

Syllabus

for course at first level

Swedish for International Students and Researchers, Course 5
Svenska för internationella studenter och forskare, kurs 5

9.0 Higher Education
Credits
9.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	NS0005
Valid from:	Autumn 2018
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Department	The Department of Swedish Language and Multilingualism
Main field:	Scandinavian Languages
Specialisation:	G1F - First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was adopted by the Faculty Board of Humanities 2013-10-02. Technical revision by Student Services on 2018-07-31.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

The entry requirements for this course is a Pass grade on Swedish for International Students and Researchers, course 4, or equivalent prior knowledge shown in a Placement test.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
0005	Course 5	9

Course content

The course is aimed at international students and researchers at Stockholm University who need to be able to communicate in Swedish, and want to improve their oral and written skills and ability to express themselves. Students practice their abilities to narrate, describe, summarize, discuss, investigate and argue through oral presentations and different written assignments. Pronunciation is trained with particular emphasis on prosody. Hearing comprehension is trained through lectures and discussions, news and current radio and television programs with standard language. Reading comprehension is practiced through articles and reports that express attitudes and opinions about current social issues, but also through fiction texts. The students will both verbally and in writing investigate well-known subjects, describe their own interests and experiences, explain a standpoint and indicate the pros and cons of different options in order to be able to talk freely with native speakers and participate in discussions, and to be able to write informatively, investigations and argumentative texts. During the course the students will practice applying the basic rules of grammar, pronunciation and spelling of the standard language.

Learning outcomes

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

- verbally re-tell, explain, investigate and comment on the main topics in seminars and discussions about well-known subjects, in news articles and in fiction.
- write informative texts, investigate a question or argue for or against a standpoint.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of seminars with exercises in practical language proficiency in Swedish. Students are trained through practical exercises in grammar and vocabulary based on the course literature, oral and written skills through discussions, oral presentations and written assignments. The course also includes Swedish phonetics, realia and Swedish social life, as well as modern Swedish literature. Oral presentations, group discussions and written assignments are mandatory elements of the course.

Forms of examination

a. The course is examined on the basis of a written examination and a final oral examination in the form of a group conversation.

b. Grades will be set according to a two-point scale:

U=Fail

G=Pass

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 Pass grade on the oral presentation and the written examination, as well as completed mandatory assignments within the time-span of the course. Under special circumstances, the examiner may, after consulting with coordinating teacher, grant the student an exemption from the obligation to participate in certain mandatory course elements. The student can then be assigned a compensatory assignment.

e. Students who receive the Pass grade may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade. Students who receive the Fail grade 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 a Fail grade into a Pass grade.

Interim

When the syllabus is discontinued or significantly altered, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester during a transition period of three semesters. However, restrictions noted under e. above apply. Such requests should be made to the department board.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree at Stockholm University, either as a main field of study or as additional studies.

Required reading

For up-to-date information about required reading, please refer to the course website:

www.su.se/svefler/utbildning. The current reading list will be made available at least one month before the course starts.