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UNIVERSITY OF
GOTHENBURG

Everybody's going off to London or Paris.

But we're not everybody. We like to do things differently.

And we've always liked the Scandinavian style. The way people are open to new ideas. The way it's calm and quiet but has a fast pace when it comes to innovation and change.

That's why we chose to study here – at the University of Gothenburg, second largest city of Sweden. Right in the heart of Scandinavia.

Of course, we came here for a modern education, one where we're encouraged to speak our minds and work on real assignments, together with other like-minded individuals.

Who are we? We are people who like to do things our own way.

We're independent minded. Like you.

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“GOTHENBURG IS A PLACE WHERE INNOVATION IS CREATED”

When I came to Gothenburg I didn't know anyone and struggled with setting priorities. I started researching the possibilities and suddenly lots of doors opened. I was struggling to choose what to do. There's so much going on in the city, so I decided to go and try it all.

After spending one year in Sweden I'm learning Swedish and getting quite good. I study full time, play basketball, work with kids and at a student-

run non-profit organisation to mention just a few things. I think when you're out of your comfort zone you feel more motivated, so you push with the time and resources you have.

Using virtual reality in class

I'm studying a Master's in Communication and in my class we have people from 16 different countries. It's a real multicultural environment – as is the city in general. If you don't speak Swedish, the people here are great English speakers so you will always be understood.

My programme is special in many ways since it's a part of the IT department. We did an interesting course called Communications Technology, where

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we went to Lindholmen Science Park and explored a visual arena. We had the chance to use some brand-new virtual reality devices to get an idea of how broad communication opportunities are. This class impressed me and I like that what we learn is up to date, and I really think that you learn by doing and by trying things out.

Students drive innovation

I truly believe that Gothenburg is a place where innovation is created! The city is integrated with the University and so are local businesses and large corporations. This collaboration creates a great spirit of entrepreneurship, empowering students to be proactive and become doers and achievers.

A nice example of this is Black Dot, a student-run non-profit organisation where I work. We're connecting students who want to make a real impact with companies that face business challenges. Through our workshops and innovation weekends, students can test their strengths and get great benefits such as connections with business and public actors, internships and letters of recommendation.

So you should come here, go out, integrate and be a part of the community. As long as you start to appreciate it you will be happy. This is definitely a place to be!

/ Anastasiya Klyushnikova

I've chosen Röda Sten because I live in this area and it is my favourite spot to spend evenings after studies. I also think it is incredibly beautiful here in the evenings with the colourful lights on the bridge and tiny boats all along the quay. It's the best spot to enjoy sunsets.

SWEDISH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

We offer free individual and group-based language tuition as well as seminars and workshops to students who want to improve their oral and written English or Swedish for academic purposes.

INNOVATION

Sweden is known for its innovation. The list of Swedish inventions is long and includes the three-point seatbelt, the pacemaker, Skype and the music service Spotify.

BLACK DOT

Black Dot is a non-profit organisation that enables students and the surrounding society to meet and collaborate in order to find new innovative and sustainable solutions. It is run by students with the support of the University.



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“STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WORK TOGETHER”

I came to Sweden in 2012 and have been working at the University since then. About 70 percent of my time is spent on research and 30 percent is spent teaching. I'm of the opinion that teaching and research should go together and that they are strengthened by interaction.

The study environment here in Gothenburg is fairly informal and I'm quite comfortable that the students refer to me by my first name and I refer to them by their first name. It signifies that we have a common goal. We are working together in the classroom to try to get a deeper under-

standing of particular problems in society, and an understanding of research, and I like the feeling that it's a shared endeavour.

Independent thinking

I do my best within my courses to ask questions that I think don't have an immediately correct answer. We're not structuring our exams around memorisation of facts, it's much more about critical thinking and showing that you've been able to understand the variety of angles on the question. That spirit of independent thinking lives in the classroom and is certainly something that is celebrated and rewarded.

