

Swedish for immigrants

Welcome to Växjöloftet adult education and your SFI studies.

What is SFI?

Swedish for Immigrants (SFI) is a course where you learn Swedish in order to communicate in both speech and writing in your everyday life and at work. You will also learn about Swedish society.

Cost

SFI is free of charge, but you may need to pay for books and other study materials. You are not entitled to student aid from CSN when you are in SFI.

How is the course planned?

You can study SFI in the daytime, evening or through distance learning courses.

- If you study during the day, you are entitled to at least 15 hours of lesson time per week, Monday–Friday.
- If you study in the evening, you are entitled to at least 6 hours of lesson time per week, Monday–Friday.
- If you are taking the course through distance learning, you will receive your assignments through a computer programme and you stay in contact with your teacher and classmates via webcam, email, or telephone.

Study route and courses

SFI has three study routes: 1, 2, and 3. Which study route is best for you depends on your education background, how many languages you know how to read and write in, as well as your age and your goals. Each study route consists of two to four courses.

- Study route 1 consists of course A, B, C and D
- Study route 2 consists of course B, C and D
- Study route 3 consists of course C and D

How long will you be studying SFI?

Different students will need varying amounts of time to complete SFI. It all depends on which course you are taking and how fast you study. One student may finish a course in three months, while another will finish the same course in 10 months.

Grades

When you finish a course, you will receive a grade between A and F, where A is the highest grade and F is a fail. Regardless of which route you are taking, your grade has the same worth. Your school awards the grade after the course is completed.

Combine SFI with other education programmes or work

You can study SFI and work simultaneously, have a work placement, or study a different subject, such as mathematics or vocational training. In order to allow you to combine SFI with work or other studies, you can study SFI in the daytime, evening or as a distance learning course. You can read more about our different specialisations under the following headings.

SFI with vocational training

When you study Sfi, you can complete a vocational training programme simultaneously. In most cases, you will take the vocational programme and SFI at the same school. This means that your teachers will collaborate so that you learn Swedish during the vocational training and work with work-related terms in your SFI lessons. If you are interested in combining your SFI lessons with vocational training, please contact a study and career counsellor within Växjöloftet adult education.

Accelerated SFI

The accelerated route is intended for anyone who wants to finish SFI in a shorter time and who also has prior study experience. You will combine SFI studies with learning about Swedish working life and society. During the course, you will learn about new concepts, different laws and agreements, working environment and the right of public access. You will also make study visits to different workplaces.

You will study for at least 21 hours per week at school.

You can combine the accelerated SFI programme with work or other studies. However, it is important that you participate in the lessons. In addition to classroom teaching, you will also need to study at home by doing assignments.

Distance SFI

If you have irregular working hours, are on parental leave, planning to go on parental leave, or if you are a student at the Linneaus University, distance SFI studies may suit you. With distance studies, you decide for yourself when and where to study. You will stay in contact with your teacher and classmates via a study platform, where you will also have access to recorded lectures, assignments, discussions, etc.

In distance studies, it is highly important to have discipline and to set time aside for your studies, as you do not have any scheduled lessons.

SFI study preparation

Those interested in studying theoretical subjects, such as mathematics or English, can start a course in such a subject at first-cycle university level or upper-secondary level while you are studying at SFI.

SFI study preparation can also be suitable for those who are unsure of what studies they are interested in or those who want to see if theoretical studies is right for them before starting an upper-secondary programme. You can for example start a basic course in mathematics or social studies to receive more information about the role of the individual in Swedish society, focusing among other things on microeconomics and macroeconomics as well as rights and obligations.

Rules within adult education

As a adult education student, there are certain rules that you need to follow. These include:

- Arriving on time for lessons.
- Notifying the school if you cannot come to a lesson.
- Showing understanding and patience for your classmates and the school staff.
- Taking responsibility for your own studies – you will learn a lot of Swedish outside of the classroom.

Notify absence

If you fall ill or are otherwise prevented from participating in lessons, you must notify your school.

Suspended from SFI

When you study SFI, you may in some cases be suspended from the programme. You risk suspension if you:

- Are absent without a valid reason for more than three weeks.
- Make no progress in your studies.

Study and career guidance

As a student, you can receive study and career guidance at Växjöloftet. Please come talk to us if you have any questions about your studies, what programmes you can study, or if you have a university degree from another country and you are uncertain of what to do to have it validated in Sweden.

You can contact us by email at studievagledningvaxjoloftet@vaxjo.se or telephone on +46(0)470-410 00.

You can read more about adult education in Växjö at www.vaxjo.se/vuxenutbildning