

# Academic Bulletin for Sweden 2025-26

## Introduction

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The Academic Bulletin is the CSU International Programs (IP) “catalog” and provides academic information about the program in Sweden. This bulletin supersedes any previous bulletin(s) published.<sup>1</sup>

CSU IP participants must read this publication in conjunction with the Academic Guide for CSU IP Participants (also known as the “Academic Guide”). The Academic Guide contains academic policies which will be applied to all IP participants while abroad. Topics include but are not limited to CSU Registration, Enrollment Requirements, Minimum/Maximum Unit Load in a Semester, Attendance, Examinations, Assignment of Grades, Grading Symbols, Credit/No Credit Option, Course Withdrawals, and other policies. The Academic Guide also contains information on academic planning, how courses get credited to your degree, and the academic reporting process including when to expect your academic report at the end of your studies abroad.

To access the *Academic Guide*, go to our [website](#) and click the year which pertains to your study abroad period. For general information about the Sweden Program, refer to the CSU IP website under “[Programs](#)”.

## Academic Program Information

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CSU IP in Sweden is affiliated with Uppsala University located in the city of Uppsala, which is Scandinavia’s oldest university. The academic year consists of an autumn (fall) semester and a spring semester. CSU students take courses taught in English at the Uppsala campus and are integrated into the University’s academic programs.

All CSU IP participants are required to:

- Take Swedish language,
- Enroll in a minimum equivalent of 15 CSU semester units each semester,
- Take courses from the course lists approved by the CSU IP, and
- Meet prerequisites (entry requirements) listed for the course (if any).

Students who study for two consecutive semesters are exempt from taking another Swedish language course in their second semester.

CSU IP offers the following programs at Uppsala University:

### CSU IP Sweden - General Program

Students take courses from a list of pre-approved undergraduate “first cycle” courses primarily in the areas of Anthropology, Earth/Environmental Science, Economics, Education, English, Government, Information Technology, Linguistics, Peace and Conflict, Psychology, Social Geography and Theology. Refer to the [Pre-Approved Course List for Sweden](#) and the section under “Courses”. Courses are subject to change and may not be offered each year.

Courses offered by different departments are often sequential and of varying duration. Students may either take courses from one department if enough courses are offered by the department or take courses from two or three departments to meet the CSU IP minimum requirement of 15 units per semester. While Uppsala University offers additional courses, these have not been approved by CSU IP. Students must be extremely flexible with course selection due to course availability and scheduling of classes.

### CSU IP Sweden - Media and Communication Studies

This is an advanced program in Media and Communication Studies offered through the Department of Informatics and Media. Several of its courses have prerequisites and require prior study in communications, journalism, and media studies. Click on the links below to access course information. Courses are subject to change.

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<sup>1</sup> This bulletin has been updated to clarify guidance regarding the assignment of the CSU grade of WU (Withdrawal Unauthorized). This clarification does not constitute a change in policy.

Fall Semester. Students in the fall enroll in the following courses to total a minimum of 15 units. Note that not all courses below are offered each year so students must be prepared to select courses from other departments.

1. 5PU029 [Basic Swedish](#) (3 units). This is a required course for single semester students.
2. 2IV165 [Journalism Studies](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: 8 units in Communication/Journalism/Media.
3. 2IV132 [Journalism, Global Media and Society](#) (4 units). Upper division. Prerequisites: 30 units in Communication/Journalism/Media Studies prior to taking the course. Students who do not have this background are advised to take an elective course from the [Pre-Approved Course List for Sweden](#) in its place to meet the 15 units minimum, such as 5EN745 [American Media Cultures](#) (4 units, lower division) if there is no scheduling conflict with other courses.
4. 2IV159 [Communication and Organizing](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: None. Upper division.

Spring Semester. Students who begin the program in the spring enroll in courses from those listed below to total a minimum of 15 units. Academic year students are exempt from enrolling in a second semester of Swedish language.