Last year the three-person team I'm working with was fortunate enough to win the Faculty of Social

Sciences Pedagogical Prize. It was a real honour, but I think the students deserve the recognition. It's a student-led project that depends on their drive and ambition to succeed.

Connection to industry

Here at the Centre for European Studies we have an advisory board and the members are heavily composed of people from local and regional business. So we get a lot of input from them on how we construct our education in a way that's most useful for how they see the future working environment in Sweden.

They've also been extraordinarily important in placing students in internships. Relative to a lot of other programmes at other universities, we put the emphasis on giving our students working experience as soon as possible. It's been successful because of the influence of our external board and former students.

/Jonathan Polk



PEDAGOGICAL PRIZE

Jonathan and his team won the Faculty of Social Sciences' Pedagogical Prize in 2016 for their project Rebuilding Europe, which is offered as a voluntary activity on the Master of European Studies programme. The project gives students the opportunity to put their academic knowledge into practice. They work with real problems within the EU, like refugees and security, together with students in two other countries.

CREATIVITY IS CENTRAL

What's the most important thing you'll need to succeed in your career? According to a global study of CEOs, it's creativity. And creativity is exactly what studying in Sweden will give you, along with skills such as how to navigate complex situations where there's no easy solution. When you study in Sweden, you're encouraged to think independently, creatively and critically. So, studying in Sweden is not about passively receiving information. It's about contributing, speaking your mind and taking your education into your own hands.



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SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

**“YOU GET ALL
THE SUPPORT
YOU NEED”**

It's very convenient living and studying here in Gothenburg, and I'm really grateful that people here are helpful, honest and kind. I can always count on the support of my classmates and my professors to help me pass the exams.

The relationship between the professors and students is very different to when I studied in China, but I like it here. Here you can go by their office and talk to the professor like a friend, and they might invite you for coffee.

During the first course I took here I really had to study a lot to pass the exam, but I made it. Before the exam I went to my professor's office and said that I've never taken an exam here before. He told me what kind of literature to focus on and that I should read the notes from the lectures. That really helped me pass the exam. If I have any problems with my studies, the first thing I do is talk to my professor about it.

Swedes are honest people

Since I've been here I've lost my wallet twice and both times I got it back, so I think Swedish people are very kind. When I lost my wallet in the library someone took it to the reception desk and they found my credit card with my name on it. They e-mailed me to say that they had found my wallet and that I could come by and pick it up.

Great working possibilities

A great thing about my Master's Programme is that we have so much contact with companies through school. We visit different companies and you get to see the working environment. So you get more than just the theoretical work. Many of the managers at the companies are former students from the School of Business, Economics and Law.

One of the reasons why I came here is that I would like to work for a Swedish company. We have IKEA in Changsha and the finance department is located there. A friend of mine who graduated from the University of Gothenburg works there and I would like to do the same for some time. I'm not sure what I will do in the future, but if I could choose one city to live in, especially when I retire, I would definitely choose Gothenburg.

/Da Yu

The reason why I choose Haga for my picture is because I have spent a lot of time in different cafés in Haga with my classmates: we do homework and projects together in the café while we fikar. So it will always remind me of the friendship here at the University of Gothenburg.

FIKA

Fika – a coffee break that normally consists of coffee or tea, cookies or sweet buns – is a social institution and an important part of the national culture. We recommend that you try the cinnamon bun!

SWEDISH COMPANIES

Sweden is the birthplace of many world-conquering companies including IKEA, Tetra Pak, Volvo, Ericsson, AstraZeneca and H&M. It means that getting on the career ladder here can really take you places. Should you receive a job offer while you're still studying here, you can apply for a work permit and enjoy the work-life balance that Sweden is famous for.

INFORMAL

Swedish society and academia have an informal and non-hierarchical nature. Everyone is encouraged to contribute ideas and opinions. And it's OK to call the professors and teachers by their first name.





