

SFI – Swedish language course for immigrants

SFI is a beginners' course in Swedish. The aim of the course is to continue studying or to improve your chances of finding a job.

Vuxenutbildningscentrum offers study and career guidance (SYV) if you have questions about studying and job opportunities.

Studying at SFI

SFI consists of three **study paths** (1-3) and four **courses** (A-D). You will receive a grade after each completed course. After SFI, you can continue to study at Komvux.

Your visit at **Vuxenutbildningscentrum**, Rosenlundsgatan 52, will take between 30 minutes and 3 hours. To determine your level, you will be interviewed at **Vuxenutbildningscentrum** and if you already know some Swedish, you will also take a test. You then select a suitable school. A letter will be sent to you with information about starting the course. It takes a few weeks from registration until the course starts. SFI accepts new students on an ongoing basis. Students consequently start and finish at different times. The instruction and course literature are free of charge.

All of the courses begin with an **introduction**. Here you receive information about the school and the course. You draw up an individual study plan. You will be discharged from the course if you are unable to attend the first week. You end each course by taking a final exam from Skolverket (national test from the Swedish National Agency for Education) when your teacher considers you have achieved all the required objectives of the course.

The curriculum for SFI is available at: skolverket.se

Everyone speaks Swedish during the course from day one. The teachers teach in Swedish. You spend your time in the classroom and the computer room as well as take part in field trips outside the school, for example to places of work and museums. The schools use books, newspapers, magazines, social media, language software, tablets, etc.

You are responsible for your studies, and it is important that you respect the set times of the school. It is also important that you are active during the lessons and revise at home what you have done at school.

Women and men from all over the world and from different cultures and religions study SFI. It is important that everyone is respectful and considerate of each other.

Vuxenutbildningscentrum

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Inform your teacher in advance if you need to be away from school. You will lose your spot in the course if you are absent more than 14 days in a row. Contact the school you last attended if you want to resume your studies. Visit **Vuxenutbildningscentrum** at Rosenlundsgatan 52 if you have been away for more than 6 months. Contact **Vuxenutbildningscentrum** if you want to change schools. However, you may not change schools if you are approaching the end of your course.

Take the opportunity to use the Swedish language as often and as much as you can.

Career counselling (Studievägledning)

Career counsellors are available either at **Vuxenutbildningscentrum** to help you map out your studies before you start studying, or at the schools, once you have started SFI. In order to improve your chances of finding work there are vocationally-oriented SFI courses. These courses are offered at various levels of language proficiency. Those who have previously attained a vocational education and wish to resume their careers in Sweden may be eligible for SFX. For more information log on to: sfx.se

Other

You are entitled to study SFI if you are 16 years or older, **registered in Stockholm**, have received your permanent social security number and need to learn Swedish at SFI level. If you are an EU/EEA citizen or a citizen of Switzerland, you must have right of residence and be a resident of Stockholm.

A-kassa

If you have **unemployment benefit (A-kassa)** and would like to study SFI you need to contact your unemployment benefit office to request proof of enrolment (**studieförsäkran**). Apply well in advance and await a decision from the unemployment benefit office before starting SFI.

In agreement with the **Personal Data Act (PUL)**, the Swedish Labour Market Board will process the personal data necessary to be able to offer courses. Personal data may be submitted to the relevant school. You are entitled once a year to request an excerpt of your personal data that has been registered. A written request for the excerpt is to be signed by you and sent to Vuxenutbildningscentrum. If any of the data is incorrect, you are entitled to request correction.

If you have any opinions or complaints relating to the course or anything else to do with the school, talk to your teacher first or speak to the education supervisor/headmaster at the school.

Submit your other comments or complaints at: stockholm.se/sfi

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