

Classical Syriac

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is an introduction to classical Syriac, the language which the Syriac Church Fathers spoke and wrote in. Many important theological and spiritual works have been composed in Syriac.

The student will be introduced to the alphabet and to Syriac grammar and syntax and learn simple sentences for daily use. The student will also meet basic level Syriac texts and learn how to understand and translate them.

West Syriac pronunciation is used throughout the course, but students are allowed to use other pronunciations as well.

GOALS

After successful completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Be able to write the alphabet and read without hindrance
- Have a basic understanding of Syriac grammar
- Be able to understand and translate simple texts independently
- Be able to recite certain liturgical texts

ASSESSMENT

There are no examinations for College courses organised by the Folkhögskola. Assessment is based on full participation in all aspects of the course. This includes reading the set texts, completing written assignments and participating in group work.

REQUIREMENTS

All students need to be at least 18 years old, be officially registered in Sweden and have a sufficient knowledge of the language of instruction.

TUITION

Tuition at Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola is free for everyone who is a citizen of Sweden or another EU country or who have been granted permission to live in Sweden. Students must be registered as living in Sweden.

SERVICE FEE

Students are required to pay a service fee. The service fee for this course is SEK 600 per semester.

Quick Facts

Organizer

Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Level

Preparatory

Length

1 year

Study Pace

Part-time (50%)

Teaching Hours

Weekends and evenings

Type of Instruction

On-campus

Location

Campus Södertälje

Language of Instruction

Swedish & English

Literature & Materials

J.F. Coakley, Robinson's Paradigms and Exercises in Syriac Grammar

Selection from 1-2 John

Selection of liturgical texts

Selection from the Peshitta

Sami Aydin, *Klassisk arameiska grammatik (syrisk)*, Anastasis, 2012

Materials from Yoyakim Unvals grammar books: *Skulastiqoyo*, *Mlamdhono* and *Zabne*

J. Payne Smith, *Syriac dictionary*