

# 5 Reasons to Study Swedish...

...and, a few facts about Sweden

## 1. Creativity is central

When you study Swedish, you're encouraged to think independently, creatively and critically.

## 2. Courses are challenging and fun

We work hard together to achieve a high level of practical fluency and communication skills in the Swedish language and to integrate cultural understanding and comparisons into our curriculum.

## 3. Sustainability and the environment

If you're concerned with sustainable development for a greener future, you may want to look into studying Swedish. Sweden has been named the most sustainable country in the world for its use of renewable energy.

## 4. Equality and diversity

Interested in equality & diversity issues? Swedish society & government leads the way in gender equality. And, although all Swedes are believed to be blond and viking-like, the number of multinational residents in Sweden is among the highest in the world. About a third of all 15-24 year-olds have international background.

## 5. You can prepare for a global career

If you're thinking about research, further studies in Sweden may be of interest. Sweden is the birthplace of many world-conquering companies and inventions – including IKEA, TetraPak, Volvo, Minecraft, Spotify, the pacemaker, satellite-guided GPS technology, ultrasound/ECG, and dynamite!

## Current Swedish Courses at Penn

Intermediate Swedish I (SWED 103-401, offered fall 2020 / even-numbered years)

Intermediate Swedish II (SWED 104-401, offered spring 2021 / odd-numbered years)

Elementary Swedish I (SWED 101-401, offered fall 2021 / odd-numbered years)

Elementary Swedish II (SWED 102-401, offered spring 2022 / even-numbered years)

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