



## UMEÅ UNIVERSITET

# Course description - Swedish for Academics 1

## Target Audience

The course is for international researchers, teachers, post-docs, doctoral students and other employees at Umeå University. The course is mainly based on the content and structure of the book Rivstart A1-A2, but with some adaptation to the academic context and the target group's needs.

The course is for beginners that is people who know no Swedish at all.

## Objective

The aim of the course is for participants to develop basic Swedish language skills and a knowledge of Swedish society of relevance for working in a Swedish university environment.

At the end of the course the participant will have reached level A1, level 1 (of 2) of the European Framework for language skills.

## Contents

The course introduces and trains pronunciation and basic grammar. The course develops skills in these areas by reading simple texts, pronunciation exercises, listening comprehension exercises and drills, primarily in oral communication.

## Structure

The course is organized by the Department of Language Studies in cooperation with Office for Human Resources.

## Classrooms

Teaching takes place at Umeå University's main campus.

## Teaching

The course is taught by lecturers with training in Swedish as a second language and extensive experience in teaching Swedish for foreign students and staff.

## Course Certificates

Department of Language Studies will issue certificates of attendance to participants who successfully complete the course.



## Reading List

These books can be bought, for example from [bokus.com](http://bokus.com) or [adlibris.com](http://adlibris.com):

Paula Levy Scherrer & Karl Lindemalm (2014): *Rivstart.A1+A2. Textbok*.  
(ISBN 978-91- 27-43420-2)

The following book is recommended for those interested in practicing further:

Paula Levy Scherrer & Karl Lindemalm (2014): *Rivstart. A1 + A2. Övningsbok*.  
(ISBN 9789127434219)