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Swedish



in Stockholm

- prepare yourself for studies at the university level

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Do you lack previous knowledge of Swedish?

SFI – Swedish for Immigrants

If you do not have any previous knowledge of Swedish, you will need to get a basic education. If you are registered in a Swedish municipality and aged above 16, you can apply to SFI, Swedish for Immigrants, which is arranged by the municipality. This education is free of charge.

You apply to SFI in the municipality where you are registered. If you are registered in the city of Stockholm, you apply by going in person to Vuxenutbildning Stockholm at Hornsgatan 124, Sfi 3rd floor. There are courses at different levels so you take a test to see at which level you should start. You also choose at which school you wish to study.

Bring your civic registration certificate and an ID (for example your passport) when you apply. You can order the civic registration certificate from the Swedish Tax Authorities (Skattemyndigheten) phone: 020-567 000 or at www.skatteverket.se.

Information & contact

Previous knowledge of Swedish required: no

Registered in a municipality: yes

Course fee: no

Prerequisites: none

Vuxenutbildning Stockholm

Sfi-centrum, 3rd floor

Hornsgatan 124

Phone: 08-508 33 200

www.stockholm.se/sfi

Stockholm intensive Swedish for academics – Swedish for Pedagogues, SFP

If you wish to work as a teacher in Sweden and have a documented pedagogical/academic degree/education from your home country, you can apply to the education Swedish for Pedagogues. This education is offered in cooperation between the Stockholm Education Administration in the City of Stockholm and the Stockholm Institute of Education and requires that you are registered in a Swedish municipality. To get an evaluation of your foreign university/university college degree, contact the Swedish National Agency for Higher Education www.hsv.se. When this evaluation has been made, the Stockholm Institute of Education decides what supplementary courses you need to take to be able to work as a teacher in Sweden. A maximum of 80 credits can be taken as supplementary courses.

The education is an intensive course and you take Swedish for Immigrants (SFI) and/or Swedish as a Second Language (SAS A and B). An introductory course is included which takes the regulatory documentation for Swedish schools as its starting points. You make educational visits including visits to work places and interviews. All language instruction takes place at the Stockholm Institute of Education.

You can also participate in public lectures and certain seminars. The length of the course period differs among individuals since the education is carried out at an individual level and you start at your own level of language. When you have acquired knowledge which corresponds to SAS B you can continue at the Stockholm Institute of Education. The application form can be downloaded from their homepage.

Information & contact

Previous knowledge of Swedish required: no	Stockholms intensivsvenska för akademiker
Registered in a municipality (see page 15): yes	Wennerbergsgatan 10, 3rd floor
Course fee: no	Phone: 08-508 33 261, 508 33 620
Prerequisites: pedagogical/academic degree/education	www.sfp.edu.stockholm.se

Educational Associations

If you are not registered in a Swedish municipality, you can take a course in Swedish for beginners at the basic level at an educational association. The costs for the course are about SEK 500 – SEK 4000, plus costs for books and other material. Educational Associations offer courses at different levels and different speeds. You take a test to find out which course will suit you best. You can often take a language test and apply for the courses on the internet. Check out the homepage of the school to which you wish to apply.

Certain educational associations also offer summer courses.

Information & contact

Previous knowledge of Swedish required: no
Registered in a municipality: no
Course fee: yes
Prerequisites: none

Folkuniversitetet i Stockholm
Kungstensgatan 45
phone: 08-789 42 00
www.folkuniversitetet.se
direkt@folkuniversitetet.se

Medborgarskolan Stockholmsregionen
Hagagatan 23
phone: 08-457 57 00
www.medborgarskolan.se/stockholm
info.sthlm@medborgarskolan.se

ABF Stockholm
Sveavägen 41, 2nd floor
phone: 08-453 41 00
www.abfstockholm.se
studier@abfstockholm.se

Studieförbundet i Stockholm
Eastmansvägen 8
phone: 08-555 352 00
www.sfr.se
stockholm@sfr.se

Do you have previous knowledge of Swedish?

”Komvux” – Municipal Adult Education

If you have previous knowledge of Swedish, you can choose to study at ”Komvux”. Several schools in Stockholm offer courses at different levels that are free of charge. Here, you can study Swedish as a Second Language A + B (SaS A+B) in order to supplement your school grades and become eligible for applying to the university. For information about different courses and schools within Municipal Adult Education, contact Vuxenutbildning Stockholm at Hornsgatan 124, where you pick up brochures and catalogues and apply for courses.

You can take a test at Hornsgatan 124, 3rd floor in Swedish as a Second Language. You need not register in advance, you only go there and take the test. The test takes about two hours. Bring an ID. To find out at what times you can take the test, see the homepage of Municipal Adult Education (”Komvux”).

