

Syllabus

for course at first level

Introductory Course in Chinese I
Kinesiska för nybörjare I

**15.0 Higher Education
Credits**
15.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	KI1501
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Department	Department of Asian and Middle Eastern studies
Main field:	Asia:s Languages and Cultures
Specialisation:	G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was developed by the Faculty Board of Humanities 2013-03-20.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Swedish upper secondary school courses Swedish B/Swedish as Second Language B, and English B, or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
DK01	Phonetics, Grammar and Text I	7.5
DK02	Practical Language Ability I	7.5

Course content

The course comprise of one half semester of studies in modern Chinese (putonghua) for beginners. The course contains two modules:

Phonetics, Grammar and Text I, 7.5hp, and Practical Language Ability I, 7.5hp.

Learning outcomes

In order to pass the course, students are expected to be able to:

For Phonetics, Grammar and Text I:

- identify differences between Swedish and Chinese pronunciation, vowels, consonants, syllables, tones and actively master the Hanyu Pinyin system of transcription
- account for basic Swedish grammatical and phonetical terms
- identify basic grammatical constructions and sentence patterns in Chinese
- have a written vocabulary of around 250 Chinese words
- read and write around 150 Chinese signs
- identify and describe some of the differences between Chinese and Swedish
- translate the texts in the course book from Chinese

For Practical Language Ability I:

- have a spoken vocabulary of around 250 Chinese words
- participate in simple conversations in Chinese about known subjects

- understand a Chinese speaker that speaks slowly and clearly about known subjects

Education

Instruction for Phonetics, Grammar and Text I is given in the form of lectures. Instruction for Practical Language Ability I is given in the form of lectures and group exercises. All teaching sessions are mandatory. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description.

Forms of examination

a. Phonetics, Grammar and Text I is examined on the basis of a written exam at the end of the course. Practical Language Ability I is examined on the basis of an individual oral exam in Chinese and a written exam at the end of the course. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description.

b. Grades will be set according to a seven-point scale related to the learning objectives of the course: A = Excellent, B = Very good, C = Good, D = Satisfactory, E = Adequate, Fx = Inadequate, F = Totally Inadequate.

c. Students will be informed of the written grading criteria when the course starts.

d. In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on all examinations and meet the attendance requirements of 80%. Students with 70-79% attendance may pass the course after completion of compensatory assignments. Under special circumstances, the examiner may, after consulting with the coordinating teacher, grant the student an exemption from the attendance requirements. The student can then be assigned a compensatory assignment.

The letter grades A-E are converted into numbers 5-1 and aggregated to an average grade, which is calculated by weighting the number of higher education credits of each course unit.

e. At least two examination opportunities should be offered for each course. At least one examination opportunity should be offered during a semester when the course is not given. Students who receive the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade. Students who receive the grade Fx or F twice by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next examination, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. Such requests should be made to the department board.

f. This course does not include any opportunities to complete a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade.

Interim

When the syllabus is discontinued, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester during a transition period of three semesters. Such requests should be made to the department board.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

Required reading

The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts. Please refer to the webpage www.orient.su.se.