

### Course content

The aims and objectives of this course is to provide an insight in the Swedish welfare system, what it is like to live in it and how it came to be what it is today. Theoretical perspectives are combined with more *hands on* information, perhaps useful for those who might be looking into the possibility of an extended stay in the country. You are expected to be able to participate in an educated discussion about, as well as living a comfortable life in, Sweden, by the end of the course. Examples of core topics in class are *the home of the people* (folkhemmet), *the welfare state* (välfärdsstaten) and *gender equality*. Hands on information stretches from *how to get a social security number* (personnummer) and *how to get a job in Sweden* to *what is appropriate or not among Swedes*.

These aims and objectives will be met through fieldtrips to various vital institutions and agencies and guest lectures. All information is presented in English, at the same time as names of institutions, traditions and services etc are exclusively referred to in Swedish.



**Week 1.**

**Monday:** Vuxenskolan (Kungsängsgatan 12), 13.45- 16.15.

A broad introduction to the Swedish welfare state, Folkhem and today's political and economic climate. How the Swedish modern welfare state came about and what it is today.

**Tuesday:** Vuxenskolan (Kungsängsgatan 12), 13.45- 16.15.

A visit from representative of TCO (*Tjänstemännens centralorganisation*), the second largest trade union in Sweden, who will present the labor unions vital part in the forming of the welfare state and its role today.

**Wednesday:** Vuxenskolan (Kungsängsgatan 12), 13.45- 16.15.

Visit to Länsstyrelsen (The County Administrative Board, the representative of the Government in the region) for information on their organization and especially on their work against discrimination and for gender equality. (We meet at Vuxenskolan and walk to Hamnesplanaden 3 together).

**Thursday:** Vuxenskolan (Kungsängsgatan 12), 13.45- 16.15.

Visit to Rosendalsgymnasiet, a public high school with strong connections to the university and a well-run example of a public school. Lecture will be held by Siv Inger Halling, lector at Uppsala University who also teaches at Rosendalsgymnasiet. We meet at Vuxenskolan and take the bus to Rosendalsgymnasiet.

In sum:

13.45-16.15 Lecture	About	Reading
Introduction	A broad introduction to the Swedish welfare state.	(SPG 7-28) Course compendium
A visit from representative of TCO the second largest trade union in Sweden, who will present the labor unions vital part in the forming of the welfare state and its role today. Reading: SPG pp 29-42.	Lecture will be held by PhD Mats Essemyr	SPG pp 7-28, 29.42  Course compendium
Visit to Länsstyrelsen (The County Administrative Board)	Lecture will be held by Lina Ploug. We meet at vuxenskolan and walk to Länsstyrelsen together.	SPG 29-42 Course compendium
<i>Education for Sustainable Development</i> (Siv-Inger Halling, Lector at Uppsala university)	The lecture will be held at Rosendalsgymnasiet, a well-run example of a public secondary school.	SPG pp 29-42 Course compendium

**Week 2**

**Monday: Vuxenskolan (Kungsängsgatan 12), 13.45- 16.15.**

Guest lecture by Anders Mankler (party secretary on the municipal level for Miljöpartiet/Green party). Anders will tell us about their “green view” on Swedish Welfare, current issues and struggles in the municipality as well as at the Government level, where the green party shares power with the Social Democrats.

**Tuesday: Vuxenskolan (Kungsängsgatan 12), 13.45- 16.15.**

Visit to *Arbetsförmedlingen* (Labor Office) in Uppsala for information on job hunting and what to do if you are unemployed. But also for information on their work for refugees and immigrants in Sweden. Also a discussion about the integration situation in Sweden.

**Wednesday 29/6: Vuxenskolan (Kungsängsgatan 12), 12:50 Note the time!**

Visit to Riksdagen, to meet one of the youngest members of Parliament Alexandra Völker (social democrats). She will inform us how she carries out her responsibilities as a MoP as well as how the Riksdag is structured and current struggles of Swedish politics.

**Thursday 30/6: Vuxenskolan (Kungsängsgatan 12),**

Visit to Socialtjänsten (Karin Sundström), Social Service, which deals with social welfare matters.

13.45-16.15 Lecture	About	Reading
The green vision on Swedish Welfare	Guest lecture by MP representative at Vuxenskolan	Course compendium
Visit to Arbetsförmedlingen (Labor office) (Cecilia Meurling)	Information on job hunting and what to do if you are unemployed.	SPG pp.92-106
Visit to Riksdagen, to meet with parliamentarian Alexandra Völker	Note the time!! We meet at Vuxenskolan 12:50	SPG pp 29-42 Additional reading TBA
Visit to the Socialtjänsten. Social Service office (Karin Sundström)	Social Service office deals with social welfare matters	Course compendium

Week 3

**Monday**

Visit to Akademiska sjukhuset - Lecture on Swedish healthcare, + the specialized and highly specialized care locally, regionally, nationally and internationally provided by Akademiska sjukhuset.

**Tuesday**

Visit to Skatteverket (Ida Vinsa) the Swedish Tax Agency. Information on how the welfare State is financed and how much the citizens have to pay, as well as how the agency deals with new residents (Folkbokföringen)

**Wednesday**

Visit to kommuninformationen. Lecture on how the municipality is governed and what its responsibilities towards the citizens.

**Thursday**

Final Discussion and evaluation

13.45-16.15 Lecture	About	Reading
Visit to Akademiska sjukhuset, one of the older hospitals in Sweden.	Lecture on Swedish healthcare, + the specialized and highly specialized care locally, regionally, nationally and internationally provided by Akademiska sjukhuset.	Course compendium
Visit to Skatteverket (Ida Vinsa) the Swedish Tax Agency.	Information on how the welfare State is financed and how much the citizens have to pay, as well as how the agency deals with new residents (Folkbokföringen)	SPG pp. 107-123, 231-239 Course compendium
Visit to Kommuninformationen (the center for municipality information)	How the Municipality is governed and what it does	Course compendium
Final discussion and evaluation.	TBC: Short lecture on Systembolaget	