1. 5PU029 [Basic Swedish](#) (3 units). This is a required course for single semester students.
2. 2IV165 [Journalism Studies](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: 8 units in Communication/Journalism/Media. Upper division.
3. 2IV144 [European Media Spaces](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: 12 units in Communication/Media Studies. Upper division.
4. 2IV095 Digital Media Studies (8 units). Prerequisites: 8 units in Communication/Journalism/Media. Upper division.
5. 2IV143 [Thesis](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: 8 units in Communication/Journalism/Media. Upper division.

Students may substitute other courses for one of the courses numbered 2 to 5 above from those listed in the [Pre-Approved Course List for Sweden](#) to meet the 15 unit minimum.

### Academic Structure

Since Uppsala University has a very different academic structure than the CSU, it is critical that students read the information provided under the heading “Course for Exchange Students” and understand the “Course Mapping” system and the academic calendar before selecting courses. Click on the following link to access this webpage: <http://www.uu.se/en/admissions/exchange/courses/>.

### Exceptions to CSU IP Requirements

Any exceptions to program requirements, course approval or academic policy (e.g., taking more than 20 units in any given semester) must be approved by the CSU IP Office. To request an exception, students must submit a General Petition Form located in their CSU IP portal (in their Academic Toolkit).

### Grading and Units

Uppsala University offers three different grading systems.

1. Some courses are offered on a “Pass/No Pass” basis only which is equivalent to a “Credit” or “No Credit” at the CSU.

Uppsala Grade	Definition	CSU Grade Equivalent
G	Pass	Credit
U	No Pass	No Credit

Students are advised to check with their home CSU campus to ensure that they are permitted to take a course which is offered on a Credit/No Credit basis only. Some courses may not be permitted to be taken on this basis for certain degrees.

2. Letter grades may also be given for courses. See below. Note that courses which offer letter grades only have three possible grades: VG (A), G (B) and U (F). There is no grade equivalent for grades of C and D that are used at the

CSU so students who do not achieve the minimum grade to pass the course will receive a grade of “F”. Plus, and minus grades are also not used.

Uppsala Grade	Definition	CSU Grade Equivalent
VG	Pass with Distinction	A
G	Pass with Credit	B
U	Fail	F

3. Some courses use a combination of numeric and letter grades. See below. There is no grade equivalent for the grade of D that is used at the CSU so students who do not achieve the minimum grade to pass the course will receive a grade of “F”. Plus, and minus grades are also not used.

Uppsala Grade	Definition	CSU Grade Equivalent
5	Pass with Distinction	A
4	Pass with Credit	B
3	Pass	C
U	Fail	F

4. Some courses use a six-point scale as shown below.

Uppsala Grade	ECTS Grade*	CSU Grade Equivalent
Excellent	A	A
Very Good	B	B+
Good	C	B
Satisfactory	D	C+
Sufficient	E	C
Fail	F	F

\*ECTS is the European Credit Transfer System used throughout Europe.

Students must complete all courses by the end of the semester before leaving Uppsala University.

The CSU grade of WU (Withdrawal Unauthorized) may be given in some circumstances. Refer to the Academic Guide for additional grade information.

**Unit Conversion Guidelines**

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. All CSU IP students are required to take 30 ECTS credits each semester and must maintain full time enrollment.

Unit Conversion Guidelines	
ECTS Credits	CSU Semester Units
5.0	3
7.5	4
10.0	5
15.0	8
30.0	15-16

Swedish language courses are an exception to the “Unit Conversion Guidelines” above and are valued at three (3) CSU semester units. If taken in August, the Swedish language course will be considered part of the fall semester unit total.

## Courses

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All students, regardless of the curriculum they are following, are required to take one course in Swedish language. Students who begin their program in the fall may have the option to take the Swedish language course in August as an intensive course, if offered and available, before the semester begins or during the fall semester.

### **5PU028 [Basic Swedish I](#) (3)**

General overview of the structure of the Swedish language. 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. Swedish language courses are offered for Credit/No Credit grading only.

### **Pre-Approved Courses**

Courses at Uppsala University are labeled either First Cycle (undergraduate) or Second Cycle (). CSU IP participants are only permitted to take First Cycle courses, known as “modules” which have been approved for the CSU IP program listed in [Pre-Approved Course List for Sweden](#).

