

Inbound Exchange Fact Sheet- Academic Year 2025/26



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Academic Calendar

The academic year at Stockholm University is divided into two semesters:

- Autumn Semester: 1 September 2025 - 18 January, 2026.
- Spring semester: 19 January - 7 June 2026.

Examinations are arranged throughout the year with no fixed examination periods. For a complete academic calendar, visit su.se/termdates

Language Requirements

University-Wide Agreements

Exchange students whose first language is not English must prove their English proficiency through one of the following options:

- English Certificate Letter from home university equal to below.
- IELTS: 6.0 overall with at least 5.5 in each of the four components.
- TOEFL: PBT 550 or iBT 79. Please note that we do not accept TOEFL iBT MyBest.

Test results should not be more than two years old.

Nordlys, CIVIS, and north2north programs

Exchange students in these programs do not need to submit an English Language certificate unless specifically requested.

Swedish taught courses

Students who want to take classes taught in Swedish might need to hand in a language certificate. This will be decided by the respective department.

Nomination and Application Procedure & Admission

Nominations

Partner universities submit nominations through our portal. Relevant information and instructions are provided to them before the nomination deadline.

Nomination Deadlines for Partners (New Update):

- **Autumn semester: 1 April**
- **Spring semester: 20 September**

Application and Course Selection

Nominated students receive application instructions and are needed to carefully review the *Fact Sheet*, *Guide for Application*, and *Course Selection* before completing their application. Applications must be submitted by the deadline.

Application Deadlines for Students

- **Autumn semester: 15 April (New Update)**
- **Spring semester: 1 October**

Admission

Admitted exchange students receive a Letter of Acceptance upon successful admission. They will also receive a welcome letter with all essential details about their exchange program.

Housing

Admitted exchange students receive housing application instructions via email after admission and must apply for accommodation by the deadline to secure a chance of getting a housing offer. Failure to comply with the instructions and deadline will impact the chance of receiving an accommodation offer. For details visit: su.se/studenthousing. For inquiries, please visit: housingoffice@su.se

Admission to Courses

Exchange students will receive confirmation of admission to the courses directly from the department no later than August/December. If a course is rejected, students will be contacted by our International Office to select alternatives. Please note that admission to the exchange program does not guarantee enrollment in specific courses. Departments may have additional eligibility criteria.

Visa Information

Exchange students with citizenship in countries outside EU/EEA and Switzerland need to apply for a residence permit for studies in Sweden. This applies even if you currently hold a residence permit for studies in another EU country. You may use the Letter of Acceptance to apply for a residence permit for studies through the Swedish Migration Agency. Note that the assessment times at the Migrations Agency are lengthy and that students need to apply for a residence permit for studies as soon as possible after receiving Letter of Acceptance (at least 4 months in advance). In addition, students need to make an appointment to show their passport at an embassy as soon as it is possible after they received their residence permit application. Further information can be found [here](#).

Course Registration and Learning Agreement

The departments register exchange students to courses and provide final information in courses before the course start. Learning Agreements can only be signed after final course admission by the department.

Arrival to Stockholm University

Exchange students are warmly welcomed to Stockholm University. We organize an Arrival Day and offer Welcome Activities designed to help them settle in and connect with fellow students. For additional details, can be found [here](#).

Departure from Stockholm University

Exchange student will be offered information upon departure and be invited to a farewell activity. Digital transcripts with a verification link are offered to exchange students once grades are finalized. Students will receive instructions at the end of the semester. Partners can request transcripts by emailing exchange@su.se.

Course Information

How many credits should students study?	Exchange student must select a course load of 30 credits, no more nor less. One week of full-time study equals 1.5 credits, accounting for a workload of approximately 40 hours per week. This includes time spent on lectures, readings, assignments, seminars, and independent studies.
How to select courses?	Visit: su.se/coursecatalogue Some departments offer additional courses that are not listed in the catalogue and can be found below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Department of Computer and Systems Sciences: Offers courses under the title "Elective Courses". ○ Department of Political Science: Provides additional courses listed as modules under Political Science I in the English course package. ○ Department of Law: Offers law courses for CIVIS students listed on their website. ○ Department of Psychology: Course listings are available on their website. ○ Department of Child and Youth Studies: Course packages are listed in the following PDF. ○ Stockholm Business School: Courses are listed on their website.
Swedish Language Courses	The Department of Swedish Language and Multilingualism offers free and optional language classes in Swedish (course code: NS0001), offering 4.5 credits. These credits can be taken in addition to the standard 30 credits per semester. For more details, visit su.se/studyswedish .
Course restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students should not select online courses or courses at taught at more than two departments. ○ Students should not take courses at the Department of Law except for students nominated through the CIVIS network (more details are provided in the box below).
Information for CIVIS students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exchange students coming through CIVIS networks must select at least 75% (22,5 credits/hp) of their classes within the field of study that they are nominated for. If possible, students will be permitted to select 25% of their classes at another department. ○ CIVIS students can apply for courses at the Department of Law but are not guaranteed admission due to limited seats available.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Law students need to have studied at least 120 Law credits before starting their studies at Stockholm University, 120 credits are equivalent to two years of full-time studies.
<p>Practical Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staying Safe on Campus: Advice in Case of an Attack ○ Studying with Disabilities: su.se/disability ○ Getting Around Campus: Find your way on campus ○ Cost of Living: Accommodation and budget info ○ Welcome Activities: su.se/welcomeactivities ○ Student Health: su.se/studenthealth ○ Student Union: su.se/student-unions ○ Sweden's Higher Education System: su.se/education-system
<p>Insurance</p>	<p>All incoming exchange students at Stockholm University are automatically covered, free of charge, by Kammarkollegiet's Student IN insurance, while registered for courses as exchange students. Exchange students that needs to visit a doctor must pay for the appointment upfront and then submit a claim for reimbursement. Please note that this insurance does not cover home insurance and must be arranged, separately by the exchange students.</p>