

Swedish Language

Membership Courses

Course Description

Swedish Start - learn Swedish from the beginning. The course is taught from our online learning center. Our new curriculum completely meets the standards set by The Council of European Languages. Step by step you will build your knowledge of the Swedish language. Our goal is to have you functioning in Swedish from the very beginning. From the very first lesson you will be able to construct small sentences and questions, build your vocabulary with wonderful interactive tools and speak Swedish. Each course is loaded with wonderful extra material such as Swedish Newspaper articles, videos, crosswords, games, and let's not forget our incredible live classroom where you will meet with your native Swedish teacher.

Course Instructors are Swedish teachers, with a long experience of teaching at Swedish schools.

Courses are taught continuously and start when you do.

Course Schedule

Objective

The goal of this course is to learn the basics of the Swedish language. This is for students who haven't had any previous Swedish studies. After the course, students will be able to use basic phrases, different verb tenses, nouns, word order, personal and possessive pronouns, and adjectives.

Speaking

Social Situations:

- Introducing yourself
- Greeting someone
- Respond to greetings
- Expressing politeness (please, thank you, you're welcome)
- Shopping
- Going to a restaurant
- Talking on the phone
- Arranging appointments

Classroom phrases and questions:

- Can you speak more slowly ?
- Can you say that again ?
- When is our homework due?
- How do you say ----- in Swedish ?
- What does----- mean ?
- Asking simple questions / answering simple questions

Descriptions:

- Your house
- Your family
- Your country
- Your job
- Where you have travelled
- Giving simple information
- Using numbers

- Expressing time (clock, days, months, seasons)
- Describe color, size, location, and appearance

Speaking about and asking about everyday life (past & present), using all of the personal pronouns:

- What time do you get up?
- What time do you go to bed?
- What do/did you eat for breakfast?
- What time do you go to work?
- What did you do last weekend?

Listening & Pronunciation

- The goal is to understand simple Swedish sentences spoken in a natural and native rhythm
- Repeat and practice imitating Swedish phrases
- Practice and repeat vowels
- Practice and repeat consonants
- Learn the differences between the written and the spoken language

Reading

Simple text with vocabulary lists.

Vocabulary

- Personal information
- Home and surroundings
- Studying
- Working
- Health
- Shopping and other services ie post office
- Eating and drinking
- Free time and entertainment
- Holidays and travelling

Writing

- Can write simple phrases in the present and past tense
- Can write emails and simple chat in class forum
- Filling in forms which require personal information
- Can write about yourself, others, and everyday life in both present and past tense

Grammar

- Word order: main clauses
- Verbs: tenses (present and past)
- Nouns: definite, indefinite, singular and plural
- Adjectives: indefinite form
- Pronouns: personal (subject & object), possessive and relative

Course Description

Swedish Start - Continue to learn Swedish. The course is built on the Book & CD package *Teach Yourself Swedish*.

Goals to achieve: Conversational basic level and good understanding of Swedish culture.

Estimated time schedule: about 5 weeks. Courses start weekly.

The course facilitates **interactive content** such as **discussion forums, assignments, exercises, chat rooms** and **Skype** to learn Swedish along with peer students.

Course Instructors are Swedish teachers, with a long experience from teaching at Swedish schools.

Course Schedule

In this course you will learn how to deal with everyday situations, asking for directions, talking about your job, hobbies, etc. This course adds on to the foundation you started in the Swedish Start I .

Speaking

Dialogues & Conversation

- Taking part in social situations
- Compare and describe people, home life, countries in a simple and clear way
- Checking Communication: asking for repetition, checking meaning
- Ask for missing or necessary information about train/airline tickets, hotel, doctor's appointments etc
- Talk about an experience that has happened to you, him, her, them, and us
- Give a simple opinion
- Give and ask for advice
- Discussions about everyday life both in the present, the past, and the future
- Shopping; on a very descriptive and precise level
- Talking on the phone both landline and mobile, and Skype
- Regrets ie can't come to a meeting, man an apology, suggest and alternative
- Expressing ability
- Using numbers and expressing quantity
- Agreeing/disagreeing
- Giving reasons
- Expressing your preferences

Listening

- Understanding simple conversations
- Understanding a text when read by a native speaker out loud
- Understanding recorded messages on an answering machine, voicemail, and a live classroom message from your teacher and peers
- Be able to participate in a simple conversation

Pronunciation

Continued practice in pronunciation like in Swedish Start I Much time is given to rhythm and intonations of Swedish phrases.

Reading

- Simple Texts
- Magazine and newspaper advertisements
- Course instructions are in Swedish and English
- Reading journal, blogs, and letters

Writing

- Describe an event, and tell when and where it happened
- Describe and compare people, homes, cars, food, etc
- Write a letter
- Write an email
- Write a simple blog post about yourself and your everyday life
- Post something in the chat forum @ LearnSweden

Other Items

Swedish society, traditions, and culture are incorporated into each lesson.

