

COURSE SYLLABUS

Pathway Semester for International Students, 30 credits*Pathway Semester for International Students, 30 högskolepoäng*

Course Code:	PSIG17	Education Cycle:	Basic level
Confirmed by:	Dean Sep 30, 2016	Disciplinary domain:	The humanities (90%) and social sciences (10%)
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Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

On successful completion of the Pathway Semester course students will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

1. Understand the main content and essential details of English spoken at a relatively rapid pace, and in written English of various genres, and in more formal contexts.
2. Show basic knowledge of academic writing.
3. Plan and deliver a formal presentation in English.
4. Use a range of academic study techniques and language strategies.
5. Communicate in Swedish on a basic level.
6. Participate in basic oral and written conversations in Swedish about familiar subjects.
7. Understand Swedish culture and society.

Skills and abilities

8. In oral and written production and interaction in English students will demonstrate the ability to present and discuss information accurately and clearly with some adaptation to purpose, recipient and situation.
9. Carry out effective research using a range of sources and to critically assess and evaluate these.
10. Participate actively in classroom activities and be able to perform a range of task both individually and in a group setting.
11. Participate in simple oral and written conversations in Swedish about familiar subjects.
12. Show an awareness of basic grammatical concepts in Swedish.
13. Be familiar with different aspects of Swedish society and culture.

Judgement and approach

14. Self- and peer-reflection on the development of study and personal skills.
15. Critical evaluation of relevant information related to the different parts of the course.

Contents

The course consists of three sub courses; Preparatory English 2, Swedish 1 and Life and Studies

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Preparatory English 2, 20,0 credits

The course consists of lectures, seminars and group activities in various fields of academic English and has been designed specifically to meet the needs of non-native English speakers who wish to develop their English language competencies and be able to communicate effectively in an academic environment. In addition to the development of the four main areas of language (reading, writing, speaking and listening), there is also a strong focus on academic skills including research ethics, critical thinking, academic writing and presentations. English will be taught in an international context with a strong focus on active participation and group discussion. Students will be given opportunities to share their own experiences and in turn gain a deeper knowledge of living conditions, social issues and cultural features in different parts of the world.

Course content and objectives include:

- Applied grammar (individualised)
- Vocabulary building - academic language. Both general and subject specific.
- Academic reading
- Listening comprehension
- Academic writing - summary writing, reports, essays
- Language strategies
- Oral proficiency - presentation skills, group discussion skills, pronunciation
- Introduction to rhetoric - the art of persuasive speaking and writing
- Novel Study & literary analysis

Swedish 1, 7,5 credits

The Swedish language will be taught aiming to give students basic Swedish language skills. This will better equip students to interact with and understand their new surroundings. The weekly language sessions contain grammar lectures, text reading, listening and reading comprehension, vocabulary and pronunciation. Written and oral exercises are given as part of the course. The mentoring session's aims to help monitoring and supporting the progress.

Course content and objectives include:

- Spoken communication such as exercises on oral conversations and presentations.
- Swedish pronunciation and prosody
- Reading and listening comprehension
- Simple texts and conversations focusing on everyday phrases
- Basic Swedish grammar and vocabulary

Life and Studies 1, 2,5 credits

The Life and Studies course aims to enable familiarity with Sweden. You will study and explore different aspects of Sweden such as politics, history, religion, governmental structure and

traditions.

Course content and objectives include:

- Lectures (in English) on Swedish society and culture
- Study visits

Type of instruction

Lectures, seminars, group discussions, study visits as well as mentoring sessions.

Active participation required in seminars, group discussions and mentoring sessions is compulsory in order to meet the requirements of the course.

The teaching is conducted in English.

Prerequisites

High School Diploma and English language skills corresponding to:

English 5/IELTS 5.5 (no part below 5.0) or equivalent,

Internet based TOEFL test 72, written test 17 or equivalent

Paper based TOEFL 530, written test 4 or equivalent

Examination and grades

The course is graded Fail (U) or Pass (G).

The examination consists of written and oral assignments. Active participation throughout the course is required.

The ILO's assessed by the following means:

Written exam - Preparatory English 2: ILO1; ILO2; ILO4; ILO8

Research project - Preparatory English 2: ILO 1; ILO2; ILO3; ILO8; ILO9; ILO10; ILO14

Literature project - Preparatory English 2: ILO 1; ILO 2; ILO8; ILO10; ILO15

Academic essay and formal speech - Preparatory English 2: ILO2; ILO8; ILO9

Oral exam - Preparatory English 2: ILO1; ILO8; ILO10

Oral exam 1 - Swedish 1: ILO5; ILO6; ILO12

Oral exam 2 - Swedish 1: ILO5; ILO6; ILO12

Written exam - Swedish 1: ILO6; ILO11; ILO12

Written exam 2 - Swedish 1: ILO6; ILO11; ILO12

Written exam - Life and Studies: ILO7; ILO13

Registration of examination for the sub-course 'Preparatory English 2':

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Written exam - Preparatory English 2	3 credits	U/G
Research project - Preparatory English 2	6 credits	U/G

Literature project - Preparatory English 2	5 credits	U/G
Academic essay and formal speech - Preparatory English 2	5 credits	U/G
Oral exam - Preparatory English 2	1 credits	U/G

Registration of examination for the sub-course 'Swedish 1':

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Oral exam 1 - Swedish 1	1 credits	U/G
Oral exam 2 - Swedish 1	1 credits	U/G
Written exam 1 - Swedish 1	2.5 credits	U/G
Written exam 2 - Swedish 1	3 credits	U/G

Registration of examination for the sub-course 'Life and Studies 1':

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Written exam - Life and Studies	2.5 credits	U/G

Other information

Qualification Requirements

To obtain the course certificate the student shall complete the course requirements of 30 credits. Active participation required in seminars, group discussions and mentoring sessions is compulsory in order to meet the requirements of the course.

Other Information

Credits earned in this course cannot be used to satisfy degree requirements at Jönköping University.

Course literature

McCarthy Michael & O'Dell Felicity, *Academic Vocabulary in Use*, Cambridge University Press
ISBN: 9780521689397

Ken Paterson and Roberta Wedge, *Oxford Grammar for EAP - English Grammar and Practice for Academic Purposes*, OUP Oxford

Cottrell Stella, *The Study Skills Handbook*, Palgrave MacMillian

Contemporary novels and short stories

Rehnqvist, Gunilla, *Svenska för utländska studenter*, Studentlitteratur ISBN: 97891-4405-967-9