

SFI: Swedish for (Adult) Immigrants

SFI is a learning program designed to teach the basics of the Swedish language to adult immigrants who do not have a thorough knowledge of the said language.

The program includes courses with differences in pace of study and linguistic level. A Study Guidance Counselor will help determine which course a student will take, depending on his/her purpose, previous experiences with the language and educational background.

Who can study?

You can enroll in the SFI program if you are a registered resident in Ljusdal, are at least 20 years of age and lack a basic knowledge of the Swedish language.

How much does it cost to study?

The courses are offered free of charge.

How do I apply?

You may apply at the Study Guidance Center at Utvecklingscentrum (UC), Furugatan 3. Look for Anita Rohde, the Study Guidance Counselor, or call first at 0651-18454.

When can I start?

After registering for the course, the SFI personnel make an effort to place you in a suitable class within a month, depending upon the availability of slots.

What are the types of classes?

The program is divided into three levels and four courses:

- Level 1, with Courses A and B, are for those who have had very little or no schooling in their home countries.
- Level 2, with Courses B and C, are for those who have reached secondary school level.
- Level 3, with Courses C and D, are for those who have had an upper secondary school or university education.

Anyone who has passed Level 3, Course D is qualified to apply in more advanced Swedish language classes: Sv G (Swedish as a second language – basic level) at GRUV, then the upper secondary school courses Sv A and B at Komvux.

How long does it take to finish SFI?

The length of time for completion of the SFI program differs for each student. The duration of study may take a few months to a few years, depending upon the student's performance.

A comprehensive exam at each level is given every few months to determine individual progress. A student is allowed to continue the SFI course, as long as he or she is making satisfactory progress. The average estimated time at SFI is 525 h.

Can I get an allowance while studying?

The government does not give a study allowance to those enrolled in the SFI program, except for newly registered refugees who are entitled to introduction benefits.

If one is receiving unemployment benefits (*a-kassa*), permission is required in order to enrol in SFI.