



# Guidelines for Swedish for Immigrants (SFI) at Different Level

- Pär Sandström
- I comes from a region in Sweden called Dalarna and the city is Borlänge (Dalarna is known for its natural beauty and traditional culture, Borlänge is an important city in the region).
- Borlänge is located approximately 200 kilometers from our capital Stockholm
- Borlänge has around 50,000 inhabitants



# The Guidance Center for Adult Education i Borlänge



The Guidance Center is the unit within adult education with the main purposes of being responsible for:

- Application
- Admission
- Marketing/information about courses
- Career guidance for adult residents of Borlänge
- Study planing for adults

## **Our team:**

Unit Manager  
Ronny

Study and Career Advisors  
Jenny, Maria, Pär, Signe, Stina and Susanne

Qualified Administrators  
Fredrika, Julia and Annika

Administrators  
Carina and Sandra



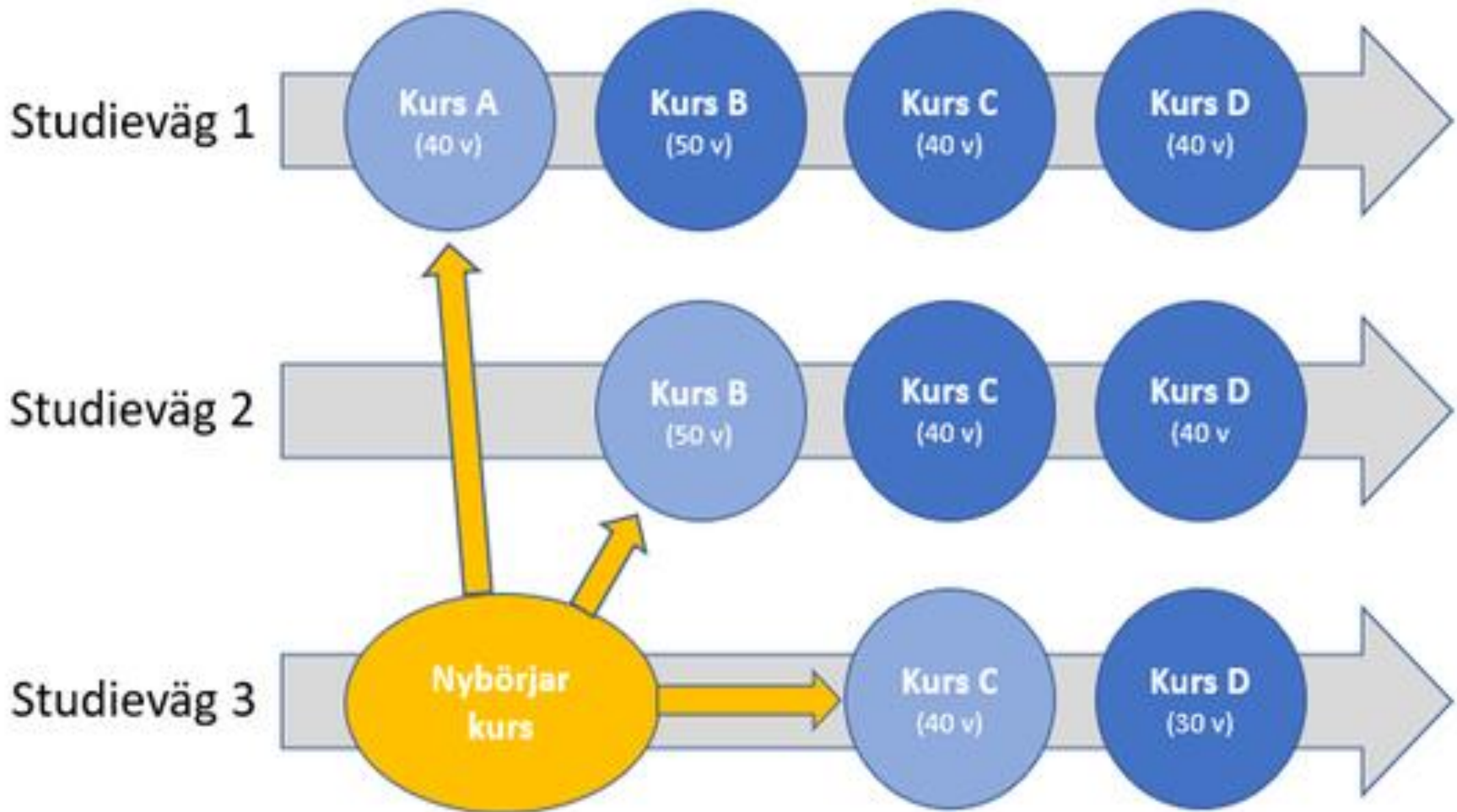
My colleague Signe and I assist the students at SFI, and we have chosen to allocate 1.5 positions for the SFI students, with myself at 100% and my colleague at 50%



# The job market in Sweden can be challenging for those who do not master the Swedish language, and often a high school diploma is required, even for simpler jobs

- SFI is the foundation for further studies but also a prerequisite for understanding Swedish society
- You study 20 hours per week at SFI
- You can combine SFI with other courses based on needs and eligibility
- We have approximately 300 students in SFI
- Depending on the educational background of the student, they are placed on a study path
- We have three study paths in SFI
  - Study Path 1: Students with little or non prior schooling. 0-5 years
  - Study Path 2: Students with a schooling background of 5-12 years
  - Study Path 3: Students with 13 years or more schooling background
- They are also level-placed depending on which level they are on A-D





