

Syllabus: Swedish Language 1

Instructor: Camilla Sveréus (camilla.svereus@swedishprogram.org)

Class times: Mondays and Wednesdays, 8.30-10.00 AM (group 1) and 10.30 AM-12.00 PM (group 2)

Learning outcomes

The main learning outcomes of this course are for the student to learn to...

... understand spoken Swedish on an elementary level (understand the main points when the speaker is speaking slowly and clearly about an everyday topic such as very basic personal and family information, food, local geography, studies or personal interests)

... pronounce words and sentences in a generally correct way, i.e. distinguish between different speech sounds, have a general grasp of stress patterns and pronounce so that the listener can understand without effort

... have a short conversation about an everyday topic using basic vocabulary and basic grammar

... understand a written text in simple Swedish when the content is familiar

... write a simple text about an everyday topic using basic vocabulary and basic grammar.

Content

The course contains the following: pronunciation practice, reading and listening comprehension, descriptive grammar, semantics, written and oral practice, as well as some information and discussions about Sweden and its culture. The emphasis will be on communicative and conversational skills, listening comprehension and pronunciation. The content is based on the course literature as well as videos, songs, games, study visits, etc.

Attendance policy

Regular attendance is mandatory. An unexcused absence may negatively affect your final grade. Your grade will not be affected if you miss a class due to illness or in the case of a (documented) emergency situation. If you have a personal or family event that conflicts with a class, and cannot be re-scheduled, you may ask your instructor for an excused absence. Such a request should be made at least one week prior to the class in question.

Grading

Homework will be assigned each Monday and tested the following Monday. Please arrive on time to class, bring your books, complete your homework assignments and participate actively in class. Failing to fulfil those expectations will lower your final grade.

The final grade is based on the following:

- * Coursework (attendance, active participation, homework assignments): 25 %
- * Written quiz 1 (on chapters 1-2): 20 %
- * Written quiz 2 (on chapters 3-4): 20 %
- * Final presentation (group video): 10 %
- * Oral final exam (on chapters 1-5), spontaneous conversation: 25 %

Literature

Snacka svenska!, Camilla Sveréus, 2019

Quizlet app

www.ord.se (online dictionary)

Handouts

Additional reading: "Lättläst"/Very readable and children's books are available to borrow

Preliminary course outline

Week	Content
Intro	Basic introductions, numbers 1-10, phrases in the café or shop (Introduction chapter)
1	Practical information, phrases in town, long vowels, en/ett (chapter 1) Introductions, subject pronouns, verbs in present tense, the alphabet (chapter 1)
2	Classroom phrases, greetings, word order, consonants (chapter 1) Stress and long sounds, numbers 1-21 (chapter 1), food and ordering, nouns definite/ indefinite form (chapter 2)
3	Visit to a supermarket, talking about food (chapter 2) Talking about food, ordering at a restaurant, short vowels (chapter 2)
4	At the restaurant, in the supermarket, verbs in the imperative (chapter 2) Numbers 0-3000, stress patterns in clauses, special consonant sounds, prepositions, review (chapter 2)
5	Quiz 1 on chapters 1-2 + introduction chapter (40 min). "So-far" evaluation. Talking about studies (chapter 3) Stress patterns in clauses, special consonant sounds (chapter 2). Inverted word order, talking about studies (chapter 3)
6	Housing and locations, street names, objects, nouns in plural, why Stockholm? (chapter 3) Cities in Sweden and the cardinal points, talking about exams (chapter 3). Culture talk
7	Activities, words for frequency, word order, stress in words (chapter 3) Telling time, asking when, a typical day (chapter 4)
8	Making plans, auxiliary verbs and the infinitive (chapter 4) Study visit to Norra Real high school
9	Verb forms, word order, adjectives, pronunciation (ch. 4) Quiz 2 on chapters 3-4 (40 min). Extra time
<i>Fall break</i>	
10	Travels, verbs in the past tense (chapter 5) Talking about travels; the weather, months and seasons (chapter 5)
11	Ordinals and dates, hobbies and a typical week (chapter 5) Family, possessive pronouns (my/your), adjectives (chapter 5)

- 12 Transportation, directions (chapter 5). Swedish holidays and traditions
 Speaking practice, presentation of videos, course evaluation
- 13 **Oral final exam** (individually, by appointment)

NB: The content for each class is subject to change during the semester.