also have been awarded this grade for at least 22 of the course's credits.

## Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed level 4 of Swedish as a Foreign Language at Lund University or have equivalent knowledge. Equivalent knowledge can be established through a passed entrance test.

## Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- A Pass at level 8 meets the requirement of Swedish proficiency for admission to Swedish higher education and therefore corresponds to a Pass on the TISUS test or final grade in Swedish/Swedish as Second Language 3 in adult education at upper-secondary level.
- The course corresponds to level B2 to C1 in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFRL).
- Module titles in Swedish:

1. Svenska som främmande språk: Nivå 5, 7,5 högskolepoäng
2. Svenska som främmande språk: Nivå 6, 7,5 högskolepoäng
3. Svenska som främmande språk: Nivå 7, 7,5 högskolepoäng

4. Svenska som främmande språk: Nivå 8, 7,5 högskolepoäng