To take courses at Municipal Adult Education in Stockholm, the following requirements, among others, must be fulfilled:

- * You must be registered in the City of Stockholm. If you are registered in another municipality but want to study in Stockholm, send your application to the adult education authority in your home municipality, which must then approve your application.
- * You can start studying as of July 1 in the year that you turn 20.
- * You can study if you are aged below 20 and have a leaving certificate from upper secondary school.
- * Previous knowledge of Swedish is required if you have a different mother tongue than Swedish. You must have obtained a pass on the national test in SFI (Swedish for immigrants) or have equivalent knowledge of the Swedish language.

Information & contact

Previous knowledge of Swedish required: yes

Registered in a municipality: yes

Course fee: no

Prerequisites: pass on SFI or equivalent knowledge of Swedish

Vuxenutbildning Stockholm
Hornsgatan 124
phone: 08-508 33 200
www.stockholm.se/vux
vux@utbildning.stockholm.se

Folk high school

Courses in Swedish at folk high schools usually require that the student has previous knowledge of Swedish in the form of SFI (Swedish for Immigrants) or the equivalent. But many folk high schools test the applicants' previous knowledge to see whether he/she will fit into the groups offered by the school. This also applies if the applicant does not have previous knowledge of Swedish equivalent to SFI. In general, you should be registered in a Swedish municipality and be aged 18 to study at a folk high school but there are exceptions. You can study Swedish as a Second Language A + B (SaS A+B) and obtain a general degree at the upper secondary level. This general degree is the alternative to "komvux"/upper secondary school/comprehensive school offered by the folk high school. If you already have grades from upper secondary school, you can take special courses alongside Swedish as a second language A + B. Special courses can, for example, be courses in computer science, music or media.

Study groups at folk high schools are smaller than at other schools, they take their starting point in the students' individual needs and thus, offer courses at different levels. The education is free of charge but there are costs for books and other material. You apply directly to the school where you want to be admitted and you study for 1-4 years depending on your educational background. If you study for an upper secondary school degree that includes Swedish as a second language A + B, you can get a study assessment. A study assessment can be given after no less than one year of full-time studies for a general degree and gives you the possibility to apply to the university in the folk high school quota. Note that you need a pass in the core subjects and Swedish in order to get a study assessment. Ask the folk high school where you wish to study what courses you need to take in order to be able to apply to the university. Read about studies at folk high school at www.folkhogskola.nu.

Information & contact

Previous knowledge of Swedish required: yes

Registered in a municipality: in general yes, but there are exceptions

Course fee: no

Prerequisites: completed SFI or the equivalent. But at most folk high schools, there is a test to determine whether the applicant's level is offered at the school even if the applicant does not have SFI or the equivalent knowledge.

Addresses to some of folk high schools that offer Swedish as a second language:

Birkagårdens folkhögskola i Stockholm
Sveavägen 41
phone: 08-524 63 330
www.birkagarden.fhsk.se
birkagarden@folkbildning.net

Dalarö folkhögskola i Ågesta
phone: 08-647 52 77
www.dalaro.nu
dalaro.folkhogskola@folkbildning.net

Hagabergs folkhögskola i Södertälje
Erik Dahlbergs väg 6
phone: 08-550 91 000
www.hagaberg.fhsk.se
marit.mossberg@hagaberg.fhsk.se

Långbro folkhögskola i Älvsjö
Stora Mans Väg
phone: 08-465 06 650
www.langbro.fhsk.se
langbro@langbro.fhsk.se

Långholmens Folkhögskola i Stockholm
Fasta Paviljongen
phone: 08-658 16 30
www.langholmens.fhsk.se
adm@langholmens.fhsk.se

MKFC-Stockholms Folkhögskola i Stockholm
Tyrgatan 13
phone: 08-21 64 26
www.mkfc.se
info@mkfc.se

Runö Folkhögskola, filial Stockholm
Upplandsgatan 49
phone: 08-728 57 20
www.runo.se
oden@runo.se

Röda Korsets folkhögskola i Skärholmen
Värbergsplan 27
phone: 08-680 18 71
www.redcross.se/folkhogskolan
fhsk@redcross.se

Sigtuna Folkhögskola i Sigtuna
Manfred Björkquists Allé 12
phone: 08-592 583 00
www.sigtunafolkhogskola.se
sigtunafolkhogskola@folkbildning.net

Skarpnäcks Folkhögskola i Skarpnäck
Horisontvägen 26
phone: 08-683 18 30
www.skarpnack.fhsk.se
exp@skarpnack.fhsk.se

S:ta Birgittas folkhögskola
Björngårdsgatan 21
phone: 08-702 16 06
home.swipnet.se/stabirgittasfolkhogskola
birgittafhs@swipnet.se

Stadsmissionens Folkhögskola i Stockholm
Lövholmsvägen 18
phone: 08-563 08 300
www.stadsmissionen.se/folkhogskola
folkhogskolan@stadsmissionen.se

Sundbybergs Folkhögskola i Sundbyberg
Kasernvägen 1
phone: 08-445 39 00
www.sundbyberg.fhsk.se
exp@sundbyberg.fhsk.se

Stockholm University – Swedish as a Foreign Language

If you have previous knowledge of Swedish, you can study Swedish as a Foreign Language levels 2 + 3 at Stockholm University. Level 1 is only for visiting and exchange students or the equivalent.

