

Syllabus

for course at first level

Latvian Language Proficiency I
Lettisk språkkunskap och språkfärdighet I

**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	BA1161
Valid from:	Autumn 2017
Date of approval:	2017-03-10
Department	Department of Slavic and Baltic Studies Finnish Dutch and German
Main field:	Baltiska språk
Specialisation:	G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Decision

The course syllabus has been established by the board of the Faculty of Humanities on February 8, 2017 and confirmed by the Department of Slavic and Baltic Studies, Finnish, Dutch and German on March 10, 2017.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Basic eligibility.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1161	Latvian oral and written proficiency I	7.5

Course content

The course covers the basics in Latvian grammar, pronunciation, morphology, syntax, oral and written skills. The course is directed to beginners in Latvian and there are no requirements for previous Latvian language knowledge. The course is useful for all professions and positions where knowledge in or about the Latvian language is necessary or provides a competitive advantage.

Learning outcomes

At the end of the course the student will have shown an ability to

- acquire elementary knowledge about Latvian morphology and syntax
- present Latvian pronunciation and spelling principles
- express oneself in elementary Latvian using common greeting and farewell phrases

Education

Instruction is in the form of seminars and pronunciation training. Instruction is carried out in Latvian and in English. Instruction is internet-based. Course requirements: oral presentations, participation in discussions and seminars via Skype, Adobe Connect, the university internet platform or other channel; assignment submission deadlines are an obligatory part of the course. Completion of the obligatory course requirements are necessary in order to participate in subsequent examinations. For more information, see Knowledge control and examination d).

More detailed information can be found in the Course Description.

Forms of examination

a. The following methods of examination are used: submitted assignments and participation in discussions and seminars. Continual examination takes place through written assignment submissions in connection with each seminar. The basis for grading the separate examination assignments are explained in the grading criteria. The examination takes place in Latvian and in English. More detailed information can be found in the course description.

The course description is available at least one month before the start of the course.

b. Grades are given according to a criterion referenced seven-point scale: A=Excellent, B=Very Good, C=Good, D=Satisfactory, E=Adequate, Fx=Insufficient, F=Fail.

c. The written grading criteria for this course are to be distributed to students at the beginning of the course. The released goal-related grading criteria are binding.

d. In order to pass the course a grade of at least E on all examination assignments is required, as well as completed obligatory assignments. The completion of course requirements is obligatory in order to be able to participate in the following examination. Examination assignments that are not submitted on time are given at most the grade C.

e. When the course is given, at least two examination opportunities are provided during the relevant term. At least one examination opportunity will be offered during the term or year when the course is not given.

A student who has received the grade of Fx or F 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.

A student who has received a grade of E or higher may not take the test again in order to get a higher grade.

f. The possibility to complete the grade Fx up to a passing grade is not allowed on this course.

Interim

When the course is no longer offered, the student has the right to be examined according to this course syllabus once per semester for a three-semester winding-up period.

Limitations

This course cannot be included in a Bachelors degree together with other approved courses attended domestically or abroad, whose content wholly or partially is congruent with the contents of this course.

Required reading

See the course information on the department homepage (www.su.se/slabafinety). A literature list is available two months before the start of the course at the latest.