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SWEDISH LANGUAGE COURSE

Objectives: The main purpose of this course is to learn the basics of the Swedish language — spoken and written — and to become proficient in using every day Swedish. The course contains the following: descriptive grammar, semantics, pronunciation, comprehension and oral practice, with emphasis on conversational skills.

We will concentrate mainly on listening comprehension and the phonetic features of the language that are important for a good pronunciation. Attendance is mandatory as well as active participation.

Your progress will be monitored regularly through the use of for instance spontaneous quizzes.

Participation and grading: *You are expected to arrive in time to class, bring your books and complete your homework assignments.*

Failing to fulfill those expectations will lower your final grade.

The final grade is based on continuous assessment of in-class participation and individual work, fulfilling assignments (40%), mid-term exam (20%) and final exam (40%).

Examination dates are: September 28th, November 2nd and December 14th.

Literature: Paula Levy Scherrer and Kark Lindemalm: *Rivstart AI, Natur & Kultur*, Stockholm 2009 (textbook and exercise book), Per Bergström: *Grammatiksånger*, Folkuniversitetets förlag

www.ord.se (online dictionary)

Additional readings (Lättläst/very readable): Gissy, P: *Döden på isen*, Sigander, H: *Kärlek, mord och poesi*, Mankell, H: *Mannen på stranden*,

Hand outs.

Course Outline

PERIOD 1

September 5th – September 30th

Chapter 1 -3 Grammar: verb, personal pronouns, questions words, word order (statements, questions), everyday expressions, nouns (definite/indefinite form)
pages 8-35

Examination 1 September 28th

Break

PERIOD 2

October 10th – November 4th

Chapter: 4-6 Grammar: nouns (singular/plural), auxiliary verbs,
pages 36-63

Examination 2 November 2nd

Break

PERIOD 3

November 14th – December 14th

Chapter: 7-9 Grammar: verb (past tense), possessive pronouns, personal pronouns (object form), adjectives, prepositions, adjective comparative form, pages 64-95

Final Examination December 14th

WHAT YOU ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW.....

Chapter 1 page 8-17

What you should know:

The alphabet

Introducing yourself

How do you come to the university?

Question words

Weekdays

Chapter 2 page 18-25

What you should know:

Numbers, telephone numbers,

Dialogues

Chapter 3 page 26-35

What you should know:

Word order

The time

Verbs in the present tense

Chapter 4 page 36-43

What you should know:

To order in a restaurant/ café, etc.

Personal pronouns/ subject form

Nouns / singular, plural

Chapter 5 page 44-53

What you should know:

Talk about my hobbies

Adjectives in definitive form/ singular

Time expressions

Auxiliary verbs

Chapter 6 page 54-63

What you should know:

Talk about myself and my family

Verb in the past tense

Possessive pronouns

Adjectives

Chapter 7 page 64-73

What you should know:

Food and shopping

Nouns plural

Prepositions

Chapter 8 page 74-87

What you should know:

Weather and dates

Verbs present perfect (difference between pres. perf / past tense

Chapter 9 page 88-95

What you should know:

road descriptions

pronouns/object form, prepositions