



Swedish Language Courses for International Employees at SU

Dept of Swedish Language and Multilingualism



Stockholm
University

Course A, B, C, D, E

The five courses A, B, C, D and E comprise teaching and exercise of practical skills in Swedish as a foreign language and the participants will acquire a basic knowledge of Swedish grammar, vocabulary, phonemes and pronunciation as well as composition of narrative and descriptive texts. Classes



The courses comprise approximately 40 contact hours distributed once a week during the semester. The study group will take 20–30 participants. Seminars will cover practical exercises in listening, reading and speaking, as well as writing functional texts used in every day working situations. The participants are expected to prepare tasks outside classes.

Course Period

The courses start late September and late January/early February.

Application and placement test

Due to a limited amount of spaces, we accept students on a first come, first serve basis. Before you fill out your application online, make sure to inform your supervisor/head of department that you intend to participate in the courses.

If you already have some knowledge of Swedish but have not previously participated in a course for employees, you need to take a digital placement test.

Sign up online for the courses and the placement test:
su.se/svefler/swe_employees

Course A

Course code: NSSUSA

This course is intended for international employees at Stockholm University who need competence in Swedish in order to communicate with colleagues and students during their stay in Sweden. The course will provide an opportunity to learn about the basic grammatical structure of Swedish through everyday Swedish words and phrases, and through practical exercises.

The course material is made up of texts and conversations about subjects concerning personal interests, day-to-day activities and work as well as current news and well-known social phenomena with a special focus on the academic workplace. Descriptions of basic language rules are also included. During the course the participant will practice reading, speaking and understanding simple Swedish and applying basic rules to the grammar, pronunciation and spelling of standard Swedish.

Expected level at admission

Course A is for beginners with no or little knowledge of Swedish. You need to be employed at Stockholm University to participate in the courses.

"I moved to Sweden for work and decided to learn Swedish to settle in faster. The course puts emphasis on speaking the language and mastering everyday life situations in a relaxed and encouraging atmosphere. Most importantly, classes helped me get over my initial inhibition of speaking Swedish in everyday life. I highly recommend doing this: In my experience, people really appreciate your effort and sometimes even teach you new things."

Tanja Dallafior

Department of Environmental Science and Analytical Chemistry

Course B

Course code: NSSUSB

The course is intended for international employees at Stockholm University who wish to expand their basic skills in Swedish written and oral communication. The course provides an opportunity to extend your knowledge about the structures of written and spoken



Swedish. Pronunciation and listening comprehension will also be practiced.

The course material is made up of texts and conversations about subjects concerning personal interests, day-to-day activities and work as well as current news and well-known social phenomena. Descriptions of basic language rules are also included. During the course you will practice applying basic rules to the grammar, pronunciation and spelling of standard Swedish.

Expected level at admission

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

You have to possess knowledge about:

Basic Swedish grammar and syntax; basic Swedish vocabulary, words and phrases that occur in day-to-day situations; basic Swedish pronunciation.

You can already:

Talk about yourself in an everyday situation; participate in simple conversations about general subjects; re-tell and comment on something that has been read or heard and which contains everyday vocabulary and concerns general subjects; write simple texts about well-known subjects and personal interests.

FORMAL CRITERIA

Criteria for participation in course B:

- employment at Stockholm University
- participation in and a pass grade from Course A, or
- sufficient results on the placement test to be placed in Course B.

Course C

Course code: NSSUSC

The course is intended for international employees at Stockholm University who need to communicate in Swedish and wish to improve their written and oral communicative skills. You will practice your ability to describe, discuss, hold presentations and produce written material.

The course contains exercises in oral communication in everyday situations and exercises in producing simple coherent texts about well-known subjects or personal interests, where you can account for experiences, events, dreams, hopes and goals as well as briefly explain motivations, opinions and plans. During the course you will practice applying the rules of the grammar, pronunciation and spelling of standard Swedish.



Expected level at admission

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

You have to possess knowledge about:

Basic Swedish grammar and syntax; basic Swedish vocabulary, words and phrases that occur in day-to-day situations; basic Swedish pronunciation.

You can already:

Re-tell and comment on the main contents of something which has been read or heard, and which contains highly frequent and everyday vocabulary; exchange information in presentations and conversations concerning well-known subjects and activities; write simple texts about well-known subjects and personal interests as well as describe experiences and impressions.

FORMAL CRITERIA

Criteria for participation in course C:

- employment at Stockholm University
- participation in and a pass grade from Course B, or
- sufficient results on the placement test to be placed in Course C.

Course D

Course code: NSSUSD

The course is intended for international employees at Stockholm University who need to communicate in Swedish and wish to improve their written and oral communicative skills in everyday life as well as in the academic context.



We will read and discuss various scientific articles and articles from newspapers as well as fiction. The literature will be chosen and presented during the course. We will also listen to radio programs and discuss the content in class.

Expected level at admission

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

Course C.

FORMAL CRITERIA

Criteria for participation in course D:

- employment at Stockholm University
- participation in and a pass grade from Course C, or
- sufficient results on the placement test to be placed in Course D.

Course E

Course code: NSSUSE

The course is intended for international employees at Stockholm University who need to communicate in Swedish and wish to improve their written and oral communicative skills in everyday life as well as in the academic context.

We will read and discuss various scientific articles and articles from newspapers as well as fiction. The literature will be chosen and presented during the course. We will also listen to radio programs and discuss the content in class. Subjects and focus areas will be renewed each semester, so students who have reached level E can continue with the course indefinitely.

Expected level at admission

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

Course D.

FORMAL CRITERIA

Criteria for participation in course E:

- employment at Stockholm University
- participation in and a pass grade from Course D, or
- sufficient results on the placement test to be placed in Course E.

"I have found the course to be exceptionally useful and a great place to meet people who have also moved to Sweden and experienced some of the same small culture shocks. I have learnt far more about Swedish history, culture and traditions on this course than I would otherwise have expected to in the last year. The weekly sessions are fairly informal and offer a great opportunity to discuss all manner of topics, from work-life balance to literature to holiday plans. All the while learning the kind of expressions and colloquialisms that allow you to speak in a more natural way."

Harry Parke

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