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"IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE"

I've been drawing for as long as I can remember, and I went to an art school as a child. When I was young I visited Sweden several times and saw the contrast between the lack of design in Belarus and the very effective use of design here. So I started to get into design because of what I experienced here in Sweden.

I decided that design is what I wanted to do, because it combines artistic skills and

puts them to use to make daily life easier – and sometimes even save lives. Why I came here to study is first of all because of the legacy of design in Sweden as a whole and especially the Academy of Design and Crafts. I felt that if I'm going to proceed with my education, Gothenburg is the place to be.

On top of trends

The Master's Programme I'm studying, Business and Design, is quite rare. It tackles many areas at once with complex and wicked problems. My experience is that the education here is on top

of trends. Here we work with actual companies and get insights that aren't really available to many people. You don't get that in many places or firms, so it's a privilege to be here.

Cooperating with companies

My main problem in my previous studies at other universities was that they didn't prepare me for actual work situations. Here, the first project we did was for a real company, where we got to do an interview. An excellent feature of the Master's Programme is that we have a sense of progression. So the next project would be already in cooperation with a company and the last project was integrated with a company.

Solving problems as a team

There are a lot of team work and group assignments where everybody has an equal voice. That's how it should be so that we can work together, and it's important to see the context together. One of the best things about the people at the University is the politeness and trying to be equal and respecting different attitudes and perspectives, trying to be non-judgemental. Those are qualities that I find here.

One of the coolest things this education has taught me so far is how to adapt leadership skills and teamwork skills. It's good to be flexible, and here you can rise to the occasion. So you can be the change you want to see.

/Tony Drachuk

CONSENSUS AND TEAM WORK

In Sweden we believe that everyone is of equal value. Therefore everyone is invited to take part in the decision-making process. During your studies, you'll learn how to balance different interests, needs and ideas to bring out the best in everyone and solve complex issues as a team.

COOPERATION

The University's students are introduced to and establish contacts with the labour market and employers through student placements or projects carried out together with businesses and organisations.

I've chosen Lilla Bommen as it is one of the places in Gothenburg that is close to me. It is versatile — water, culture, a view of two sides of the city, architecture of all sorts, mountains afar, history and modernity. Despite the diversity it seems to act as a sort of ecosystem, peaceful and active, "lagom" or something, I guess.



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I FOLLOWED MY HEART TO GOTHENBURG

I first came to Sweden in 2012 through the Erasmus exchange programme. I immediately liked the country, and during my stay I also met a girl. We didn't really talk a lot when I was studying here, but kept in touch after my Erasmus programme when I went back home to the Netherlands.

After my time in Sweden, she visited me in the Netherlands and we got together and had a long-distance relationship for over a year. I decided to do my Master's Programme in Sweden to give our relationship a real chance to grow.

No fees and no other major administrative hurdles made it easy for me to start looking for a suitable programme. I was admitted to the Master's in Communication Programme and decided to move to Sweden. I left behind everything I'd built up,

all my friends and family, in order to start something new.

Be the person you truly are

I took several courses and did a double Master's degree at different parts of the University. It was really interesting to see that as soon as you walked into a new building, you saw different types of people. The way they behaved, dressed and talked. It was like moving into a new social circle every time.

I felt like you could really be who you are in each of these environments, which helped me integrate by learning from these different groups. I especially liked hanging out with Swedish people, because they would help me with the Swedish language and how society works.



PHOTO BY WESLEY

The beautiful city of Gothenburg and its surrounding nature inspired Wesley to become a professional photographer. Wesley took the photographs of the students and the teacher in this brochure.

Starting a new business

During my studies I took what I learnt in school and combined it with my passion for photography, in order to start my own business. It was very easy to set up the company. I've never started a business in the Netherlands, but I know certain things would be much more difficult to do there.

Staying in Gothenburg

I truly believe that if it wasn't for the hospitality of the University, among others, the relationship between me and my girlfriend might never have survived.

