

## Pitt in Sweden/Intro to Swedish

<b>Course name:</b>	Independent Study - Intro to Swedish Language in Sweden
<b>Course number:</b>	SWE 1901
<b>Programs offering course:</b>	Pitt in Sweden
<b>Language of instruction:</b>	English
<b>U.S. Semester Credits:</b>	3 semester credits
<b>Contact Hours:</b>	42
<b>Term:</b>	May 2018

### Course Description

This course offers an introduction to the Swedish language together with hands-on experiential learning activities such as role-plays, quizzes, out-of-classroom activities and Swedish language partners. Students that have no previous knowledge of Swedish will learn basic vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation in order to be able to do grocery shopping, order at a café, conduct small talk with Swedes, etc. The course also focuses on teaching students culture-specific vocabulary and concepts in order to improve understanding of Swedish culture. This course is an introductory course only and will not replace level 1 taught at Pitt.

### Learning Objectives

By the end of the course, students will have:

- acquired basic Swedish language skills that enable them to get by in daily life situations
- gained knowledge about Swedish, and specifically, Uppsala student life through the learning of culture-specific vocabulary
- had the ability to actively practice language learning through extensive experiential learning activities

### Course Prerequisites

None.

### Methods of Instruction

Learning will involve theoretical classroom sessions and active experiential learning sessions, which are designed to be very connected. Classroom sessions will focus on teaching students basic pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary. The out of classroom experiential learning sessions will involve active learning – students will be forced to apply the theoretical knowledge they learned in class through site visits to e.g. cafés, the supermarket or the nations; activities with Swedish language partners and cultural activities such as picnics, nation and café visits.

### Assessment and Final Grade

Grading will be based on the following:

1. Attendance and Participation: 50 %
2. Homework and quizzes: 25 %
3. Final Written Exam: 15 %
4. Final Oral Exam: 10 %

## **Course Requirements**

### **Attendance and class participation**

Since this course heavily focuses on applying theoretical knowledge actively, attendance and class participation are the most important part of the course. This is why attendance and class participation will be 50 % of the final grade. Should students fail to attend or not to actively participate in the experiential learning activities, the grade will be heavily affected.

### **Homework**

Students are expected to complete homework assignments on their own and with their Swedish language partners. These assignments should be handed in at the beginning of each class. Students will also be required to take 3 quizzes to show they have learned their homework. Homework assignments and quizzes count for 25 % of the final grade.

### **Exams**

At the end of the course, there will be a final exam which counts for 15 % of the final grade. The exam will focus on the theoretical parts of the course (grammar and vocabulary). There will also be an oral exam counting for 10 % of the final grade.

### **Course Book:**

Hällgren, Bengt och Carol. *From English to Swedish 1*. Lexington, KY: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016.

## Schedule:

This schedule may change slightly depending on how the class progresses, canceled classes, etc.

Note that test dates and project dates never change!

Lesson:	Content:	Grammar:	Textbook:	Homework:
May 9	The alphabet Pronunciation/ vowels Hard and soft vowels Greeting phrases	Nouns, indefinite and definite form Personal pronouns Numbers 1 - 15	Pronunciation pp. 14 - 16 Lektion 1: pp. 22 - 27	Vowels, greeting phrases, vocab Lektion 1
May 10	Pronunciation/ consonants Familjen Lundström En intervju ♪ Pappa Lundström Civilstånd	Verbs; är, har, heter, går Question-words Word order Numbers 0 - 20	Pronunciation: pp. 17 - 21 Lektion 1: pp. 27 - 31	<u>For quiz 1:</u> The alphabet Hard and soft vowels Vocab Lektion 1 Personal pronouns Är/ har/ heter/ går Question-words Word order
May 11	<b>Quiz 1</b> Where and how do you live? Familjen Lundströms hus	The genitive Infinitive vs. present tense Command forms Rooms, furniture	Lektion 2  TB p 80	Vocab Lektion 2  Essay. You meet a famous Swede. What would your conversation sound like?  Draw a picture of your room/ apartment and practice describing it to the rest of the class.
May 15	Pets Common adjectives	Numbers 21 - 100 Plurals	TB p 81 Lektion 3	Vocab Lektion 3 Mind map pets
May 16	<i>Jag älskar dig – vi gifter oss!</i> Family ♪ Lilla snigel	Adjectives Familj vs. släkt (singular och plural)	Lektion 4	Vocab Lektion 4 Show or draw a picture of your favorite pet(s) and describe them to the class.
May 17	Clothes	Object form of personal pronouns Reflexive pronouns	Lektion 5	Draw a family tree and describe it in Swedish <u>For quiz 2:</u> Vocab Lektion 2 – 4 Stem vs. the infinitive and the present tense

				Adjectives Pronouns
May 18	<b>Quiz 2</b> Telling time	The 24hr clock	Lektion 10	One paragraph essay; pick one moment of the visit to town. Write a short paragraph on what you see (lots of nouns in the plural form!) if you close your eyes and think back to that one moment. Present it in class next time without looking at your notes!
May 22	How do you get to...? Äntligen framme Means of transportation	Sin – sitt – sina	Lektion 6	Vocab Lektion 6 Verbs
May 23	At a restaurant or café Fika Lagom	Phrases for "please"		<u>For quiz 3:</u> Asking and telling time Sin – sitt – sina Transportation Ordering food at a restaurant
May 24	<b>Quiz 3</b> Seasons and dates	Months Ordinals	TB p. 141 TB p. 169	Essay: Diary for the weekend
May 28	<i>Sverige är bättre...</i>	Comparison of adjectives	Lektion 8	Vocab Lektion 8 Adjectives, comparative forms  Poem. Write a poem about the differences between Sweden and the US
May 29	Body parts; face and head		Lektion 11; pp. 121, 128	For the final: See CW
May 30	<b>Final exam;</b> <b>Written portion</b> <b>Listening exam</b> <b>Oral exam</b>			