

**Lesson hours:** Mondays and Wednesdays

### **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 every lesson and tested regularly. Three major tests will be given, in the first period, at mid-term and a final test. Students are expected to arrive on time, bring their books, complete homework assignments and participate actively in class. Failing to fulfil those expectations will lower the final grade.

The final grade is based on the following:

- \* Coursework (attendance, active participation, homework assignments, smaller quizzes): 30 %
- \* Written exam (mid-term): 20 %
- \* Final presentations (various): 10 %
- \* Written and oral final exam: 40 %

### **Literature and additional course material**

*Snacka svenska!*, Camilla Sveréus, 2020

Utbildningsradion, "Svenska för alla"

Utbildningsradion "Här kommer Amira"

SVT Nyfiken på Sverige/Curious about Sweden

Handouts

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