

IP Academic Bulletin for Sweden: 2015-16

Introduction

The IP Academic Bulletin (also known as “IP Bulletin” or “Bulletin”) is the International Programs (IP) “catalog” and provides academic information about the program in Sweden.

The Bulletin must read in conjunction with the two publications listed below.

- [Academic Planning, Crediting and Reporting](#). This publication 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 year abroad.
- [Academic Policies](#). This publication contains academic policies which will be applied to all IP participants. Topics include but are not limited to CSU Registration, Enrollment Requirements, Attendance, Examinations, Assignment of Grades, Grading Symbols, Credit/No Credit Option and Course Withdrawals.

To access the above publications, refer to the IP website under “Study Abroad”, and “Academic Program Information” or click on either of the document names above which are linked to our website.

To access general information about your program and study center, refer to the IP website under “[Programs](#)” and click on the specific program to which you have been accepted.

Academic Program

The International Programs in Sweden is affiliated 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 are fully integrated into the host university’s academic programs and take courses taught in English. Students are required to take a Swedish language course either in August (before the first semester begins) or during the Autumn (Fall) semester.

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 for the 2015-16 academic year.

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 advanced Media and Communication 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.

Courses at Uppsala University 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.

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: August/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 Policies publication for additional information.

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

Swedish Language Instruction

All students, regardless of the curriculum they are following, are required to take one semester of Swedish language instruction either in August 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 2015" to access Fall courses, and "Spring 2016" 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 or Google Chrome.

Below is a table which will assist you in finding courses in the area for which you were selected. Note that courses offered may differ from 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
Interdisciplinary Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Economics • History • Language • Literature • Political Science 	Dept of ALM Dept of Cultural Anthropology Dept of Economic History Dept of English Dept of Government Dept of History Dept of Linguistics and Philology Dept of Peace and Conflict The Hugo Valentin Center Unit of Ethnology	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
Media and Communication Studies (Advanced)	Dept of Informatics and Media	Advanced Media and Communication courses

Note: The Office of International Programs (OIP) has final approval of all courses taken and course schedules for IP participants. Courses that fall outside of the departments listed above require OIP approval. For questions and approvals, email IPacademics@calstate.edu.

Media and Communication Studies: The Media and Communication Studies program is more advanced than the program offered in previous years. Students selected for this program must have taken at least 30 semester units in Media and Communication 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.

Mass Media/Communications students who have not been selected for the Media and Communication program but were placed in the Interdisciplinary program may select courses from the following list, provided that they have met prerequisites, there is space available in the course and they have obtained departmental approval. Students must be prepared to submit verification of completion of prerequisites to get access to courses below.

- American Mass Media (Department of English) (4 units) - Lower division course.
- American Mass Media II (Department of English) (4 units) - Upper division course. Must have taken American Mass Media or have taken 15 units within the humanities or social studies disciplines.
- Mass Media and Contemporary Armed Conflict (Department of Peace and Conflict) (8 units) - Upper division course.
- MCS B/European Media Spaces (Department of Informatics and Media) (4 units). Upper division course. Must have taken three courses in Media and Communication Studies or equivalent.
- MCS B/Global Media and Social Change (Department of Informatics and Media) (4 units). Upper division course. Must have taken three courses in Media and Communication Studies or equivalent.

To get course descriptions for the above courses, follow the instructions as provided under "Courses Taught in English".

If you have any questions regarding courses or registration, please contact Stephanie Noroozy at <stephanie.noroozy@uadm.uu.se>.