

# International Exchange 2020-2021

## Welcome to the Department of Political Science at Stockholm University!

*As one of the largest universities in Sweden, with over 60.000 undergraduate and master's students, Stockholm University offers unique access to teaching and research facilities. Stockholm University, located in Sweden's capital city, is the region's center for higher education and research in humanities, law, the natural sciences and the social sciences, and a focal point for the work of leading international researchers. Located in the heart of Sweden's only natural urban park, the University is surrounded by natural beauty, while being only a few minutes journey from the city center.*

### Application

#### Requirements

All students nominated for exchange should have studied a minimum of 1 year/60 credits at the university level before the exchange semester, including at least 1 semester/30 credits of studies in political science. For studies entirely on the graduate level, students should have completed at least 3 years/180 credits of study, with a major in political science or a related field.

#### Nomination Deadline

Autumn Semester – May 10, 2020  
Spring Semester – October 10, 2020

#### Application Deadline

Autumn Semester - May 15, 2020  
Spring Semester - October 15, 2020

Nominated students should submit a complete application online, including the following:

- Complete academic transcript
- photo
- proof of language skills (if available)

### Other requirements

#### Language requirements

The language of instruction is English. Courses given in Swedish are available to Swedish-speaking students.

Nominated students are expected to be highly proficient in English (spoken and written) in order to have a successful learning experience.

The recommended level of English language is:  
TOEFL-paper: 550

TOEFL-computer: 213

TOEFL-internet: 80 (Writing: 20, Speaking: 20,  
Reading: 20 and Listening: 20)

IELTS: 6.5 or higher (no subtest less than 6.0 in the  
Academic Module).



## Visa requirements

A visa and/or residence permit is required for students from outside of EU/EEA/Switzerland and should be applied for as soon as possible after receiving the letter of acceptance. Please find country-specific information on how and where to apply from the closest embassy or consulate (see [www.swedenabroad.com](http://www.swedenabroad.com) for a directory). See also the guidelines provided on the Swedish Migration Board's website, [www.migrationsverket.se](http://www.migrationsverket.se).

## Expenses and Accommodation

### Tuition fees

Tuition fees are waived for exchange students.

### Health/Insurance

All students in Sweden are covered by the Swedish national personal injury insurance during school hours as well as while traveling to and from the university.

Students from the EU/EEA countries need to bring their European Health Insurance Card in order to be entitled to use Swedish public medical services on the same terms as Swedish citizens. Non EU/EEA citizens need to arrange for some form of private medical insurance in their home country prior to their leave.

### Accommodations

Rent for accommodation for exchange students through Stockholm University is between approx. 16 005 and 43 526 SEK for the semester. Heating and electricity are included in the rent. Information about university accommodation services, application for accommodations as well as information on finding housing on your own, is available at: [su.se/studenthousing](http://su.se/studenthousing)

#### Estimated monthly living expenses (SEK)

Rent: 3 800

Food: 2 000

Local travel: 550

Miscellaneous: 1 600

Total: 8 000 SEK (Roughly 10 SEK=1 EUR)

This is an estimate and can vary greatly.

## Academics

### Course catalogue

[su.se/coursecatalogue](http://su.se/coursecatalogue)

Students will be contacted with a list of courses offered, along with a course registration form (roughly in May for Autumn Semester and November for Spring Semester).

After returning the course application form, students will be pre-registered for courses and will find out which courses they have been registered for upon arrival.

Students may add/drop courses only after consulting the International Coordinator at the host and home universities.

### Academic prerequisites

Students should note the prerequisites for the course(s) selected. If the prerequisites for a course are not met, the student will not be registered.

### Full-time workload

Students are expected to study full-time during their exchange period at Stockholm University. Full-time studies comprises 30 credits per semester, e.g. four 7.5 credit courses during four course periods or two 15 credit courses during two periods. There are four periods in one semester.

The majority of the credits should be taken at the Dept. of Political Science.

### Autumn Semester Exams

Please note that the autumn semester lasts until the middle of January. It is, therefore, important for students to plan accordingly in order to be able to attend their courses until the very end of the semester. It is generally not possible to take exams earlier. There is no official break period during the winter holidays, so students should check their class schedules before making travel plans.



## Academic Calendar 2020-2021

### Semester Dates

Study Periods: one semester = 20 weeks comprised of four five-week periods

### Autumn Semester

*August 31, 2020 – January 17, 2021*

Period 1: August 31

Period 2: October 1

Period 3: November 3

Period 4: December 3

### Spring Semester

*January 18, 2021 - June 5, 2021*

Period 1: January 18

Period 2: February 18

Period 3: March 23

Period 4: May 3

### Public Holidays

November 1, 2020: All Saints' Day

December 25, 2020: Christmas Day

December 26, 2020: Boxing Day

January 1, 2021: New Year's Day

January 6, 2021: Epiphany

April 2, 2021: Good Friday

April 4, 2021: Easter Day

April 5, 2021: Easter Monday

May 1, 2021: May 1st

May 13, 2021: Ascension Day

June 6, 2021: Swedish National Day

June 26, 2021: Midsummer Day

### Class attendance

Students are expected to attend all lectures and seminars. For the seminars, attendance is compulsory. Failure to attend mandatory seminars can result in not receiving a final grade for the course.

### Transcripts

Two copies of the students' official transcripts will be sent to the International Office of the home university after the end of the semester (February/July). Transcripts will be sent automatically, so students need not to request them. Note that only courses for which a passing grade was achieved will appear on the transcripts.

### Grading system

The Department of Political Science will only issue grades to its exchange students in accordance with the grading scale used at Stockholm University that is A, B, C, D, E or F/FX.

### Swedish Language Courses

Swedish language courses giving credits on different levels are offered by the Department of Swedish Language and Multilingualism to all incoming exchange students. More information about language courses is provided during the Orientation Days. Information about the different Swedish courses available can be found at [su.se/english/education/new-student/learning-swedish](https://su.se/english/education/new-student/learning-swedish)



## Student services

Stockholm University International Office  
[su.se/newstudent](http://su.se/newstudent)

Stockholm Student Health Service  
[su.se/studenthealth](http://su.se/studenthealth)

Stockholm University Library  
[su.se/english/library/](http://su.se/english/library/)

Support for students with disabilities  
[su.se/disability](http://su.se/disability)

Student Union  
[su.se/studentunions](http://su.se/studentunions)

Sports facilities  
[www.ssif.nu/](http://www.ssif.nu/)

## Practical information

Study in Sweden  
[www.studyinsweden.se](http://www.studyinsweden.se)

Getting to the university and maps  
[su.se/english/education/new-student/find-your-way-on-campus](http://su.se/english/education/new-student/find-your-way-on-campus)

Orientation Days for all incoming Stockholm University exchange students are arranged by the central Stockholm University International Office. For more information, please see [su.se/welcomeactivities](http://su.se/welcomeactivities)



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