

Study in Sweden

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Sweden offers international students a modern, research-led education in one of Europe's most innovative and internationally connected countries. Its universities encourage independent thinking, teamwork, creativity and the practical application of knowledge. International students can choose from thousands of English-taught courses and degree programmes across technology, business, science, sustainability, design and the social sciences.

AT A GLANCE

Quick Facts

TUITION FEES

SEK 80,000 – 295,000 / year (many programmes SEK 120,000 – 150,000)

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

SEK 10,656 / month (2026 applications)

TEACHING LANGUAGE

English, Swedish

INTAKES

Autumn (main); fewer programmes for spring entry

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

Up to 15 hours per week during semesters (rules from June 2026)

WHY SWEDEN

Why Study in Sweden?

- ✓ Universities that combine academic theory with research, projects, group work and real-world problem-solving
- ✓ Qualifications from recognised Swedish institutions that are respected internationally
- ✓ Strong sectors including telecommunications, engineering, automotive technology, life sciences, clean energy, financial technology, gaming and digital services
- ✓ Many programmes involve industry projects, internships or research collaboration
- ✓ A wide range of programmes taught entirely in English, particularly at master's level
- ✓ Recognised for sustainable development, environmental awareness, public infrastructure and an inclusive international outlook
- ✓ A learning environment that values equality, collaboration and personal responsibility
- ✓ Up to 15 hours of work per week during semesters, and a one-year post-study residence permit option for eligible graduates

COSTS

Tuition & Living Cost

Tuition for fee-paying international students depends on the university and subject. Students must check the exact fee on the individual programme page.

ITEM	AMOUNT
Tuition for fee-paying international students	SEK 80,000 – 295,000 per academic year
Typical range for many programmes	SEK 120,000 – 150,000 per year
Specialist programmes (architecture, design, certain technical fields)	May cost more
National application fee	SEK 900 per semester application

The national application fee applies regardless of the number of eligible programme choices submitted in that application cycle. Fee rules and exemptions are explained by University Admissions Sweden.

WHAT YOU NEED

Entry Requirements

| Bachelor's programmes

Applicants normally need:

- ✓ A completed upper-secondary qualification that gives access to higher education in the country where it was awarded
- ✓ Required subjects for the selected programme, such as mathematics or sciences
- ✓ Evidence of English proficiency
- ✓ Official academic documents and identification

| Master's programmes

Applicants normally need:

- ✓ A bachelor's degree equivalent to a Swedish bachelor's degree
- ✓ A degree or previous coursework relevant to the selected master's programme
- ✓ Evidence of English proficiency
- ✓ Any programme-specific documents, such as a statement of purpose, CV, references or portfolio

LANGUAGE

Language Requirement

For many English-taught programmes, the standard English requirement is equivalent to IELTS Academic 6.5 overall with no component below 5.5, although some programmes require a higher level. Applicants must verify both the general and programme-specific requirements.

Student Visa Process

For studies lasting longer than three months, most non-EU/EEA citizens need a Swedish residence permit for studies rather than a conventional student visa. The permit must normally be issued before travel.

The main requirements include:

- ✓ A valid passport
- ✓ Final admission to full-time, on-campus study
- ✓ Payment of required tuition fees before applying
- ✓ Evidence of sufficient financial maintenance
- ✓ Comprehensive health insurance when required
- ✓ Supporting documents in Swedish or English, with certified translations where necessary

The online application may require the applicant to select an embassy or consulate for passport presentation or interview. Applicants may also need to provide fingerprints and a photograph for the residence-permit card.

The current application fee is SEK 1,500 for an adult and SEK 750 for a child under 18, subject to exemptions. For 2026 applications, the maintenance requirement is SEK 10,656 per month, plus additional amounts when qualifying family members apply. Apply as soon as admission is confirmed and the required tuition payment has been made.

WHAT TO STUDY

Popular Courses

Popular study areas for international students include:

Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence and Data Science

Software Engineering, Cybersecurity and Information Systems

Mechanical, Electrical, Civil and Automotive Engineering

Renewable Energy, Environmental Engineering and Sustainability

Business Administration, International Business and Entrepreneurship

Finance, Economics, Marketing and Supply Chain Management

Biotechnology, Biomedical Sciences and Public Health

Architecture, Industrial Design and Urban Planning

Media, Communication, Game Design and Creative Technologies

International Relations, Development Studies and Social Sciences

Programme availability and entry requirements vary. Applicants should consider academic fit, career objectives, tuition fees, location and scholarship eligibility, not only the university's name.

Popular Universities

Sweden has a broad network of recognised universities and university colleges. Institutions frequently considered by international applicants include:

- KTH Royal Institute of Technology: engineering, technology, computer science and sustainable development
- Lund University: engineering, science, business, economics, humanities and social sciences
- Uppsala University: sciences, medicine-related research, humanities, law and social sciences
- Chalmers University of Technology: engineering, architecture, technology and sustainability
- Stockholm University: science, business, law, humanities and social sciences
- University of Gothenburg: business, social sciences, arts, health and environmental studies
- Linköping University: engineering, computer science, medicine-related fields and interdisciplinary studies
- Umeå University: life sciences, public health, design, technology and social sciences
- Karolinska Institutet: medicine, health and life-science research
- Stockholm School of Economics: business, economics, finance and management
- Jönköping University: business, engineering, communication and entrepreneurship
- Linnaeus University: business, technology, design, social sciences and sustainability

This is not a ranking. The best university is the one that matches the student's qualifications, specialisation, budget and career plan. Sweden's official university directory provides the complete list.

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