Now I've just graduated and I've found a job here in Gothenburg as a branding strategist. It fits well with my interests and educational background. So it seems like I'm staying in Gothenburg, a city that's close to the sea on one side and has a lot of nature on the other. And the city was once built with the help of Dutch people, so this is my home away from home!

/Wesley
Overklift



EVERYONE SPEAKS ENGLISH

Sweden regularly ranks as one of the top countries in the world for non-native speakers of English. That means that you don't have to speak any Swedish to study here. Many Swedish multinational organisations even have English as their corporate language.

NATURE/RIGHT OF PUBLIC ACCESS

When you are in Sweden you have the right to walk, cycle, ride and ski on any land, with few exceptions. You are free to fish and to pick flowers, berries and mushrooms, and you may even pitch your tent in the countryside. We call it the Right to Roam. So take the opportunity to go and discover Sweden's forests, beautiful beaches and snow-capped mountains.



Coming from one of the most densely populated countries in Europe and moving to the vast greens of Sweden, really made me realise how beautiful the wild nature is and how much we should appreciate it. At least every other week my girlfriend and I escape the busy city life. For us, that is a true luxury.



WELCOME HOME!

Even before arriving in Gothenburg, you can get in touch with "student buddies" and our Welcome Services. They can help you with your questions, so you can plan your stay.

On Arrival Days, we recommend you to use our pick-up service. We can meet you at your point of arrival in Gothenburg. During the Welcome Days that follow, you will be introduced to the University, Gothenburg and Sweden, and get all the information you'll need to settle in as an international student in Gothenburg.

Every semester, all new students are also offered a programme that includes entrance to museums and amusement parks, tickets to soccer games and theatre plays, boat trips, stand-up and quiz nights, guided tours and more – a perfect opportunity to get to know new friends. Almost everything is free of charge!



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INTERNATIONAL
MASTER'S
PROGRAMMES

300
INDEPENDENT
COURSES IN ENGLISH

RANKING

The Shanghai Ranking puts the University of Gothenburg among the top research universities in several subject fields:
Dentistry & Oral Science – #26
Public Administration – #37
Biological Sciences – #42
Clinical Medicine – #45

International students are very satisfied with the welcome services, service centres, transportation, the campus and Gothenburg as a "good place to be", according to the International Student Barometer.

For over 100 years, our students have benefitted from an impressive range of courses and programmes, as well as continuous access to the latest research. Here you will find future teachers, designers, financial experts, entrepreneurs and many more. We cover almost all scientific fields as well as the Fine, Applied and Performing Arts.

EQUALITY

Openness and equality are important concepts in Sweden. Homosexual relations have been legal since 1944 and it's forbidden by law to discriminate when it comes to gender, transgender identity or expression, ethnic affiliation, religion or other belief, disability, sexual orientation or age. This is important at the University of Gothenburg as well. Therefore all departments have an equal treatment representative. The University also proudly supports the local Pride Festival.

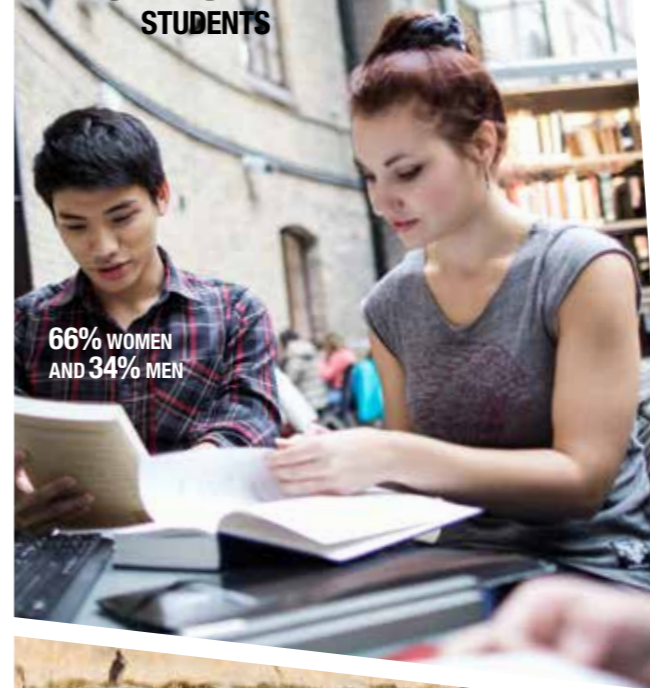
STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

