

Why Sweden?

Linnaeus University's two main campuses, Kalmar and Växjö, are located in the Swedish region of Småland: the birthplace of IKEA, world-leading glass design, and the king of the forest—the elk. Sometimes called “Darkest Småland” because of the enormous amount of forest, the area offers students a great opportunity to experience virtually untouched nature. Under Sweden's Right of Common Access, everyone (including international guests) enjoys the right to hike and move through the land, to pick their own berries and mushrooms, and much more. Students who stay in Växjö will have the pleasure of residing in “the Greenest City of Europe,” known for its focus on environmentally sound solutions and the number of environmental programs implemented. The people of Småland have a reputation for being extremely entrepreneurial



♦ Eligibility

This program is open to undergraduate students who have completed 12 or more semester hours and have a 2.5 GPA or higher. Programs and courses are open to qualified students nominated by their home university as exchange students. All exchange students are to be coordinated through

♦ Travel Requirements

A passport valid for at least 180 days beyond the last day of the program is required. In addition, students must be granted a residence permit before entering Sweden. A tourist visa is not sufficient as it is only valid for 3 months. It is vital to purchase private health insurance before leaving the United States, as Swedish insurance offices are unable to offer health insurance to foreign citizens. Those who intend to work must



Contact Information

More information about the program can be obtained from the Center for International Education & Global Engagement behind 172 W. Main Street in the Carriage House, at (614) 823- 3263 or CIEGE@otterbein.edu.
<http://otterbein.abroadoffice.net>

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ARE YOU READY?

- Available fall, spring, or full academic year
- Eligible for transfer credit
- On-campus accommodation
- No language requirement



♦ Study at Linnaeus University

When Växjö University and the University of Kalmar merged to form Linnaeus University, the goal was to improve quality, enhance the appeal of the school, and boost the development potential of teaching and research, all while playing a prominent role in the local community. With 31,000 students and over 100 different subjects to choose from, Linnaeus is a modern international university with an emphasis on the desire for knowledge, creative thinking, and practical innovations. Student-teacher relations in Sweden are very informal compared to their American counterpart. Teachers will expect students to call them by their first name, and students and teachers consider each other as equals. Classes will often consist of discussions around chosen topics rather than teacher-centered lectures. University work largely involves independent study.



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When Will You Go?

Term	Deadlines	Program Dates
Fall Semester	Early May	Late August to mid-January
Spring Semester	Early October	Mid-January to early June

♦ Housing and Meals

Student rooms and apartments of various sizes are spread out around the city and are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. On request from both Swedish and international students, Linnaeus strives to mix students as much as possible. This means nationality, gender, and age are taken into consideration when distributing rooms. Students can eat at one of the University's four restaurants, all of which serve lunches, light meals, and snacks.

♦ Services

Almost all students are paired with a Swedish student mentor who can assist participants with adjusting to the academic system and explain the Swedish way of life. Other program services include pick-up service on arrival, on-site orientation, computer labs, internet connection, key card, photocopying, library access, student counselors, health services, and spiritual guidance.



Term	Tuition & Fees	Housing**
Fall Semester	Otterbein Tuition	SEK 22,000
Spring Semester	Otterbein Tuition	SEK 22,000

*These prices are estimate and subject to change. Program fees and housing are paid for by students directly to the program. Meals are not included. All students are required to purchase health insurance. Students are responsible for all other expenses such as airfare, transportation, visa fees, books, and personal allowance

**Housing prices are listed in Swedish Krona. To convert prices, please use a currency converter such as the one found at www.oanda.com/converter/classic

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♦ Academics

At Swedish universities, students usually study only one or two courses intensively at a time, followed by an exam for each course. All exchange students are required to be full-time students during their stay at Linnaeus. This can be achieved by signing up for either one full semester, 30-hour course, or combining several freestanding courses. Students receive 12 to 18 credits per semester of study. All transfer courses within the student's major must be pre-approved by a department chair. Elective credits may be approved by CIEGE. Students must receive a "C" or better for courses to transfer.

♦ Excursions and Activities

There are plenty of events at each campus, including films, concerts, debates, parties, and festivals, some of which last up to four days and nights. The student union also organizes many events and cultural activities, while other student organizations provide activities of their own. Traveling outside of the university is strongly encouraged. Both Kalmar and Växjö have centrally located train stations with connections to all major Swedish cities. For shorter trips, local bus services are available.