

Sweden



STUDY ABROAD AT

University of Gothenburg

California State University, Sacramento Study Abroad Program

The **University of Gothenburg** with approximately 50,000 students is Sweden's largest university. It is located in the heart of the city of Gothenburg and is close to cafés and shops. The university has eight faculties (or what we call "colleges") and about 57 departments, making it the most diverse university curriculum-wise in Sweden. The University of Gothenburg is proud of its reputation as an international university. It is the only Swedish University with centers for research and education on all regions of the world. For its outstanding research on Europe, the European commission appointed the University of Gothenburg a Jean Monnet Center of Excellence.

THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG

Gothenburg, Sweden's second largest city with nearly 500,000 inhabitants, is situated on the Swedish west coast. It was founded in 1621 by King Gustav II Adolf, but it was inhabited several thousands of years before that. The city is roughly equidistant from the Scandinavian capitals of Stockholm, Copenhagen, and Oslo. Its harbor is one of the largest in northern Europe. The city hosts every year the Gothenburg Film Festival in February and the Gothenburg International Book Fair in autumn. The largest shopping center in the Nordic countries is in Gothenburg. The city also has many small shops, an opera house, a concert hall, a Nordic art museum, the Museum of World Culture, a museum of natural history, a maritime museum, and a number of other museums. The Botanical Garden is one of the most prominent in the world, and Liseberg is the largest amusement park in Scandinavia. Gothenburg is known as the sports capital of Sweden and has the largest stadium in Sweden.

Gothenburg has a wonderful archipelago consisting of some 100 islands. The city surroundings and the river, Göta älv, offer many interesting sights to explore, including Sweden's medieval seaport of Lödöse, Elfsborg Fortress dating from the 1650s, and Marstrand with its harbor full of ships dating from as far back as the 13th century.

COURSE OFFERINGS

A good number of course offerings at the University of Gothenburg are offered in English. Other courses, such as those within fine arts, design, and music, may not be offered in English but American students can succeed in certain of these courses without knowing Swedish due to the fact that all faculty and students speak English. In a few cases, a professor who normally would teach a course in Swedish may teach the course in English if it would assist those taking the course.

The following fields of study may be available to our students through this study abroad program:

Health Sciences: audiology, dietetics, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language pathology

Sciences: cell and molecular biology, chemistry, conservation, earth science, marine ecology, mathematical sciences, physics, plant and environmental sciences, zoology, geography

Arts: ethnology, film studies, gender studies, art history and visual studies, cultural studies, musicology, Scandinavian studies, history, archaeology, comparative literature and drama, history of ideas, religious studies, philosophy, linguistics, Scandinavian languages, Swedish

Fine and Applied Arts: photography, design, ceramics, jewelry, textiles, music, musical theatre

Social Sciences: psychology, international conflict resolution, politics, global studies, social work, journalism and mass communications, European studies, public administration, sociology

Education: child development, educational leadership, special education, learning communication and information technology, pedagogy

Business: accounting, finance, management, marketing, economics, tourism and hospitality management, international business

IT: software engineering and management, applied information technology, computer science

For information on courses, you should consult the following:

www.gu.se/english. Select “Exchange Studies” at bottom of page and “Courses in English” to access a short list of courses taught in English.

www.gu.se/english. Select “Faculties” at left of page to access Faculty websites for course information in each Faculty.

The “Courses in English for Exchange Students” brochure located in the Office of Global Education.

When selecting courses, please note that undergraduate students should look for courses labeled “First Cycle”. Courses labeled “Second Cycle” usually require a bachelor’s degree or equivalent. Undergraduate students interested in taking a “Second Cycle” course, however, can check with the Office of Global Education concerning this possibility. Students looking at courses not specifically listed as being taught in English should check with the Office of Global Education concerning whether or not the courses would be appropriate for and available to students not proficient in the Swedish language.

SWEDISH LANGUAGE

All students participating in this program are encouraged to take Swedish language. Two levels of Swedish are offered (beginning and intermediate) by the Department of Swedish Language as a complement to the main studies at UG. The language course usually takes place once a week in the afternoon or evening. There will be a final examination for the course. More information can be found at: http://www.utbildning.gu.se/education/Exchange_student/Application/Swedish_Courses. At this point in time taking Swedish language is not a requirement, but it may become so in the future.

