

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

Exchange through University-Wide Agreements

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

- 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.

Exchange through Nordlys, CIVIS, and north2north programs

No English certificate needed unless specifically requested.

Nomination, Application & Admission

Nominations

Partner universities must submit nominations via our portal by:

- Spring semester: **20 September**
 - Autumn semester: **1 April**
- Instructions are provided in advance.

Application & Course Selection

Nominated students will receive application instructions from SU's International Office and must read the *Fact Sheet* and *Guide for Application, and Course Selection* before applying. Application deadlines:

- Spring semester: **1 October**
- Autumn semester: **15 April**

Admission

Admitted students receive a Letter of Acceptance and a welcome letter. Course admission is confirmed by departments at latest by August (for autumn) or December (for spring).

If a course is declined, students will be contacted to choose alternatives. Note: Admission to the exchange program does not guarantee course enrollment. In each course syllabus eligibility criteria are found.

Housing

Admitted exchange students receive housing application instructions by email after Letter of Acceptance is sent out, and must apply by the deadline to receive 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 or email: housingoffice@su.se

Visa Information

Exchange students with citizenship in countries outside EU/EEA and Switzerland need to apply for a Swedish residence permit for studies, even if they have one from another EU country. You can use your Letter of Acceptance to apply through the Swedish Migration Agency. Apply as early as possible (at least 4 months before) due to long processing times. After approval, book an appointment at an embassy to show your passport. More info can be found [here](#).

Course Registration and Learning Agreement

The departments register exchange students for courses and provide final course information prior to the start of each course. Learning Agreements can only be signed after final confirmation of course admissions by each relevant department and signed by the [departmental coordinator](#) at the department where the student takes most or all of their courses.

Arrival to Stockholm University

We host a Arrival Days along with various Welcome Activities to help students settle in and connect with fellow new students. More information can be found [here](#).

Insurance

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.

Departure from Stockholm University

Before departure, exchange students will receive essential information about their departure and be invited to a farewell event. Once grades are finalized, exchange students are provided with digital transcripts containing a verification link and can download their official transcript of records. Partner institutions can request transcripts by contacting exchange@su.se.

Course Information

How many credits should students study?	Exchange student should select a course load of 30 credits, no more nor less. One week of full-time studies 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 When selecting courses students must carefully make sure they meet the eligibility criteria for each selected course, these criteria are found in each course syllabus. Some departments offer additional courses that are not listed in the catalogue, these courses 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. A Swedish language certificate may be required, depending on the department. For more details, visit su.se/studyswedish .
Course restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students should not select online courses or courses from 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. 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.
Practical Information	<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