

Sweden - IP Bulletin 2014-15

Introduction

The IP Bulletin is the International Programs "catalog" and provides academic information about the program in Uppsala, 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.

Uppsala is divided into 11 campus areas of which 10 are in the city of Uppsala and one is in Visby on the island of Gotland. Our students attend the campus in Uppsala.

The university enrolls about 40,000 students, and CSU students are fully integrated into the host university's academic programs. Courses shown in this bulletin 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 Calendar

The academic year consists of two semesters, an autumn (fall) semester and a spring semester. Each semester is 20 weeks long.

Dates for the 2014-15 academic year are as follows:

August Session*	Autumn (Fall) Semester	Spring Semester
Start date: August 4, 2014	Start date: September 1, 2014	January 19, 2015
End date: August 29, 2014	End date: January 18, 2015	June 7, 2015

*The August session is for students choosing to take Basic Swedish in the summer.

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

Academic Program

During the year, students take courses in the field of study for which they have been selected, and they focus their studies on that field of study during their entire year abroad but may take one elective course outside of their field of study each semester with approval of the OIP. Below is a list of the program options offered to IP participants.

European Studies: Courses are selected from departments within the Faculties of Arts, Languages, Social Sciences, and Theology which focus on aspects of European culture and society, economics, geography, history, languages, literature, and political science.

Global/International Studies: An expansion of the European Studies Program, this program focuses on international issues and topics.

Interdisciplinary Studies (Anthropology, Economics, History, Language, Literature, Political Science): Students focus on two or more of following disciplines: Anthropology, Economics, History, Languages, Literature, and Political Science. Courses are offered through the departments within the Faculties of Arts, Languages, and Social Sciences. Students should not expect to take all courses from just one discipline.

Media and Communication Studies: Each semester, students take courses (offered in sequence) from the Department of Informatics and Media. For additional information about this program, refer to the last page of this Bulletin.

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.

All courses are labeled either First Cycle or Second Cycle.

- **First cycle-introductory courses:** These are first year, introductory undergraduate courses without previous requirements of university studies within the specific field of study generally coded as G1N. Some courses are regarded as upper division but others are regarded as lower division, for instance, language courses, and courses offered through the Departments of English (e.g., American Studies), Linguistics, Earth Sciences, Scandinavian Languages, and Information Technology.
- **First cycle-continuing courses:** Coded as G1F, G1E, and G2E, these are undergraduate courses which are more advanced and have varying prerequisites. These courses are regarded as upper division courses with some exceptions, for instance, language courses would be lower division unless the courses are regarded as advanced level. Some courses in this group may be more appropriate for students with senior standing provided they have met course prerequisites.
- **Second cycle courses:** These courses, coded as A1N, A1F, A1E, A2E, and AXX are very advanced and often require a completed first cycle/undergraduate degree before students can be admitted. Undergraduate students should not select these courses. These courses require advanced academic preparation in the subject area in order to succeed in these courses. Undergraduate students do not typically have the appropriate preparation for these courses.

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.

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 3 CSU semester units. If taken in August, the Swedish language course will be reported in the fall term and will be counted towards the total number of units for fall.

All CSU students are required to take 30 ECTS credits each semester and must maintain full time enrollment. Students interested in taking more than 30 ECTS credits in a semester must get approval from the Office of International Programs.

Academic Schedule

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

Semester 1: Autumn/Fall Semester		Semester 2: Spring Semester	
	Units		Units
Swedish Language	3	Concentration classes	12
Concentration classes	8	Elective	4
Elective	4	Minimum number of units required:	16
Minimum number of units required:	15		

While students are expected to take most of their courses in the area for which they were selected, they may select one elective course (with approval by the OIP) each semester, if they wish.

Any exceptions to the above schedule (e.g., taking more than one elective course in a given semester, taking more than 18 units in any given semester) or any academic policy must be approved by the Office of International Programs. To request an exception, email the Office of International Programs at: IPacademics@calstate.edu.

Assessment and 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.

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

Some departments at Uppsala give numeric grades for 'passed' courses in which CSU credit is given. Courses not passed are given an F grade with no credit given. The Uppsala grade conversion for 'passed' courses is provided below.

Uppsala Numeric Grade	Definition	CSU Grade Equivalent
5	Pass with Distinction	A
4	Pass with Credit	B
3	Pass	C

IMPORTANT:

All courses including failed courses are reported to the students' home campus after the year abroad. 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. All courses must be completed by the end of the academic year for year-long students. Uncompleted courses will be reported to the student's home campus with a grade of "WU." Refer to the Academic Arrangements section in the Participant Guide for additional information.

In order for a passing grade to be reported to the student's CSU home campus for any course taken at Uppsala University, the student must have completed and passed the entire course. Partial credit and a passing grade for part of the course will not be given and reported. If a student passes part of a course as officially reported by Uppsala University but does not complete or fails the remaining part of the course, a "WU" or "F" will be reported for the remainder of the course, and the two grades will be weighted and combined, for reporting purposes.