Grammar

- Main clause with different word order and in a question
- Subsidiary clauses
- Verbs: present perfect and the simple past, future, irregular verbs
- Adjectives: comparison and definite form
- Pronouns: demonstrative, indefinite and reflexive possessive

Revision from Swedish Start I

- Inflection and verb tenses
- Nouns: indefinite and definite forms both singular and plural
- Adjectives: indefinite
- Pronouns: personal (subject/object), possessive, and relative

Course Description

Swedish Move on - continues where the Start 2 course left off. The course is built on the Book & CD package *Teach Yourself Swedish*.

Goals to achieve: Further your Swedish language confidence and the understanding of Swedish culture.

Estimated time schedule: about 5 weeks.

The course facilitates **interactive content** such as **discussion forums, assignments, exercises, chat rooms** and **Skype** to learn Swedish along with peer students.

Course Instructors are Swedish teachers, with a long experience from teaching at Swedish schools.

Course Schedule

You are now comfortable with a range of tenses, and can use Swedish relating to a range of familiar topics and situations. On completing this course, you will be using and adapting language for new purposes. There will be a review of the material you've learned in Swedish Start I & II.

Speaking

- Expressing opinions
- Discussions for and against something
- Agree or disagree politely
- Express surprise, happiness, compliment something
- Describes various items, places, occasions etc
- Describe a film, cartoon and TV program
- Comparing
- Asking and following directions
- Give directions
- Ask for and giving reasons
- Making and responding to suggestions
- Expressing obligation and lack of obligation
- Recount what someone has said
- Recount a written story
- Recount a plot in a book
- Speaking in different tenses (present, past, future)
- Speaking in the conditional
- Expressing degrees of certainty and doubt
- Speaking about improbability and impossibility
- Expressing feelings
- Taking turns in a conversation

Listening

- Understanding conversation
- Understanding conversation on the phone
- Understanding a recorded message
- Understanding the main idea in a radio program
- Understanding the main idea in a TV program

Pronunciation

Continued practice in intonation and rhythm.

Reading

- Swedish Folk Tales
- Swedish text
- Swedish authors
- Newspaper articles
- Recipes
- Instructions/Directions

Writing

- Describe an event and tell when and where it happened
- Write a simple note to someone for their birthday or holiday
- Write a postcard
- Describe in detail an experience, the plot of a movie, or a book
- Give written instructions
- Express how you are feeling
- A formal business letter
- Write an improbability essay
- Write an impossibility essay
- Write an essay using the conditional tense ie If I won the lottery...

Other Items

Continuation of society, culture, and traditions.

Grammar

- Word order of main and subsidiary clauses
- Verbs: The difference between present perfect and the simple past, and past perfect Both types of Future are covered as well as the present participle, conditional with different tenses, and a first look at the past participle and passive voice
- Adjectives: Superlative definite form, definite form superlative
- Adverbs: The difference between adjectives and adverbs
- Pronouns: Indefinite, reflexive possessive
- Prepositions of time

Revision from Swedish Start I & II

- Adjectives: comparison, definite and indefinite
- Inflections and tenses of the verb both regular and irregular

Course Description

Swedish Move on - continues where the Start course left Swedish Move On 1 - continues where the Start course left off. The course is built on the Book & CD package *Teach Yourself Swedish*.

Goals to achieve: Further your Swedish language confidence and the understanding of Swedish culture.

The course facilitates *interactive content* such as discussion forums, assignments, exercises, chat rooms and Skype to learn Swedish along with peer students.

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Course Schedule

This course builds on the intermediate knowledge learned in Move On I. Move On II adds length and complexity to the Swedish language by using a wider range of ideas and contexts. On completing this course you will be able to understand the majority of what you hear in Swedish. You will be able to communicate confidently and maintain a conversation using a wide range of vocabulary.

Speaking

- Maintains and manages communication (ie asking for repetition, monitoring their own comprehension, monitoring comprehension of the listener)
- Using conversational techniques such as : taking turns, hesitating, dealing with interruptions
- Giving detailed and general information
- Describing
- Managing ideas such as: Ordering, presenting, connecting and summarizing)
- Justifying opinions
- Evaluating options
- Adapting performance to the context
- Compare and Contrast
- Highlighting information
- Persuading
- Expressing and responding to attitudes and emotions
- Predicting/offering
- Expressing intention
- Handling narrative
- Talking about hypothesis
- Talk about conditions and consequences
- Giving and receiving advice

Listening

- Understanding normal conversation at native speed
- Understanding longer text when read aloud
- Understanding radio and TV programs on a wide variety of topics

Pronunciation

Practice Swedish intonation and rhythm.

Reading

- Short story texts
- Newspaper articles
- Fiction
- Certain non-fiction articles and features online

Writing

- Summarize and comment on a short text
- Write a letter to the editor
- Write a detailed account about a real event
- Describe in detail a room in your house
- Write an opinion paper saying you are for or against something
- Write a compare and contrast essay
- Give a power point presentation
- Hypothesis essay using probability and possibility
- Write about an imaginary event
- Write a CV with a job application
- Write a formal letter
- Describe a person, place, or thing

Other Items

Society, culture, and traditions.

Grammar

- Relative pronouns and adverbs
- Verbs: present participle, past participle, passive, conditional, both future tenses
- Inflection of the verb
- Irregular verbs
- Word order; main and subsidiary clauses
- Pronouns: indefinite and reflexive possessive
- Adjectives: definite form