

Academic Bulletin for Sweden 2020-21

Introduction

The Academic Bulletin is the CSU International Programs (IP) “catalog” and provides academic information about the program in Sweden. The Fall 2020 program has been suspended due to the COVID 19 pandemic. This bulletin applies to students participating in Spring 2021.

CSU IP participants must read this publication in conjunction with the Academic Guide for CSU IP Participants (also known 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 [here](#) and click on the year that pertains to your year abroad. For general information about the Sweden Program, refer to the CSU IP website under “[Programs](#)”.

Academic Program Information

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 CSU IP list of pre-approved undergraduate “first cycle” courses primarily in the areas of Anthropology, Earth/Environmental Science, Economics, Education, English, Government, Linguistics, Peace and Conflict, Psychology, Social Geography and Theology. 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 in order to meet the CSU IP minimum requirement of 15 units per semester. While Uppsala University offers additional courses, these are not been approved by CSU IP. Students must be extremely flexible with course selection due to course availability and scheduling of classes.

The CSU IP list of pre-approved undergraduate (first cycle) courses can be found [here](#).

CSU IP Sweden - Media and Communication Studies

This is an advanced program in Media and Communication Studies. Semester only students and full-year students in their first semester take Swedish language plus two to three courses from the list below to total a minimum of 15 CSU semester units. Students may also substitute a course for an elective selected from the list of courses found [here](#). Courses are offered sequentially from the Department of Informatics and Media. Not all courses are offered each semester. Click on the links below to access course information.

- 2IV132 [Journalism, Global Media and Society](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: 30 units in Communication/Journalism/Media.
- 2IV143 [Thesis](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: 8 units in Communication/Media.
- 2IV144 [European Media Spaces](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: 12 units in Communication/Media.
- 2IV159 [Communication and Organizing](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: none.
- 2IV163 [Media Studies](#) (8 units). Prerequisites: 8 units in Communication/Media.
- 2IV165 [Journalism Studies](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: 8 units in Communication/Journalism/Media.
- 2IV168 [Theory in Media Studies](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: 30 units in Communication/Journalism/Media.
- 2IV170 [Theory in Journalism](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: 30 units in Communication/Journalism/Media.

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 19 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 Grades	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. Courses may also use the grading scale below using either letters only. See below. Note that courses which offer letter grades only have only 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 Grades	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 Grades	Definition	CSU Grade Equivalent
5	Pass with Distinction	A
4	Pass with Credit	B
3	Pass	C
U	Fail	F

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

Unit Conversion Guidelines

Courses at Uppsala University are assigned points (*poäng* or *högskolepoäng*, also referred to as *hp credits*) in which one semester of full time studies is equivalent to 30 hp credits and one year of full time studies is equivalent to 60 hp credits. All CSU IP students are required to take 30 hp credits each semester and must maintain full time enrollment.

Unit Conversion Guidelines	
HP 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 considered part of the fall semester unit total.

Courses

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.

Basic Swedish I (3)

The aim of the course is to provide students with basic knowledge of the Swedish language as well as Swedish culture and society. This is a lower-division course. Swedish language courses are offered for Credit/No Credit grading only.

Links to courses are as follows:

- 5PU038 - [Intensive Basic Swedish I](#). Offered in August prior to fall semester. Limited places available.
- 5PU028 - [Basic Swedish I](#). Offered each semester.

Courses at Uppsala University are labeled either First Cycle (undergraduate) or Second Cycle (graduate). CSU IP participants are only permitted to take First Cycle modules which have been approved for the CSU IP program. First cycle courses may be reported as either lower or upper division depending on course content.

To select courses, students are instructed to do the following:

- Select courses from the CSU IP list of pre-approved undergraduate (first cycle) courses found [here](#) and create a “wish list”. It is important to be flexible in selecting courses in case there are scheduling conflicts or courses are unavailable.
- 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.
- After clicking on the link above, click on “Course List” and use the course search engine to find out when courses are offered. Using the filters on the right side of the webpage, select the following:
 - **Location of studies:** Select “Uppsala.”
 - **Semester and period:** Select “Spring 2021”.
 - **Level of studies:** Select “First cycle – Introductory Courses” and “First cycle – Continuing Courses” only. Uncheck “Preparatory Courses” and “Second-cycle (master’s) courses”.
 - **Language of instruction:** Only the box for “English” should be checked. Uncheck “Swedish”.
 - **On-campus or distance learning:** Only “On-campus” should be checked. Uncheck the other boxes.
 - **Department:** Select the department that is relevant to the course on your “wish list”. It is located in the first column of the CSU IP list of pre-approved courses found [here](#).

When the information populates, the courses available for that semester will appear. Find the course on your “wish list” and take special note of the following information on the course description:

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

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

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

<p>American Politics II 2020/2021 (7.5 credits)</p> <p>Course Code: 5EN723 Spring 2021, 100 %, Campus Start date: 22 February 2021 End date: 28 March 2021 Location: Uppsala</p> <p>Entry Requirements: American Politics, 7.5 credits, or 30 credits within the humanities and social studies sciences disciplinary research domain.</p>	<p>7.5 credits = 4 CSU semester units.</p> <p>Percentage of the time the course will take during the time the course is offered. 100% indicates that the course is a full-time study load (or courseload).</p> <p>Weeks the course is offered.</p> <p>Prerequisites, if any. Note that 30 credits is equivalent to 15 CSU semester units.</p>
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Record the weeks when the course is offered and the percentage of the full-time study load for the course.

Then search for other courses on your “wish list” (as done above) and ‘map’ the courses. Students are not normally permitted to take courses in excess of 125% at any given time during the semester. (100% is considered a full time courseload.)

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.

The CSU IP Office has final approval of all courses taken. Courses that fall outside of the departments listed above require CSU IP approval. For questions about approvals, email IPacademics@calstate.edu.

For questions about CSU IP academic policies or academic program requirements, email IPacademics@calstate.edu.