The requirements for level 2 are:

- * Foreign education that fulfills the requirements for studies at the university level in your home country (completed upper secondary education)
- * Basic qualifications for studies at the university level in Sweden, except the requirements for knowledge of Swedish and English
- * Previous knowledge of Swedish corresponding to one term of full-time studies. Assessed in a test.

The requirements for level 3 are :

- * Foreign education that fulfills the requirements for studies at the university level in your home country (completed upper secondary education)
- * Basic qualifications for studies at the university level in Sweden, except the requirements for knowledge of Swedish and English
- * A pass on Swedish as Foreign Language, level 2, 30 ECTS credits or a very good result on the entrance exam.

The courses will prepare you for academic studies in Swedish. A pass on the course Swedish as a Foreign Language level 3 gives basic and special qualifications in Swedish for studies at universities and university colleges in Sweden, corresponding to Swedish as a Second Language B in Municipal Adult Education (SaS B). The course in life and institutions which is included gives qualifications corresponding to Civic Studies A. These courses cannot be included in a degree at Stockholm University. The courses are offered at the Department of Scandinavian Languages and there are full-time courses during the day and part time courses in the evenings. Applications are made on a special form; contact the department.

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Previous knowledge of Swedish: yes, corresponding to at least six months of full-time studies.

Registered in a municipality: no, but a valid residence permit is required for citizens outside the EU.

Course fee: no, but the fee to the student's union is compulsory, about SEK 500.

Prerequisites: Basic qualifications for university studies in Sweden, except the requirements for knowledge of Swedish and English. A pass on the admission test.

Stockholm University
Department of Scandinavian Languages
Universitetsvägen 10D, 6th floor
www.nordiska.su.se

Student counseling:
Eva Bogren, office D624
eva.bogren@nordiska.su.se
phone: 08-16 34 74
Current phone hours displayed on the web.

Tisus – test in Swedish for studies at universities and university colleges

If you have a foreign education which constitutes a qualification for university studies and very good previous knowledge of Swedish corresponding to Swedish B at upper secondary school, you can take the Tisus test. A pass on this test constitutes proof of your knowledge of the Swedish language and this certificate, together with your upper secondary school degree, makes it possible for you to apply to universities and university colleges in Sweden. The test can be taken at Stockholm University twice a year and the fee is SEK 1600. You can also take the test at other places in Sweden and abroad. Information about Tisus and applications forms is available at: www.nordiska.su.se/tisus

The Stockholm Institute of Education – Basic language year

The Stockholm Institute of Education offers a basic language year for immigrants who wish to study to become a teacher or a student- or job councillor. A completed basic language year corresponds to the knowledge acquired in Swedish as a Second Language B. The Stockholm Institute of Education guarantees a study place after a completed basic year with the grade pass if the student fulfils the prerequisites for the education in question.

Facts & contact

Previous knowledge of Swedish: yes, corresponding to Swedish A/ Swedish as a Second Language A

Registered in a municipality: no

Course fee: no

Prerequisites: basic qualifications for studies at the university level and special qualifications for the education to you wish to be admitted after the basic language year

Stockholm Institute of Higher Education

Konradsbergsgatan 5A

phone switchboard: 08-737 55 00

www.lhs.se

Contact the admission group if you have any questions about admission.

It is to be found at the Student Centre on Campus. Pelarsalen, house Q, level 2

For current office and phone hours, see the homepage of the Stockholm Institute of Education

Registration in a municipality

In order to be registered in a Swedish municipality, you need a Swedish civic registration number. You can apply for a Swedish civic registration number if you have a residence permit from the Swedish Migration Board and are allowed to stay in Sweden for at least a year. EU citizens normally apply to be

registered in a Swedish municipality when arriving to Sweden, and can then simultaneously apply for a Swedish civic registration number. The application is made on a special form that can be picked up at the Swedish Tax Authorities. Visiting Address: Magnus Ladulåsgatan 65

Note that you might need to take supplementary courses in more subjects than Swedish to obtain the basic qualifications and/or the special qualifications to be able to apply to universities and university colleges in Sweden. Contact a student councillor for more information.

Stockholms Akademiska Forum

Stockholms Akademiska Forum, StAF, is located in Kulturhuset at Sergels torg, in the middle of central Stockholm. We are a cooperation organisation for all university colleges and universities in Stockholm and have knowledge about most of the higher education at the university colleges/universities in Stockholm.

We provide counselling and study information.

Visit our web page www.studyinstockholm.se for more information about studying in Stockholm.

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