There is a shortage of apartments and student housing in Gothenburg, particularly in the city centre. So start looking as soon as possible.

THE UNIVERSITY
DATES BACK TO
1891



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STUDENTS



66% WOMEN
AND 34% MEN

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NOBEL PRIZE

The Gothenburg researcher Arvid Carlsson was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2000 for his pioneering research on the signal substances of the brain.



8 FACULTIES

School of Business, Economics and Law

The School is accredited by EQUIS, AACSB and AMBA. The education is closely linked to first-rate research and features extensive collaboration with business and society. The school has a special focus on sustainability.

Faculty of Arts

Research and study of the humanities carried out across a wide range of subjects. In particular the Faculty is known for its linguistic studies, Contemporary Culture and Medieval studies.

IT Faculty

The Faculty is highly international in character, with the Applied Information Technology and Computer Science and Engineering departments carrying out about 50 courses in English.

Faculty of Fine, Applied and Performing Arts

Courses in Art, Design, Draft, Literature, Film, Photography, Music and Drama. The open structure offers unique opportunities for cooperation across genres and competences, and with organizations outside the University.

Faculty of Science

The Faculty is at the forefront of European Marine research and education, and the closeness to the sea makes for a particularly educational and stimulating study environment. Other internationally renowned research areas include experimental Physics, Biochemistry, Atmospheric science, Climate, Ecosystems, and Systematics and Biodiversity.

Sahlgrenska Academy

Research and studies within Health Sciences such as Pharmacology, Odontology and Biomedicine. Ranked among the top 50 in Medicine and the top three in Odontology in the world, the Faculty carries out world-class research at six different departments.

Faculty of Social Sciences

The Faculty has many of the University's most popular programmes. You can study Conflict Resolution, Gender, Behavioral Science, Environmental Politics and Corruption – things that are central to creating sustainable change in the world at large.

Faculty of Education

Research and studies in the field of learning and teaching among children, adolescents and adults. The Faculty also embraces fields affecting people in everyday life, such as Food, Nutrition and Sport.

SUSTAINABILITY

Interest in the environment, sustainability and nature is substantial in Gothenburg. This is one of the reasons University of Gothenburg is at the forefront of Marine research, for example.



GOTHENBURG

With a population of about 550,000, it is Sweden's second largest city, yet it has managed to retain much of its small-town charm. You may want to seek out the laidback atmosphere of one of its hundreds of cafés and pubs, or the buzz of the big music festivals like Way Out West or the annual Göteborg Film Festival. Gothenburg also features Scandinavia's largest Christmas market. And starting in mid-November the streets are lit up by thousands of tiny light bulbs, making it the perfect Christmas city.



