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Class times: Mondays and Wednesdays.

Learning outcomes

The course is available for students with a background in Swedish. The aim is to raise the student's level of oral and written proficiency in Swedish. The main learning outcomes of this course are for the student to learn to:

- ... understand spoken Swedish when the speaker is speaking slowly and clearly about a familiar topic
- ... speak spontaneously about familiar topics and pronounce in a generally appropriate way
- ... understand a written text when the content is familiar
- ... write a text about a familiar topic using basic Swedish grammar in a generally correct way

Content

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Grading:

The final grade is based on the following:

-General course work, attendance, active participation and homework assignments 25%

-Oral productions, in class and by digital recording 15%

-First test 10%

-Midterm test 20%

-Final test 30%

Your general course work will be assessed throughout the semester and will constitute 25 % of your final grade. Please arrive on time to class, bring your books, complete your homework assignments and participate actively in class. Another 15 % will consist of your oral production, which is assessed by means of three “mini-seminars” (group conversations on a specific topic without books or notes at hand) and a final individual presentation (video recording). The rest of the grade will be based on your results on the three exams, which will include reading comprehension, listening comprehension, vocabulary, grammar and (for the final exam) written production.

Literature

Rivstart A1 + A2, Paula Levy Scherrer and Karl Lindemalm, Natur & Kultur, Stockholm 2019 (textbook and workbook)

“På svenska 1” Lärobok, Ulla Göransson & Mai Parada, Folkuniversitetets förlag Stockholm 2019

www.ord.se (online dictionary) and other online resources

Utbildningsradion, UR Play, “Här kommer Amira”, several episodes

Apps:, SVT Språkplay

Handouts

Programs on SVT Play

Film

En man som heter Ove, SVT Play