

SVEH50, Swedish as a Foreign Language: Level 1 and 2, 15 credits

Svenska som främmande språk: Nivå 1 och 2, 15 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2025-11-14 (U 2025/864). The syllabus comes into effect 2026-01-01 and is valid from the autumn semester 2026.

General information

The course is offered as a freestanding 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 and English

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 students shall be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- account for a few simple grammatical structures and sentence patterns in a learnt repertoire
- describe some basic features of Swedish pronunciation
- describe a few cultural aspects of Swedish society, such as some customs and elements of everyday life

Competence and skills

- interact with reasonable ease in structured situations and short conversations provided the other person helps if necessary
- use simple connectors to write short, basic descriptions of events, previous activities and personal experiences
- understand clearly articulated standard language about familiar areas, provided that clarifications can be requested if necessary
- understand and summarise short, simple texts about familiar, concrete matters consisting of high frequency everyday and study-related language

Judgement and approach

- identify their need for further knowledge and skills in the subject

Course content

The course is structured in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). The teaching aims to provide the students with the knowledge and skills required to achieve language proficiency in Swedish equivalent to level A2. The course consists of teaching and practical exercises dealing with Swedish vocabulary, pronunciation and sentence structure. Furthermore, text study and oral exercises are included.

Course design

The whole course is offered as a distance learning course using an online learning platform and digital tools. The course includes scheduled live 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 will provide information about the technical requirements.

Assessment

The assessment of the course is based on two camera-monitored written exams (5.5 credits each) and two camera-monitored oral exams (2 credits each) online. The first oral exam tests the student's ability to ask and answer simple questions in a familiar area. The second oral exam tests the student's ability to interact with reasonable ease in short conversations and to understand clearly articulated standard language about familiar matters.

The 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.

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 at least the grade of Pass on both the oral and the written exam. For the grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, students must also have been awarded this grade on at least 11 of the course credits.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must meet the general entry requirements for higher education in Sweden (with the exception of proficiency in Swedish)

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- To be admitted to the course, students must meet the general entry requirements for higher education in Sweden with the exception of proficiency in Swedish.
- For further details, see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.