Fact sheet

International Exchange 2026-2027

Welcome to the Department of Political Science at Stockholm University!

As one of the largest universities in Sweden, with over 60.000 undergraduate and master's students, Stockholm University offers unique access to teaching and research facilities. Stockholm University, located in Sweden's capital city, is the region's center for higher education and research in humanities, law, the natural sciences and the social sciences, and a focal point for the work of leading international researchers. Located in the heart of Sweden's only natural urban park, the University is surrounded by natural beauty, while being only a few minutes journey from the city center.

Application

Requirements

All students nominated for exchange should have studied a minimum of 1 year/60 credits at university level before the exchange semester, including at least 1 semester/30 credits of studies in political science. For studies entirely on the graduate level, students should have completed at least 3 years/180 credits of study, with a major in political science or a related field.

Nomination Deadline

Autumn Semester – 1st April 2026
Spring Semester – 20th September 2026

Application Deadline

Autumn Semester – 15th April 2026
Spring Semester – 1st October 2026

Nominated students should submit a complete application online, including the following:

- Complete academic transcript
- photo
- proof of language skills (if available)

Other requirements

Language requirements

The language of instruction is English. Courses given in Swedish are available to Swedish-speaking students.

Nominated students are expected to be highly proficient in English (spoken and written) in order to have a successful learning experience.

The recommended level of English language is:
TOEFL-paper: 550
TOEFL-computer: 213
TOEFL-internet: 80 (Writing: 20, Speaking: 20, Reading: 20 and Listening: 20)
IELTS: 6.5 or higher (no subtest less than 6.0 in the Academic Module).

Visa requirements

A visa and/or residence permit is required for students from outside of EU/EEA/Switzerland and should be applied for as soon as possible after receiving the letter of acceptance. Please find country-specific information on how and where to apply from the closest embassy or consulate (see www.swedenabroad.com for a directory). Also see the guidelines provided on the Swedish Migration Board's website, www.migrationsverket.se.

Expenses and Accommodation

Tuition fees

Tuition fees are waived for exchange students.

Health/Insurance

All students in Sweden are covered by the Swedish national personal injury insurance during school hours as well as while traveling to and from the university.

Students from the EU/EEA countries need to bring their European Health Insurance Card in order to be entitled to use Swedish public medical services on the same terms as Swedish citizens. Non-EU/EEA citizens need to arrange for some form of private medical insurance in their home country prior to their leave.

Accommodations

Accommodation in student housing through Stockholm University costs between approx.-imately 16 005- 43 526 SEK per semester. Heating and electricity are included in the rent. Information about university accommodation services, application for accommodations, as well as information on finding housing on your own is available at: su.se/studenthousing

Estimated monthly living expenses (SEK)

Rent: 4 200
Food: 2 200
Local travel: 650
Miscellaneous: 2 000

Total: 9 000 SEK (Roughly 10 SEK=1 EUR) This is an estimate and can vary greatly.

Academics

Course catalogue

su.se/coursecatalogue
Students will be contacted with a list of courses offered, along with a course registration form (roughly in May for Autumn Semester and November for Spring Semester).

After returning the course application form, students will be pre-registered for courses and will find out which courses they have been registered for upon arrival.

Students may add/drop courses only after consulting the International Coordinator at the host and home universities.

Academic prerequisites

Students should note the prerequisites for the course(s) selected. If the prerequisites for a course are not met, the student will not be registered.

Full-time workload

Students are expected to study full-time during their exchange period at Stockholm University. Full-time studies comprises 30 credits per semester, e.g. four 7.5 credit courses during four course periods or two 15 credit courses during two periods. There are four periods in one semester.

The majority of the credits should be taken at the Department of Political Science.

Autumn Semester Exams

Please note that the autumn semester lasts until the middle of January. It is, therefore, important for students to plan accordingly in order to be able to attend their courses until the very end of the semester. It is generally not possible to take exams earlier. There is no official break period during the winter holidays, so students should check their class schedules before making travel plans.

Class attendance
Students are expected to attend all lectures and seminars. For the seminars, attendance is compulsory. Failure to attend mandatory seminars can result in not receiving a final grade for the course.

Transcripts
Transcripts can be downloaded directly from our teaching platform Ladok by any student with a Stockholm University student account. These transcripts come with a verification code for independent verification. If the student needs a signed and/or stamped copy they are encouraged to contact the international coordinator directly for assistance. Note that only courses for which a passing grade was achieved will appear on the transcripts.

Grading system
The Department of Political Science will only issue grades to its exchange students in accordance with the grading scale used at Stockholm University that is A, B, C, D, E or F/FX.

Swedish Language Courses
Swedish language courses giving credits on different levels are offered by the Department of Swedish Language and Multilingualism to all incoming exchange students. More information about language courses is provided during the Orientation Days. Information about the different Swedish courses available can be found at su.se/english/education/new-student/learning-swedish

Academic Calendar 2026-2027

Semester Dates
Study Periods: one semester = 20 weeks comprised of four five-week periods

Autumn Semester
31st August 2026 – 17th January 2027
Period A: 31st August
Period B: 1st October
Period C: 3rd November
Period D: 3rd December

Spring Semester
18th January 2027 – 6th June 2027
Period A: 18th January
Period B: 22nd February
Period C: 29th March
Period D: 3rd May

Public Holidays
31st October 2026: All Saints' Day
25th December 2026: Christmas Day
26th December 2026: Boxing Day
1st January 2027: New Year's Day
6th January 2027: Epiphany
26th March 2027: Good Friday
28th March 2027: Easter Day
29th March 2027: Easter Monday
1st May 2027: 1st May/May Day
6th May 2027: Ascension Day
6th June 2027: Swedish National Day
26th June 2027: Midsummer Day

Student services

Stockholm University International Office
su.se/newstudent

Stockholm Student Health Service
su.se/studenthealth

Stockholm University Library
su.se/english/library/

Support for students with disabilities
su.se/disability

Student Union
su.se/studentunions

Sports facilities
www.ssif.nu/

Practical information

Study in Sweden
www.studyinsweden.se

Getting to the university and maps
su.se/english/education/new-student/find-your-way-on-campus

Orientation Days for all incoming Stockholm University exchange students are arranged by the central Stockholm University International Office. For more information, please see
su.se/welcomeactivities

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