



Faculty of Arts and Social Science  
Swedish Language

## Syllabus

### Swedish Language in Theory and Practice

<b>Course Code:</b>	S1GA01
<b>Course Title:</b>	Swedish Language in Theory and Practice <i>Svenska språket i teori och praktik</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	30
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)
<b>Major Field of Study:</b>	SVE (The Swedish Language)

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science 2016-02-16, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2016 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

General admission requirements

#### Learning Outcomes

Module 1 Introduction to Linguistics, 7.5 ECTS cr

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to:

1. describe how the Swedish sounds are formed and give an account of the relationship between sound and spelling,
2. explain and apply the word class categories and give an account of common word formation principles in the Swedish language,
3. explain and apply the system of clause elements, clause types and sentence types,
4. describe different types of meanings in words and utterances, and
5. give an account of the relationship between Swedish and the official minority languages in Sweden.

Module 2 Variation and Change, 7.5 ECTS cr

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to:

1. give an account of the difference between spoken and written communication and describe their respective distinguishing linguistic features,
2. give an account of the differences between formal and informal registers and apply the knowledge in the analysis of various texts,
3. report on descriptions of different types of group languages and discuss them in terms of their own experiences and observations,
4. report on descriptions of the connection between social change and language change and describe some changes in the Swedish language, and
5. apply knowledge of language change in comparative analysis of texts from different ages.

### Module 3 Language Purity Issues and Language Tools, 7.5 ECTS cr

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to:

1. give an account of the differences between various types of purity issues and between types of language tools, especially dictionaries,
2. apply the knowledge of language tools and choose appropriate tools to answer different questions on language accuracy,
3. give an account of the role of the computer in text production and language studies and discuss its potentials,
4. give an account of the different main approaches and arguments regarding purity issues in Sweden historically and today, and
5. describe the language ideals on which the current language clarity efforts are based and apply these ideal in the analysis and revision of a text.

### Module 4 Text Types and Genres, 7.5 ECTS cr

Upon completion of the module, students should be able to:

1. give an account of basic concepts regarding the linking, structure and layout of texts,
2. apply these concepts in the analysis of different text types,
3. analyse and compare pedagogic presentations of different text types and compare these presentations with authentic texts of the same type,
4. report and comment on academic descriptions of textual features and changes over time, and
5. apply the knowledge of different types of texts in their own writing and discuss it with fellow-students.

### **Content**

The course deals with the tools required to describe and discuss the Swedish language and its variation potentials. The emphasis is on current language use, but the course also includes a historical perspective. The tools needed to describe and discuss different text types and genres are also treated. The study of texts combines theory and practice in analysis, revision and students' own writing.

### Module 1 Introduction to Swedish Linguistics, 7.5 ECTS cr

The module outlines the linguistic subareas with a special emphasis on the Swedish sound system, word formation, inflexion and sentence structure. The relation between Swedish and the official minority languages in Sweden is also treated.

### Module 2 Variation and Change, 7.5 ECTS cr

The module deals with the differences between speech and writing, registers and group language in Swedish language use today. The module also deals with language change over time and the connection between social change and language change.

### Module 3 Language Purity Issues and Language Tools, 7.5 ECTS cr

The module presents different types of language tools and their employability for different types of language and purity issues is discussed. Also different approaches to language purity is discussed with a special emphasis on clarity ideals.

### Module 4 Text Types and Genres, 7.5 ECTS cr

The module adds concepts and methods to describe textual coherence, structure and layout to the grammatical and stylistic concepts. Analysis and comparisons of texts and text descriptions are combined with the students' own writing.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Module 1

Assessment is based on:

Learning outcomes 1, 4 and 5: individual hand-in assignments

Learning outcomes 2 and 3: written exam

#### Module 2

Learning outcomes 1, 2, 4 and 5: individual hand-in assignments

Learning outcome 3: oral group exam.

#### Module 3

All Learning outcomes: individual hand-in assignments

Learning outcome 5: written or oral group discussion.

#### Module 4

Learning outcome 1 and 2: written exam

Learning outcomes 3, 4 and 5: individual hand-in assignments

Learning outcome 5: written or oral group discussion.

### **Grades**

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fil (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

### **Quality Assurance**

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

### **Course Certificate**

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

### **Additional information**

The courses S1GA02, S1GA03, S1GA04 and S1GA05 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course S1GA01.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.