

# Questions and Answers about SFI at the Sotenäs Symbiosis Centre

Answers to the most common questions about learning SFI (Swedish For Immigrants).

## 1. What is SFI?

SFI (Swedish For Immigrants) is a course that gives adults with a mother tongue other than Swedish basic Swedish language skills.

## 2. Who can study SFI?

You can study SFI at the Sotenäs Symbiosis Centre if you are registered as living in Sotenäs Municipality, have a residence permit, are at least 16 years old, and lack Swedish language skills.

## 3. How do I apply to SFI?

If you want to study Swedish For Immigrants (SFI) at the Sotenäs Symbiosis Centre, you should contact our educational and vocational counsellor by visiting, or by calling 0523 664675, and booking an appointment to make your application.

## 4. Which SFI course should I start with?

There are three different routes of study, and you'll start in one group based on your educational background, experiences, and current language skills, which are assessed through conversations, level tests and other certificates/grades.

## 5. What can I study when I finish my SFI studies?

Once you've finished your SFI course, you can take individual courses from elementary school, and then from upper secondary school, such as maths, English, and Swedish as a second language, or some of our vocational courses.

## 6. For how many hours per week will I study SFI?

15 hours per week is equivalent to half-time study. In addition to that, you are expected to study at home between lessons so that you can manage your SFI studies.

## 7. Can I combine SFI studies with working?

You can combine your SFI studies, which are in the mornings, afternoons, and some evenings, with shift work, for instance, but this means that you'll be expected to take greater responsibility when it comes to language development.

## 8. Who decides when I get to do an SFI test?

Your teacher will assess when you should do a national test, which is done at the end of courses B, C, and D.

## 9. How long does it take to complete SFI?

It's completely individual and up to you. You can do SFI quickly or slowly. It depends on how used you are to studying, and your ability to take responsibility for your own studies, homework, and other things at school.

## 10. Do I get grades for SFI?

You'll get a grade following each completed SFI course. The grading scale has six grades, which are A, B, C, D, E, and F. E is the lowest pass grade, while A is the highest. F means you haven't passed.

## 11. Do I have to pay to study SFI?

No, SFI is free, but you have to pay for dictionaries, pens and notebooks. You can borrow computers, pads, and dictionaries at school, and we have free internet and learning aids.

**12. Can I get CSN or a study allowance to study SFI?**

No, you can't get a study allowance from CSN to study SFI.

**13. Can I take time off when I'm studying SFI?**

You can go on a holiday or take time off for a maximum of two weeks if you want to stay at SFI. To apply for less than one week off, talk to your teacher, or to apply for more than one week off, talk to the principal.

**14. What should I do if I can't come to a lesson?**

You must always inform your teacher if you can't come to school. If you fall ill, stay at home to look after a sick child, or have another reason, send a text to 0721414500 with your name and the reason.

**15. How often do I have to go to school?**

School offers 15 daytime hours per week with a teacher in the classroom. You must stick to your timetable. If you are away without letting us know for two weeks, you will be de-registered.

**16. What responsibility do I have for my SFI studies?**

You take responsibility for your own language development by actively participating in classroom lessons, and by studying at home. If you don't take responsibility for your studies, you risk being de-registered.

**17. What can the teachers help with?**

The task of the teachers at school is to help you in your language development in the classroom. If you need help or have questions about invoices, driving licenses, telephony, health care, etc., please contact integration.

**18. What rules apply at school when I'm studying SFI?**

- Listen, and show others respect.
- Always be on time, and inform us of any absence.
- Try to only speak Swedish during lessons.
- Put your phone on silent and put it away.
- Smoking is prohibited, except in the smoking area.
- Take responsibility for your studies, and stick to the deadlines.
- Look after our premises, furniture and equipment.
- Zero tolerance to drugs, treating others badly, and cheating.

**19. Is it possible to study SFI remotely?**

There are no courses that are offered remotely, but if you want to study Swedish on your own, we recommend [Digitala Spåret](#), [Kreativpedagogik](#) and UR.

**20. Who do I need to contact about what?**

If you need to get in touch with the SFI teachers at school, you can call 0721414500. If you have other questions about:

Questions about:	Website	Telephone
Educational and vocational counsellor	<a href="http://www.symbioscentrum.se">www.symbioscentrum.se</a>	0523 664675
CSN (the Swedish National Board of Student Aid)	<a href="http://www.csn.se">www.csn.se</a>	0771 276000
Arbetsförmedlingen (the Swedish Public Employment Service)	<a href="http://www.arbetsformedlingen.se">www.arbetsformedlingen.se</a>	0771 416416
Integrationen (AME) (the Integration)	<a href="http://www.sotenas.se">www.sotenas.se</a>	0523 664743