

studying in...

Sweden



THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG
Ministry of Research and Higher Education



HIGHER EDUCATION

Higher education in Sweden comprises mainly public universities or colleges and only few private universities. Currently there are 39 higher education institutions in Sweden that offer programmes in English. In total, there are approximately 50 higher education institutions:

- ▶ 18 public universities
- ▶ 12 public university colleges
- ▶ 5 art, design and music academies
- ▶ Independent institutions

UNIVERSITY OR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE?

Two slightly different terms are used in Sweden to describe institutions of higher education: university (*universitet*) and university college (*högskola*).

The main difference is that universities have the right to award PhD degrees while many university colleges do not.

There is no difference in the Bachelor's or Master's degrees offered by universities and university colleges.





DEGREES

Swedish universities offer degree programmes according to the European standard (Bologna Process).

BACHELOR

- ▶ Undergraduate programmes
- ▶ Duration: 3 years (180 ECTS)
- ▶ Nearly 100 international Bachelors are taught in English.

www.universityadmissions.se/intl/start

If you speak Swedish, you can also apply for a Bachelor's programme taught in Swedish, known as a *kandidatprogram* or *utbildning på grundnivå*.

<https://www.antagning.se/se/start>

MASTER

- ▶ Graduate programmes
- ▶ Advanced coursework followed by a research-based Master's thesis
- ▶ Duration: 1 or 2 years (60 or 120 ECTS)
- ▶ Currently over 1000 programmes offered in English

PHD

- ▶ Research-based programmes
- ▶ Duration: 4 years (240 ECTS)
- ▶ Leading research areas:
 - > **Environmental technology**
particularly the treatment of emissions and toxic substances in production and manufacturing processes
 - > **Life sciences**
 - > **Nanotechnology**





APPLICATION

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Admission to all undergraduate programmes is competitive. Every university and university college has its own procedure for selecting candidates.

The majority of Bachelor's and Master's programmes in Sweden start in the autumn semester.

Admission criteria

- ▶ secondary school leaving diploma (*diplôme de fin d'études secondaires*)
- ▶ good knowledge of English (*e.g.* Toefl test or IELTS test)
- ▶ good proficiency in mathematics
- ▶ grades obtained, assessment of work samples, interview results, special admission tests and possibly work experience linked to the chosen area of study
- ▶ Students from Luxembourg will find information on how to apply for admission into a Bachelor's degree on the following website:
<https://universityadmissions.se/en/apply-to-bachelors/provide-application-documents-bachelors/country-instructions/luxembourg/>

APPLY ONLINE

Applications are processed through the central application portal universityadmissions.se.

Through this website, you can:

- ▶ create a user account;
- ▶ search for courses and programmes;
- ▶ rank your selections;
- ▶ provide your application documents;
- ▶ fill in and send in your application for eight different programmes max. at Bachelor's level;
- ▶ track your application;
- ▶ receive and print out your Notification of Selection Results;
- ▶ reply to any offers of admission.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Each semester has two admissions rounds. EU/EEA citizens are welcome to apply to the first round as well as the second round.

**! You must have your final school grades to compete for places.
! Most international programmes are available only in the first round of the autumn semester.**

Autumn semester

- ▶ First round = selection in March, which gives you time to organize your stay.
- ▶ Second round = selection in July, but many international courses and programmes are not available in the second round!

Autumn 2025 application deadlines for first admissions round

- ▶ Application deadline: mid-October 2024 – mid-January 2025
- ▶ Supporting documents deadline: beginning of February
- ▶ Admissions results published: mid-April

Autumn 2025 application deadlines for second admissions round

- ▶ Application deadline: mid-March 2025 – mid-April 2025
- ▶ Supporting documents deadline: mid-June
(beginning of July for EU students)
- ▶ Admissions results published: mid-July

Spring semester

Only a few English-taught programmes start in the spring.

More information and all the deadlines for the spring and autumn semester:

www.universityadmissions.se/en/key-dates-and-deadlines/admission-rounds-and-spring-semester-availability/#are-you-applying-for-bachelors-and-in-your-last-year-of-upper-se



TUITION FEES

There are no tuition fees for students from Sweden, the EU/EEA area, and Switzerland.



SEARCH ENGINES

- ▶ <https://studyinsweden.se/programmes/>

USEFUL LINKS

- ▶ Application
www.universityadmissions.se
- ▶ Accommodation
<https://studyinsweden.se>
- ▶ General information
www.studyinsweden.se
<https://sweden.se/>



STUDENT LIFE

The following websites provide information on:

- ▶ housing
- ▶ social security
- ▶ student jobs
- ▶ internships

<https://mengstudien.public.lu/en/etudier-etranger/suede.html>

<https://studyinsweden.se/>

www.acel.lu





FINANCIAL AID

STATE FINANCIAL AID FOR HIGHER EDUCATION – AideFi

- ▶ The Ministry of Research and Higher Education offers grants and loans to students enrolled in higher education and meeting certain conditions.
- ▶ Financial aid is awarded only for recognised degree courses!
- ▶ Check the eligibility of your courses in the section **“eligible study courses”** on our website www.mengstudien.lu and contact the Financial Aid Department of the Ministry of Research and Higher Education in case of doubt.
aide-fi@mesr.etat.lu

Application deadlines

- ▶ from 1st August to 30th November (winter semester)
- ▶ from 1st January to 30th April (summer semester)

More information on the financial aid application procedure, the amounts and the eligibility criteria at www.mengstudien.lu



Apply online via www.guichet.lu!

MyGuichet.lu

www.mengstudien.lu



- ▶ Studies
- ▶ Financial aid
- ▶ Student life



*meng***studien.lu**

by MESR



THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG
Ministry of Research and Higher Education

Contact the Higher Education Information Service of the Ministry of Research and Higher Education to ensure that the higher education qualification you are aiming for is recognised!
etudes@mesr.etat.lu

www.mengstudien.lu



Ministry of Research and Higher Education

18-20, montée de la Pétrusse • L-2327 Luxembourg • Tel.: 247-88650

E-mail: etudes@mesr.etat.lu • aide-fi@mesr.etat.lu

www.mengstudien.lu

Photos: © stock.adobe.com

Edition 2024/2025