

Academic Bulletin for Sweden 2021-22

Introduction

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.

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](#) 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

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 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.

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. The fall program is more advanced than the spring program and requires more prerequisites. Click on the links below to access course information.

Fall program. This is an advanced program with requires 30 units of prerequisites for most of the courses below. Single-semester students and year-long students in their first semester take three courses from the list below in

addition to Swedish language, to total 15 units. If students do not meet prerequisites, they may substitute courses from other areas to meet the 15 unit minimum.

- 2IV132 [Journalism, Global Media and Society](#) (4 units). Upper division. Prerequisites: 30 units in Communication/Journalism/Media Studies prior to taking the course.
- 2IV159 [Communication and Organizing](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: None. Lower division. May be given upper division credit with campus departmental approval.
- 2IV165 [Theory in Journalism Studies](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: 30 units in Communication/Journalism/Media. Upper division.
- 2IV168 [Theory in Media Studies](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: 30 units in Communication/Journalism/Media. Upper division.

Related courses:

- 5EN715 [American Mass Media](#) (4 units). Lower division.

Spring program. This is an intermediate program which requires 8 to 12 units of prior study in Communication/Media/Journalism. Single-semester students take three courses from the list below in addition to Swedish language, to total 15 units. Year-long students in their second semester take at least three courses from the list below plus an elective course from another area from those listed in the [Pre-Approved Course List for Sweden](#) to total 16 units.

- 2IV144 [European Media Spaces](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: 12 units in Communication/Media Studies. Upper division.
- 2IV165 [Journalism Studies](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: 8 units in Communication/Journalism/Media. Upper division.
- 2IV163 [Media Studies](#) (8 units). Prerequisites: 8 units in Communication/Media. Upper division.
- 2IV143 [Thesis](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: 8 units in Communication/Journalism/Media. Upper division.

Related courses:

- 5EN725 [American Mass Media II](#) (4 units). Prerequisites: American Mass Media or equivalent, or 15 units in Humanities and Social Sciences. Upper division. Offered in spring.

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 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 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. 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 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

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)

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.

Links to courses are as follows:

- 5PU038 - [Intensive Basic Swedish I](#) in August, if offered.
- 5PU028 - [Basic Swedish I](#)

Pre-Approved Courses

Courses at Uppsala University are labeled either First Cycle (undergraduate) or Second Cycle (graduate). 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 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 Public Health and Caring Services](#)
[Department of Social and Economic Geography](#)
[Department of Theology](#)

Most First Cycle courses are upper division. Lower division courses are identified in the [Pre-Approved Course List for Sweden](#).

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 as 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. For 2021-22, if there are an insufficient number of in-person courses offered, students should check with

Uppsala University on the number of courses they are permitted to take in a semester, to comply with their visa to study in Sweden.

- 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.

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, and
- 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:

American Politics II 2020/2021 (7.5 credits)

Course Code: 5EN723

Spring 2021, 100 %, Campus

Start date: 22 February 2021

End date: 28 March 2021

Location: Uppsala

Entry Requirements: American Politics, 7.5 credits, or 30 credits within the humanities and social studies sciences disciplinary research domain.

7.5 credits = 4 CSU semester units.

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).

Weeks the course is offered.

Prerequisites, if any. Note that 30 credits are equivalent to 15 CSU semester units.

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 in excess of 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.

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.