[Pre-Approved Course List for Sweden](#) also includes course prerequisites and links to course descriptions. Courses are offered by the departments below.

Department of Archaeology and Ancient History  
Department of Biology (Biology Education Centre)  
Department of Business Studies  
Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology  
Department of Earth Sciences  
Department of Economic History  
Department of Education  
Department of English  
Department of Government

Department of History  
Department of Informatics and Media  
Department of Information Technology  
Department of Linguistics and Philology  
Department of Peace and Conflict Studies  
Department of Psychology  
Department of Social and Economic Geography  
Department of Theology  
Department of Women’s and Children’s Health

Most First Cycle courses are upper division. Lower division courses are identified in the [Pre-Approved Course List for Sweden](#) but can be given upper division credit with campus faculty approval from the relevant departments that best fit the courses.

Students must pay close attention to prerequisites, whether courses are offered in-person or through distance (online) learning and what grading scheme will be used for each course which are listed on the course description and syllabus found online.

- Prerequisites listed in “credits” are not equivalent to the unit system at the CSU. To obtain the equivalent unit, refer to “Unit Conversion Guidelines” on the previous page.
- Some courses are offered on a pass/no pass basis (which is equivalent to credit/no credit at the CSU). Students are advised to check with their academic advisor to ensure that they are permitted to take the course on a credit/no credit basis particularly if they plan to use the course for their major or minor.
- CSU IP limits the number of online courses that CSU IP students can take to one course per semester unless there are extenuating circumstances involved as in the case of guidelines associated with the reducing risk of the spread of COVID at the study center. Students should always opt for in-person courses, if available.
- Not all courses have been pre-approved by CSU IP. Refer to the [Pre-Approved Course List for Sweden](#) for a listing of pre-approved courses for CSU IP participants. For exceptions, contact [ipacademics@calstate.edu](mailto:ipacademics@calstate.edu).

Take special note of the following information on the course description:

- The weeks the course is offered,

TIP: If you are having problems with using the filter, try using another browser, e.g. Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome.

- Entry requirements (prerequisites), if any, for the course, and
- The percentage of the full-time study load for the course.

Use the guide below on how to read the course description:

The screenshot shows a course description for "Current Issues in American Politics, 7.5 credits". The details include: Academic year 2022/2023; Course code: 5EN753; Spring 2023, 50%, Campus; Start date: 16 January 2023; End date: 26 March 2023; Language of instruction: English; Location: Uppsala; Registration: 19 December 2022 – 15 January 2023; and Entry requirements: American Studies A1 or 30 credits within the humanities or the social sciences. A callout box on the right explains that 7.5 credits equals 4 CSU semester units, that the percentage indicates the full-time study load (100% is full-time), that the start and end dates are provided, and that prerequisites are listed at the bottom.

It will be necessary to “map” the courses to ensure that courses you wish to take do not overlap. Carefully read information found at <http://www.uu.se/en/admissions/exchange/courses/>. This will explain the academic structure of courses offered at Uppsala University and “course mapping”. Then do the following:

- Create a wish list of courses you wish to take from the list of courses displayed in the department links provided above.
- Record the weeks when the courses are offered and the percentage of the full-time study load for each course.

Students are not normally permitted to take courses more than 125% at any given time during the semester. (100% is considered a full time courseload.)

The CSU IP Office has final approval of all courses taken. Courses that fall outside of the [Pre-Approved Course List for Sweden](#) require CU IP approval. For approvals and questions about CSU IP academic policies, email [IPacademics@calstate.edu](mailto:IPacademics@calstate.edu).

TIP: If the course has a full-time study load of 50%, another course can be taken during the same weeks if the full-time study load is 50% or less.

**Contact Information**

For questions about registration, courses, or the university, email [mobility@uu.se](mailto:mobility@uu.se). For questions about CSU IP academic policies or academic program requirements, email [csuip@calstate.edu](mailto:csuip@calstate.edu) or [IPacademics@calstate.edu](mailto:IPacademics@calstate.edu).