V = antal veckor

**Also, the opportunity  
to distance learning  
with guidance**



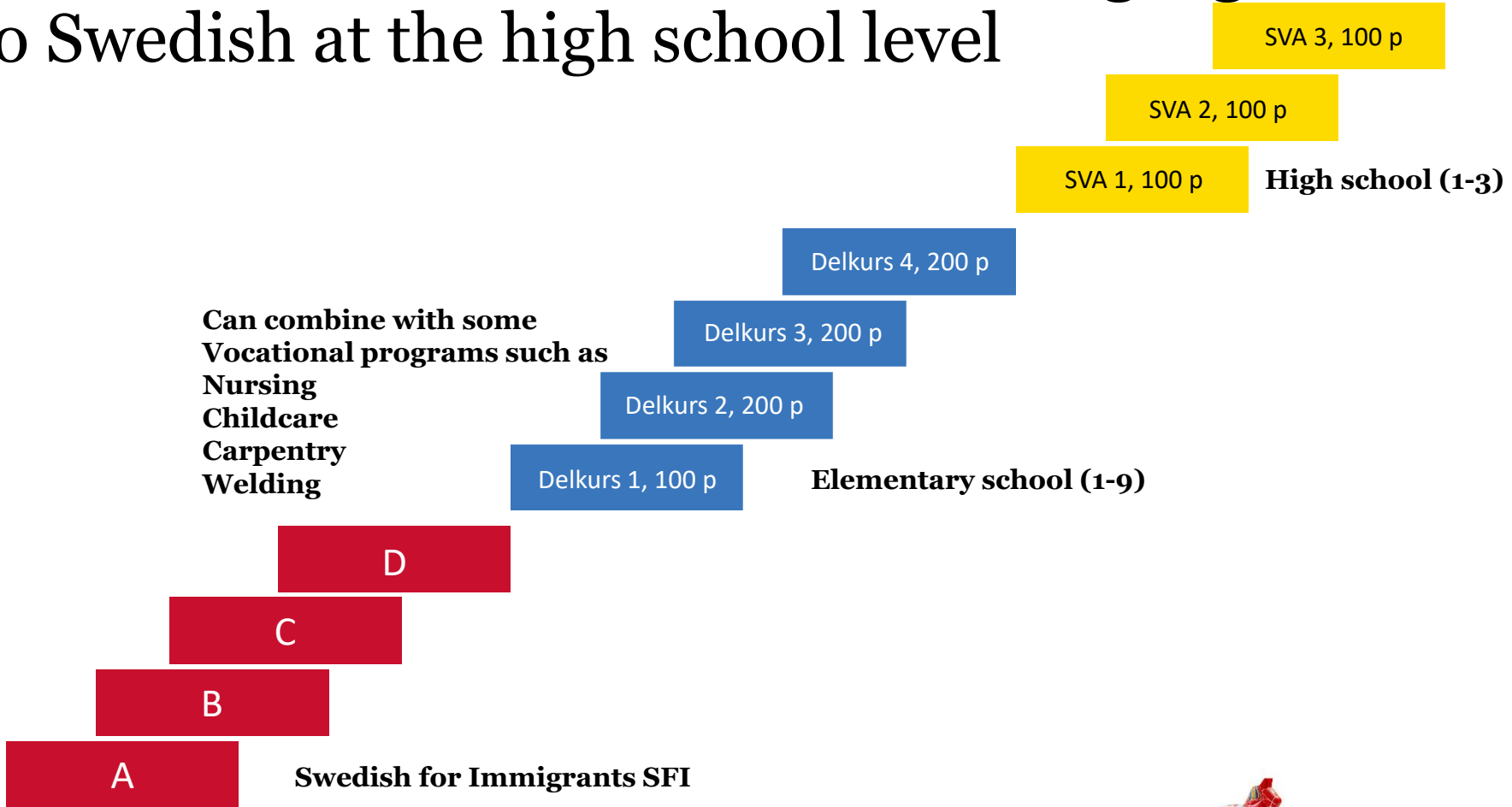
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	måndag	tisdag	onsdag	torsdag	fredag
8.00-12.00	sfi	övriga kurser/egna studier*	sfi	övriga kurser/egna studier*	övriga kurser/egna studier*
13.00-17.00	övriga kurser/egna studier*	sfi	övriga kurser/egna studier*	sfi	övriga kurser/egna studier*

SFI schedule with possibility to plan other studies



# From SFI to Swedish as a Second Language and to Swedish at the high school level





# What do we, as study and career counselors at SFI, do?

- Visit classes
- Individual meetings
- Study Planning
- Career Guidance
- Information Provision
- Support and Motivation
- Coordination with Other Resources



# Specifically for SFI

- Most often, we have open doors where students can come in and ask questions about their studies
  - The students always have opportunity to schedule appointments for longer discussions
  - There is always the possibility of receiving interpreter assistance in one's native language.
  - We try to map out previous educational background and work experience
- There is an opportunity to submit their previous educational experiences at the high school and university levels for an assessment to determine how their prior studies correspond to the Swedish education system, which we encourage students to do
  - The most common questions
    - Explaining letter and messages from authorities
    - Student grants (something they must do themselves but we can explain the process)
    - Assistance with applications for further studies



# Thanks



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