PHOTO: ANDERS WESTER

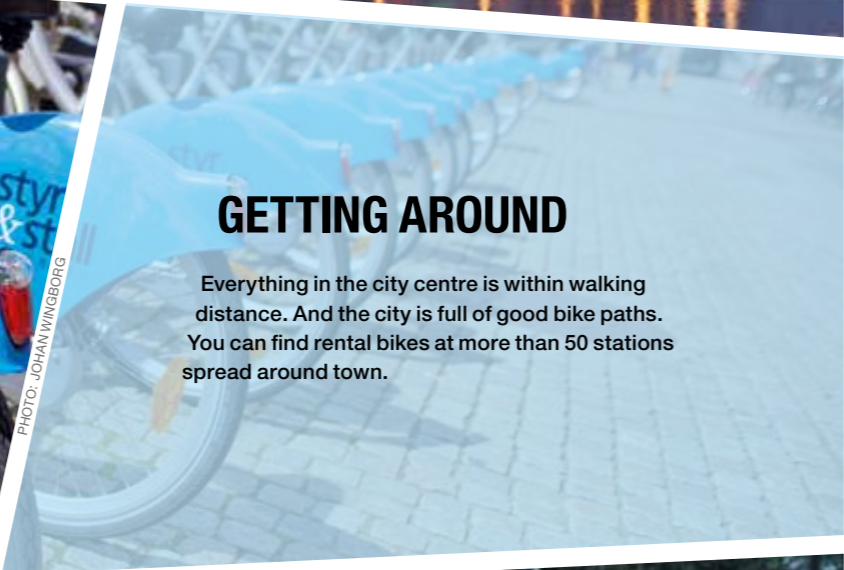


PHOTO: JOHAN WINGBORG

GETTING AROUND

Everything in the city centre is within walking distance. And the city is full of good bike paths. You can find rental bikes at more than 50 stations spread around town.



PHOTO: JOHAN WINGBORG

COFFEE ALL THE TIME

Beaten only by the Finnish, we drink the most coffee in the world. 3.2 cups per day to be precise. And it's quite strong as well.

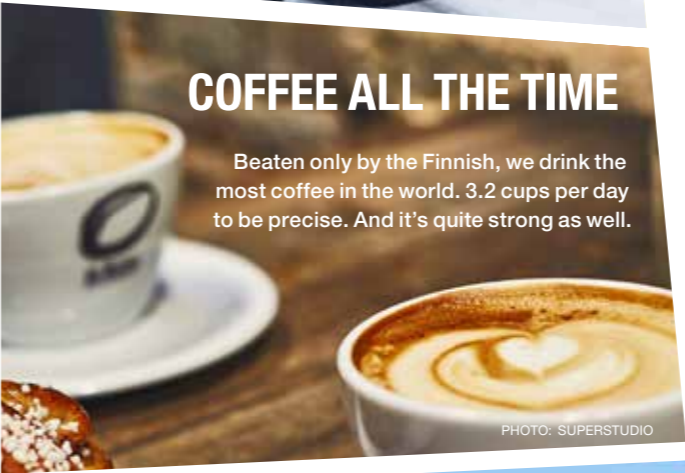


PHOTO: SUPERSTUDIO

POLAR BEARS IN THE STREETS

We have no polar bears walking in the streets. In fact, there are no wild polar bears in Sweden at all. However, we do have a sculpture of a polar bear by the sea in Gothenburg.



PHOTO: WESLEY OVERKLIFT

MYTHS ABOUT SWEDEN

SALTY SWEETS

Yes, we love salty liquorice, but people from other countries tend to find the taste unpleasant. Try it yourself – we dare you!

DANCING LIKE FROGS

Yes, but in our defence we have to say that it only happens once a year – on Midsummer's Eve, the longest day of the year. It's traditional to decorate a pole with leaves and dance around it. Why don't you join us?

WE LOVE MEETINGS

Yes it's true, and sometimes we even have meetings to plan meetings. All these meetings may seem inefficient to the outsider, but they are part of Sweden's consensus culture where everyone is welcome to give their opinion.

IT'S COLD AND DARK

Yes, the winters are a bit long. However, we enjoy it when the snow falls and turns the landscape into a magical white world, and up north you can see the northern lights. When the first day of spring comes around you can see Swedes all over Gothenburg taking a "fika" outside at a café, wrapped in blankets. And the summers can be glorious when the temperature rises to over 20°C. The nights are long and bright, and up north you can even see the midnight sun.

WE EAT FERMENTED HERRING

Well, some people up in the north actually do, even though it's one of the smelliest foods in the world. So, think twice if you ever get invited to eat surströmming.