Note that courses offered through the Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development (CEMUS) are only offered on a Credit/No Credit basis. No exceptions can be made. Students need to exercise caution and consult with their faculty advisors at their home campuses when considering taking courses from CEMUS particularly if they wish to use the courses for their major or minor.

Academic Reporting

In addition to units and grades, the OIP reports each course attempted to the student's campus by reporting the title of the course taken and the CSU home campus department in which the course is closely related. This method of reporting means that students will need to furnish course descriptions, syllabi, and other course materials to their advisors in order to apply for credit towards specific 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.

Academic Reports for students attending this program can take a minimum of six months to finalize, and sometimes longer. Graduating seniors should take this into account when submitting their graduation forms at their home campus.

Swedish Language Instruction

All students, regardless of the curriculum they are following, are required to take one semester of Swedish language instruction. Students take the intensive Swedish language course in Autumn or in the first semester.

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.

Courses Taught in English

Course information is found on the website entitled "Courses for Exchange Students." To find course information, go to the following link: <http://www.uu.se/en/admissions/exchange/course/>.

Since Uppsala University has a very different academic structure than the CSU, it is important that you read carefully the information under the heading "Course for Exchange Students." It is critical that you understand their "Course Mapping" system before selecting courses.

To find courses and course information, click on "Course List." Using the filters, select the following:

- Location of studies: Select "Uppsala."
- Semester and period: Select "Autumn 2014" to access Fall courses, and "Spring 2015" to access Spring courses.
- Level of studies: Only "First cycle - Introductory Courses" and "First cycle - Continuing Courses" boxes should be checked. Uncheck "Preparatory Courses" and "Second-cycle (master's) courses".
- Language of instruction: Only the box for "English" should be checked.
- Department: Select the department that is relevant to the study area for which you have been selected to study as per the table below.

The courses will appear on your screen. If you are having problems with using the filters, try using another browser, e.g., Mozilla Firefox.

Below is a table which will assist you in finding courses in the area for which you were selected. Note that more courses may be available than those listed in the third column of the table below. Students are advised to read the syllabus for each course to ensure that they have met prerequisites to take the course.

CSU Study Area	Department	Study Area or Course(s)
European Studies	Dept of ALM Dept of Economic History Dept of English Dept of Government Dept of History Dept of Linguistics and Philology Dept of Social and Economic Geography Dept of Theology The Hugo Valentin Center Unit of Ethnology	Swedish Culture Sweden Economics Celtic Language and Literature European Politics, Swedish Politics Swedish/Nordic/Scandinavian History Indo/Euro Languages Sweden Geography Religious Life in Sweden Holocaust History Swedish Society
Global/International Studies	Dept of ALM Dept of Economic History Dept of English Dept of Government Dept of History Dept of Linguistics and Philology Dept of Peace and Conflict Dept of Social and Economic Geography Dept of Theology The Hugo Valentin Center Unit of Ethnology	Swedish Culture Sweden Economics Celtic Language and Literature European Politics, Swedish Politics, International Politics Swedish/Nordic/ Scandinavian History Indo/Euro Languages, Middle Eastern Languages, Near East History Peace and Conflict Studies Sweden Geography Religious Life in Sweden Holocaust History Swedish Society

<p>Interdisciplinary Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Economics • History • Language • Literature • Political Science 	<p>Dept of ALM Dept of Cultural Anthropology</p> <p>Dept of Economic History</p> <p>Dept of English Dept of Government Dept of History Dept of Linguistics and Philology</p> <p>Dept of Peace and Conflict The Hugo Valentin Center Unit of Ethnology</p>	<p>Swedish Culture African Studies, Culture in Armed Conflicts, People, Power and Food Sweden Economics, Economic History, Essay Writing Language, Literature, Culture Political Science Swedish/Nordic/ Scandinavian History Languages, Linguistics, Near East History Peace and Conflict Studies Holocaust History Swedish Society</p>
<p>Media and Communication Studies</p>	<p>Dept of Informatics and Media</p>	<p>Media and Communication Studies - see below for courses offered.</p>

Media and Communication Studies: The Media and Communication Studies program for 2014-15 was restructured. The restructured program is more advanced than the program offered in previous years.

Fall courses include ICT and Society, Strategic Communication II, European Media Spaces, Journalism, Global Media and Society. In order to be permitted to enroll in these courses, students must have taken at least 30 semester units in Communication and Media Studies including:

- two courses in Public Relations, Strategic Communications or Organizational Communication; and
- two courses in research design and methodology, qualitative and quantitative research, statistics or ethnography.

Spring courses include Media and Communication Project, Global Media and Social Change, and Independent Study. In order to be permitted to enroll in Media and Communication Project and Global Media and Social Change, students must have taken at least three courses in Communications and Media Studies. In order to enroll in Independent Study, students must have two years of university study and 15 semester units of Communication or Media Studies or comparable.

Access to courses is subject to course availability and approval from the Department of Informatics and Media. Students must be prepared to submit verification of completion of prerequisites to the Department of Informatics and Media.