

Introduction

The IP Bulletin is the International Programs “catalog” and provides academic information about the program in Sweden.

General Information

The program in Sweden is affiliated with Uppsala University, which is located 70 kilometers from Stockholm. Established in 1477, Uppsala University is Scandinavia’s oldest university. In the 18th century, the University became famous through its achievements in the natural sciences. Noted scholars who have worked at the University include Carl Linnaeus, Olof Rudbeck and Anders Celsius. Since 1901 eight Nobel prizes have been awarded to researchers at Uppsala University.

The university enrolls about 40,000 students, and CSU students are fully integrated into the host university’s academic programs. Courses shown here are taught in English, although this is subject to change, in which case other courses will have to be selected. Participants will study Swedish in August or during the Autumn (Fall) semester. The program is conducted as an exchange, which permits Swedish students to attend CSU campuses for an academic year on a reciprocal basis.

Academic Program

During the year, students take courses in the field of study for which they have been selected. The curricular options offered to CSU participants are as follows:

- Biochemistry
- Communication Studies
- Cultural Anthropology
- Freshwater Ecology
- History
- Mathematics
- Politics

Generally, students take courses (or “modules”) in only one subject or department at a time, and the courses are often sequential and of varying duration. All courses include written and/or oral examinations.

Courses are labeled with a level of A, B, C, or D, indicating how advanced the course is. Level A is introductory and D is the most advanced undergraduate level, but would be considered to be equivalent to our graduate level. Levels are included here to give an idea of the difficulty of the courses. As Swedish students specialize from the beginning of their university careers, A level courses can be considered to be equivalent to upper division and may have prerequisites. All courses shown here, with the exception of Swedish language, are upper division. *Important:* Students should take special care in selecting any course at the C or D level as they require advanced preparation in the subject.

In addition to courses in their field of study, students are required to take one semester of Swedish language. This course is offered in August or during the fall semester.

Courses at Uppsala University are assigned points (*poäng*) or European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits in which one semester of full time studies is equivalent to 30 ECTS credits and one year of full time studies is equivalent to 60 ECTS credits.

Unit Conversion Guidelines

ECTS Credits	CSU Semester Units
5.0	3
7.5	4
10.0	5
15.0	8
30.0	16

All CSU students are required to take 30 ECTS credits EACH semester and must maintain full time enrollment. Students who withdraw from any course without authorization from the Office of International Programs will receive a grade of “WU” (Withdrawal Unauthorized) which is calculated as an “F” in their CSU GPA.

The Swedish language course is an exception to the “Unit Conversion Guidelines” above and is valued at 3 CSU semester units. If taken in August, units from the Swedish language course will count toward the courseload requirement for the Fall semester.

Below is an example of the academic schedule for the year in Sweden:

Autumn/Fall Semester	Units
Swedish Language	3
Concentration classes	8
Elective	<u>4</u>
Minimum number of units required:	15

Spring Semester	Units
Concentration classes	12
Elective	<u>4</u>
Minimum number of units required:	16

While students are expected to take most of their courses in the area for which they were selected, they may select at least one elective course each semester, if they wish.

Academic Calendar

The regular academic year consists of two semesters: Autumn (Fall) and Spring.

Term	Start Date	End Date
Autumn	August 31	January 17
Spring	January 18	June 6

Students may choose to take the Swedish language course offered July 31 to August 31.

A break of approximately three weeks occurs at Christmas and one week at Easter, although each department establishes its own specific dates for vacations as well as examinations.

Grading

There are several different grading scales that exist amongst European institutions. The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) was implemented in order to facilitate the mobility of students and their grades between institutions. Below is the grade conversion table that is used to convert grades earned at Uppsala University to the CSU.

CTS Grade	Definition	CSU Grade Equivalent
A	Excellent	A
B	Very Good	A-
C	Good	B
D	Satisfactory	C
E	Sufficient	C-
F	Fail	F

Academic Reporting

The OIP will use a special course designation number when reporting courses to CSU campuses. This will allow the student to receive CSU resident credit in the subject area in which the course was taught. The title of the course taken will also be reported to the CSU campus and posted to the student’s CSU academic record. This method of reporting means that students will need to furnish course descriptions, syllabi and other course materials to their home campus advisors in order to apply for credit towards specific degree (major, minor or general education) requirements. Students should expect to complete campus-based forms (petitions or course substitution requests) with the assistance of their advisor(s). If courses are not needed

for specific degree requirements, then it is usually not necessary to complete any other forms at your campus.

Swedish Language Instruction

All students, regardless of the curriculum they are following, are required to take Swedish language instruction. Students may take the intensive Swedish language course from July 31 to August 31 which is considered part of the Autumn (fall) semester or they may take the course during the regular Autumn semester.

Basic Swedish (3)

General overview of the structure of Swedish. Prosody training. Basic vocabulary. Principles of sentence construction. Introduction to Swedish university and study traditions. Course is designed to give the student sufficient competence in the Swedish language to become integrated into the social life of the university and the community. This is a lower division course. Credit/No Credit grading only.

Important: Students who withdraw from this course without authorization from the Office of International Programs will receive a grade of "WU" (Withdrawal Unauthorized) which is calculated as an "F" in their CSU GPA.

Courses Taught in English

To find course information, go to the following link: http://www.inter.uadm.uu.se/pdf/COURSES_0910.pdf. Read the section entitled "Overview of Higher Education in Sweden" (after "Contents") to learn about the academic system and how courses are scheduled at Uppsala University.

Below is table which will assist you in finding courses in the area for which you were selected.

Area of Study	Department	Faculty
Biochemistry	Dept of Biochemistry & Organic Chemistry	Faculty of Science and Technology
Communication Studies	Dept of Information Science	Faculty of Social Sciences
Cultural Anthropology	Centre for Multiethnic Research Dept of ALM Dept of Cultural Anthropology & Ethnology Unit of Ethnology	Faculty of Arts
Freshwater Ecology	Biology Education Centre	Faculty of Science and Technology
History	Dept of History The Uppsala Programme for Holocaust & Genocide Studies	
Mathematics	Dept of Mathematics	Faculty of Science and Technology
Politics	Dept of Government Dept of Eurasian Studies Dept of Peace & Conflict Research	Faculty of Social Sciences
Swedish Language	Dept of Linguistics & Philology	Faculty of Languages