STUDENT BUDDY PROGRAM

All study abroad students may take part in a student buddy program in which Swedish students introduce study abroad students to life in Gothenburg.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have **upper division standing with a declared major** or **classified graduate standing** at this university by the time of departure, **good academic records**, and a **2.75** cumulative grade point average for undergraduates and a **3.0** for graduates or better at the time of the application deadline. The applicant also should be prepared to accept the challenge of study in a country with an educational system different from our own. All applicants should check to ensure that they are on track for meeting the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR). In most cases, the **lower division courses** of the appropriate field of study must have been completed prior to participation in this program. Applications will be accepted for **one semester** or **one academic year**. Students are required to be **full-time** while studying in Sweden and, thus, take the equivalent of 15 units during each semester for undergraduates and 12 units per semester for graduates. The semester is normally twenty weeks long.

CALENDAR

Students should plan on attending the international student orientation at the University of Gothenburg, which takes place about a week before the start of classes. Autumn term courses start around the beginning of September and finish around mid-January. Spring term courses start around mid-January and finish around the first week in June. Semesters (or terms) at the University of Gothenburg are further divided into quarters, with students taking and completing courses during each of the quarters.

WEATHER

In the summer, temperatures average 68 degrees in the south and 61 degrees in the north. In winter, temperatures are frequently below 23 degrees Fahrenheit. Due to Sweden's northern latitude, daylight dwindles to six hours in midwinter. In midsummer, the sun rises at 2:30 a.m. and sets at 9 p.m.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Students accepted to the program will **pay the usual California State University, Sacramento fees, remain eligible for financial aid** (except work/study), if otherwise qualified, and receive **resident credit** just as if they were attending classes at this university. (Please note that equivalency of courses falls under the jurisdiction of the academic department.) The University of Gothenburg has agreed to waive non-resident tuition, making this a particularly attractive opportunity for participants. Students will pay for their travel to and from Gothenburg, room and board, books, and incidentals. In addition, each student must have the required insurance during his or her stay in Sweden. Expenses for a semester in Sweden are estimated at the following: usual undergraduate fees - \$2,450 (graduates would pay the graduate fee), airfare - \$1,100; insurance - \$220, room and board - \$4,600, incidentals for 5 months (including books, local transportation, clothing, entertainment) - \$2,275. Total \$10,645. The estimated expenses for an academic year are about \$20,190. This estimate is given for planning purposes only and is subject to changes from currency fluctuation, inflation, and fee changes. Keep in mind that the costs to obtain a passport, a student visa and a residence permit for Sweden are not included in this estimate.

SCHOLARSHIPS

For information on scholarships for study abroad, you should register for and attend a scholarship workshop in the Office of Global Education.

HOUSING AND MEALS

Student housing is in great demand in Gothenburg. The University of Gothenburg rents a limited number of student rooms from a local student housing company, SGS Studentbostäder, available for study abroad students at UG. The Exchange Student Services assists students in the application process for these rooms which are located at the following areas: Olofshöjd, Helmutsgatan, Fridhemsgatan, Birger Jarlsgatan, Kviberg and Rosendal (Rosendal I and Rosendal II).

Rooms come with basic furniture (desk, bookshelf, bed, chairs and lamps); however, kitchen utensils, bed linen and towels are the students own responsibility. At Olofshöjd and Rosendal II, the bed comes without a mattress. Monthly rental costs vary from SEK 3700 to SEK 4900 (amounts subject to change). Kitchen utensils, pillow, and cover can be rented at about SEK 150 per month for a minimum of three months plus refundable deposit. This includes the mattress for students accommodated at Olofshöjd and Rosendal II (since the mattress is not included with rent at these locations). High speed internet access is included in the rent.

More information and descriptions of these rooms can be found by accessing "Exchange Student Housing Services" at website given on the next page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

You should consult these resources for further information:

The Office of Global Education home page: <http://www.csus.edu/oge/>

University of Gothenburg home page: <http://www.gu.se/english>

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Exchange Student Services (provides arrival and other information for exchange students, including information on the Swedish language course: http://www.utbildning.gu.se/education/Exchange_student/Application

Exchange Student Housing Services:

<http://www.service.gf.gu.se/english/guestservices/exchangestudenthousing>

For more information about Sweden, visit:

<http://cityguide-europe.com/se/goteborg/>

<http://www.visitsweden.com>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com>

To obtain an application or to speak with a study abroad advisor, please call the **Office of Global Education** at **278-6686** or go to **Lassen Hall, Room 2304**. Applications, references, and transcripts should be sent to the address below. The **deadline** for materials to be received is **March 1** for the **fall semester** or **academic year** and **October 1** for the **spring semester**. Please note that there is an interview process for this application, also.

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