

Syllabus

for course at first level

French, Preparatory Course

Franska, Förberedande kurs

**30 Higher Education Credits
30 ECTS credits**

Course code: FR1170
Valid from: Autumn 2007
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Department: Department of French, Italian and Classical Languages
Subject French

Decision

This course plan has been validated by the board of the Department of French, Italian and Classical Languages on May 10, 2007.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements course

Swedish upper secondary school course Swedish B/Swedish as Second Language B, or equivalent.

Course structure

| Examination code | Name | Higher Education Credits |
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| HÖR1 | Listening Comprehension | 6 |
| MUN1 | Oral Proficiency and Pronunciation | 9 |
| SGT1 | Writing Proficiency, Grammar and Textreading | 9 |
| SPT1 | Written Test 1 (Grammar and Translation) | 3 |
| SPT2 | Written Test 2 (Grammar and Translation) | 3 |

Course content

French, Preparatory Course, is a beginners' course which presupposes intensive full-time study and fulfills the admission requirements for French I at Stockholm university. The course consists of written production, grammar, text reading as well as oral presentation, pronunciation and hearing comprehension. Teaching, which will be provided in both French and Swedish, will be coupled with comprehensive self-study.

Learning outcomes

Having completed the course, the student is expected to: Be able to read and understand longer texts in French with the aid of dictionaries as well as be able to comment upon these in simple spoken and written French; be able to understand and comprehend clear spoken French, participate in conversation about everyday subjects, contribute to keeping a conversation going as well as report, orally, in French and with preparation, on a given subject; Be able to apply a basic French vocabulary in speech and writing, translate simple sentences to and from French as well as write their own short, coherent texts; Know the general grammatical terms which are needed for studies in French on a basic academic level, be able to apply basic French grammatical rules and report on basic contrastive features distinguishing French and Swedish linguistic usage; Be able to report on everyday life, ways of living and traditions in some of the countries where French is spoken.

Education

Education will normally take place in the form of classroom teaching, lectures and seminars. The form and extent of education may be adapted to the number of students in the course.

Forms of examination

a. The following method/s of examination is/are used: Examination will take place partially through active participation on the part of the student; partially through tests.

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b. Grading is carried out according to a criterion referenced seven-point scale:

A = Excellent

B = Very Good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Adequate

F = Insufficient

Fx = Fail

c. The grading criteria for this course are to be distributed at the beginning of the course (see actual course plan).

d. A grade of at least E is required on all modules which are graded according to the seven-point scale, and a grade of at least G on all the moments or modules which are graded according to the two-point scale.

e. In order to obtain at least a grade of E, a student who has received an F or Fx has the right to an additional four tests provided the course is still offered. A student who has received a grade of E or higher may not take the test again in order to get a higher grade.

A student who has received the grade of F or Fx, respectively U twice on a given test and by the same examiner can, on application, be granted a new examiner, unless there are specific reasons against it. The application should be addressed to the board of the department.

Interim

When the course is no longer offered or its contents have been essentially revised, the student has the right to be examined according to this course syllabus once per semester for a three-semester period. However, restrictions mentioned above under e still hold. For information about transitional rules for courses in the older system the student councillor/director of studies/or equivalent at the Department should be contacted.

Limitations

The course may not be credited in an exam together with another course taken in Sweden or abroad, if the contents of said course are wholly or partially equivalent to the contents of this course, for example, Preparatory course in French, 20 credits; Beginners' course in French I, 10 credits, Beginners' course in French II, 10 credits.

Required reading

Course syllabus (sold at the Students' office at the Dept.). Wall, Kerstin, Monika Hedman-Ekman, Denis Béhar & Hans Kronning. Bonniers Franska Grammatik. Bonnier Utbildning. Kendris, Christopher & Kendris, Theodore. 501 French Verbs Fully Conjugated in All the Tenses and Moods. Barron's Educational Series. Some literary texts will be added according to directions given at the start of the course (see actual course description).