

Syllabus: Swedish Language Course, level 1

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Office hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2 pm-4 pm

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 everyday Swedish. The course contains the following: descriptive grammar, semantics, pronunciation, reading and listening comprehension, written and oral practice. The emphasis will be on conversational skills, listening comprehension and pronunciation. The content is based on the course literature as well as authentic texts, songs, games, study visits and other activities related to Swedish culture and everyday life.

Participation and grading: Attendance is mandatory as well as active participation. 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) – 25%, mid-term exam – 25 %, and final exam – 50%. Examination dates are February 28 and May 2.

Literature: *Rivstart A1 + A2*, Paula Levy Scherrer and Karl Lindemalm, Natur & Kultur, Stockholm 2014 (textbook and exercise book)

www.ord.se (online dictionary)

Handouts

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

COURSE OUTLINE

Period 1: January 22 – February 28

Mid-term exam February 28 (Wednesday)

(16 class hours + 1 hour exam)

Rivstart chapters 1-3

Week	Dates	Content
1	Jan 22 – 26	Introduction, Chapter 1
2	Jan 29 – Feb 2	Chapter 1, "I mataffären" p.42-43, Visit to a supermarket
3	Feb 5 – 9	Chapter 2
4	Feb 12 – 16	Chapter 3, Interview with a Swede
5	Feb 19 – 23	Chapter 3
6	Feb 26 – 28	Revision, mid-term exam (Wednesday)

Period 2: March 5 – April 27

Final exam May 2 (Wednesday)

(18 class hours)

Rivstart chapters 4-6

Week	Dates	Content
7	March 5 – 9	Chapter 4, Swedish Fika and culture comparisons
8	March 12 – 16	Chapter 5
9	March 19 – 23	Chapter 5, Easter egg treasure hunt <i>Spring break</i>
10	April 9 – 13	Chapter 6
11	April 16 – 20	Chapter 6, Astrid Lindgren workshop
12	April 23 – 27	Revision, final presentation
13	May 2	Final exam (Wednesday)

WHAT YOU ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW

Chapter 1, page 8-17

Basics of Swedish pronunciation

The alphabet

Verbs in the present tense

How to: introduce yourself

Chapter 2, page 18-25

Question words

Subject pronouns

Word order: statements – questions

How to: greet someone and ask how they are

Chapter 3, page 26-35

Numbers

The time

Nouns, singular

Verbs in the imperative

Word order: inverted word order

How to: ask for someone's address/telephone number/age, talk about a regular day

Chapter 4, page 36-45

Food

Nouns, plural

Auxiliary verbs

Verbs in the infinitive

How to: order and pay in a café or kiosk, ask for something in a supermarket

Chapter 5, page 46-55

Time expressions

Future

Adjectives

Word order: the position of the adverb and the second verb

How to: talk about hobbies and activities, make plans

Chapter 6, page 56-65

Object pronouns

Possessive pronouns

Verbs in the past (preterite) tense

Verb groups

How to: talk about family, talk about the past

Schedule: Swedish for beginners, group 1

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Time: 9.10-10.10 AM

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	Jan 26	Chapter 1	542
2	Jan 29	Chapter 1	536
	Jan 31	Chapter 1, "I mataffären" p.42-43	536
	Feb 2	Visit to a supermarket	536
3	Feb 5	Chapter 2	A975a
	Feb 7	Chapter 2	133
	Feb 9	Chapter 2	A975a
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	Feb 14	Chapter 3	536
	Feb 16	Interview with a Swede	350
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6	Feb 26	Revision	536
	Feb 28	<i>Mid-term exam: chapters 1-3, I mataffären</i>	350

Period 2: March 5 – April 27 (Final exam May 2)

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	March 21	Chapter 5	542
	March 23	Easter egg treasure hunt	542
<i>Spring break</i>			
10	April 9	Chapter 6	A975a
	April 11	Chapter 6	536
	April 13	Chapter 6	348
11	April 16	Chapter 6	536
	April 18	Chapter 6	348
	April 20	Astrid Lindgren workshop	348
12	April 23	Revision	A975a
	April 25	Revision	536
	April 27	Final presentation	536
13	May 2, <u>9 AM-11 AM</u>	<i>Final exam</i> : chapters (1-3), 4-6	?

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