WEST COAST

The archipelago of Gothenburg stretches along the coast like a string of pearls. You don't have to travel far from the city to find charming villages, stunning nature and beaches.



PHOTO: WESLEY OVERKLIFT



USEFUL SWEDISH PHRASES

Even if almost everyone in Sweden speaks English, a little Swedish is good to know. This is why all international students are offered Swedish language courses.

Hej	Hello
Talar du engelska?	Do you speak English?
Hur mår du?	How are you? (neutral)
Hej då	Bye-bye
God morgon	Good morning
Godnatt	Good night
Varsågod	Here you are
Ursäkta mig	Excuse me
Förlåt!	I'm sorry
Jag gillar dig	I like you
Jag älskar dig	I love you
Jag hatar dig	I hate you
Smör	Butter
Ost	Cheese
Bröd	Bread
Vatten	Water
Kaffe	Coffee
Te	Tea
Fika	Coffee/tea break
Påfyll	A refill of coffee (often included)
Lagom	Just right (not too little, not too much)
Nja	No and yes

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Degrees/courses

You can apply for a full Degree Programme or combine individual courses. We have over 60 international Master’s Programmes and four Bachelor’s Programmes, and about 300 courses taught in English. The programmes start in the autumn semester, while some of our courses might also start in the spring semester. You apply online for all our degrees and courses, via universityadmissions.se.

Exchange studies

If you are a student at one of our partner universities, you can apply for an exchange semester via your home university.

PhD

Third-cycle education is offered by all faculties at the University of Gothenburg. A doctoral degree is worth 240 credits. Available PhD positions are posted on the University’s website and you apply online.

COURSES AND PROGRAMMES

Studies are offered within the following fields of interest. Note that:

- courses are offered on both Bachelor and Master level
 - some of them might be open only for exchange students
 - the offering varies depending on semester (autumn/spring).
- See website for latest and detailed info and how to apply.

1. Medicine, Odontology and Health
2. Natural Sciences
3. Culture, Religion and History
4. Fine Art, Design and Crafts
5. Languages
6. Social Sciences
7. Music, Drama, and Photography
8. Business, Economics and Law
9. Educational Science
10. Teacher Education
11. Information Technology

APPLICATION AND TUITION FEES

Application and tuition fees apply to students studying at Bachelor’s or Master’s level, and are not citizens of an EU/Nordic country, the UK or Switzerland. Exchange students don’t pay tuition to the University of Gothenburg.

studyinsweden.se/plan-your-studies

SCHOLARSHIPS

A mix of students from different cultures enriches the learning environment, and we think that motivated students should have a chance to study here even if they do not have the means to cover all costs. On our website you will find a list of scholarships.

gu.se/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Degree studies

Most programmes have the following deadlines, however, some courses and programmes might differ. Please read the description of the programme carefully.

- **January 15th/April 15th** for start in the autumn semester. *
 - **October 15th** for start in the spring semester.
- See website for more information.

Exchange studies

Please note that you have to be nominated by your home university before applying for exchange studies at the University of Gothenburg. Contact your International coordinator at your home university for more information.

- **May 15th** for start in autumn semester and academic year.
- **November 15th** for start in spring semester.

Please note that the Faculty of Fine Applied and Performing Arts have other deadlines, make sure to check the information on the web.

*All international students are encouraged to apply to the admission round with deadline January 15th. This round takes place many months before the start of a semester and gives students the time they need to pay their tuition fees, apply for and receive their residence permit (if required), find housing, etc. However, the second admission round with deadline April 15th is an alternative for students from EU/EEA countries as they do not need a residence permit. Non-EU/EEA students will most likely not have enough time to obtain their permit before the start of the semester. (EEA= Nordic countries, the UK, Switzerland and Liechtenstein)



UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG – IN THE HEART OF SCANDINAVIA

Gothenburg is strategically located right between the three Scandinavian capitals of Stockholm, Copenhagen and Oslo. Its airport offer non-stop flights to many European cities.

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