

School of Arts & Sciences Prospectus

SWED 103-401/503-401: Intermediate Swedish I, Fall 2020

[Status: Remote, with Asynchronous and Synchronous components:](#)

Synchronous class meetings via Zoom, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 11-11:50 am, Philadelphia time. Class attendance is mandatory, unless a student is technically or physically unable to attend a class meeting, which will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Asynchronous work and assignments in Canvas, including: Grammar and vocabulary exercises, reading reflections, discussions, short writing assignments, listening to and watching streaming recordings, collaborative assignments, and peer review.

We will primarily work according to the “flipped classroom” model, where assigned readings, quizzes and some recorded lectures will be completed before class, so we can be well prepared to spend synchronous class time with exercises and discussions where we can actively participate and communicate, collaboratively work on tasks in pairs or groups, role-play, ask questions, etc.

When there is required prep work assignments (count on at least once weekly due dates), they will be posted at the start of each new chapter, and due in Canvas by 11:59 pm the night before class. Some assignments may have differing due dates and times, such as group discussions.

[Schedule for a typical week:](#)

All week/anytime: Work on current chapter in *Rivstart Textbok & Övningsbok*, with optional online exercises, and/or research of current topics. Supporting grammar lesson and other videos provided in Canvas. Estimated total time needed per week 4-6 hours.

Once weekly: Assignment, discussion, or quiz due in Canvas. Required time 0.5-2 hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 11-11:50 am: Attend synchronous Zoom session.

[Additional projects and assessments during the semester:](#)

Three times per semester: Progress assessments, for Chapters 1-3, 4-6, 7-9.

One special project: Students will each plan and lead one class activity – a game, a presentation with Q&A session, a creative vocabulary or grammar mini-lesson.

There will be **no final project or test** for Fall 2020.

Materials required for class:

Required books, used for SWED103 and SWED104:

- *Rivstart B1+B2 Textbok*, 2nd Ed (2015) ISBN 9-7891274-3423-3
- *Rivstart B1+B2 Övningsbok*, 2nd Ed (2015) ISBN 9-7891274-3424-0

Optional but recommended:

- *Prisma's Abridged English-Swedish/ Swedish-English Dictionary* ISBN 978-08166-2734-9,
- *Essentials of Swedish Grammar: A Practical Guide...* ISBN 978-08442-8539-9

Additional free materials will also be available as downloadable PDFs on our Canvas site and possibly on electronic reserve at Van Pelt Library.

Evaluation and grading: Your grade will be comprised as follows:

- Class performance (attendance and quality of participation) max 300 points
- Progress Assessments (3 @ 100 pts.) max 300 points
- Online Activities in CANVAS (various assignments) max 300 points
- Special project (no final this semester) max 100 points
- A few extra credit opportunities will be provided.

Additional information:

- Any student who faces unusual financial difficulty during the COVID-19 pandemic may consult with [Student Financial Services](#) to find out what support they are eligible to receive to cover course costs or other items that ensure their health, safety, and secure learning environment.
- Penn or SAS plans may be changed during the term to maintain the safety of all students, staff and faculty due to changes in the COVID-19 pandemic. If any such changes would affect this course, updates to the Course Syllabus and Prospectus will be announced.

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