# Information for Students on Exchange

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| B. Country | Sweden |

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<td>i) Course Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</td>
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| ii) Academic Calendar | **Semester 1:** August/September to January  
**Semester 2:** January to June  
[https://www.gu.se/en/study-in-gothenburg/when-you-are-here/academic-calendar](https://www.gu.se/en/study-in-gothenburg/when-you-are-here/academic-calendar) |
| iv) Examination | Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the host university. |
| v) Curriculum Structure | In order to obtain a residence permit, you must study full-time. Full-time studies correspond to 30 Higher Educational Credits (hec) per term. Courses usually consist of 7.5 credits, 15 credits, or 30 credits each. 1.5 hec corresponds to one week’s studies (40 hours). Requirements for exchange students: Minimum 22.5 credits – Maximum 37.5 credits/semester. Swedish higher education institutions have a degree structure that conforms to the Bologna Process, a European-wide standardisation initiative for higher education. For more course information, please refer to: [https://www.gu.se/en/study-in-gothenburg/exchange-student/courses?hits=20](https://www.gu.se/en/study-in-gothenburg/exchange-student/courses?hits=20) |
**STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)**

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<td>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</td>
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| viii) Faculties & Schools Accepting Exchange Students | Science  
- Arts  
- IT- Faculty  
- Social Sciences  
- Business, Economics and Law (one seat in Law is reserved)  
- Fine arts, applied and performing arts  
- Education  
- Pharmacy |
| ix) Course restrictions and pre-requisites | As an exchange student at the University of Gothenburg you may choose from a wide range of courses. There are more than 300 courses in English in various academic areas. These courses are open also for exchange students.  

**The School of Business, Economics and Law**  
These are open – according to the exchange agreement one seat is reserved for law students. |

**D. Application**

| i) Procedures | Students can apply for SEP one year in advance through their home faculty in NUS. Please look out for your faculty’s announcement regarding the application period.  

Once you have been selected by your home faculty for SEP, your faculty will contact you and provide information regarding application with your host university. Please prepare the necessary documents before the start of the application period at your host university. |
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| ii) Deadlines | All NUS students must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.

Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange. |

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**E. Accommodations**

| i) University Accommodation | Applying for our services
Students should apply for housing after they have submitted their online application. Students will receive a unique housing application code once submitted their online application.

Deadline for housing application is the same as the online application. No late applications will be accepted. Apply as soon as possible as there is a great demand for housing. You do not have to be academically accepted before you apply online for non-academic services.


The rooms and flats that we rent out are provided by [SGS Studentbostäder](https://www.gu.se/en/study-in-gothenburg/when-you-are-here/student-housing), the local student housing company. Reservations and payment are managed by the university or by the local student housing company.

**Accommodation and facilities**
Accommodation for exchange students is provided by the local student housing company, SGS Studentbostäder.

All rooms come with a private bathroom and basic furniture, such as a desk, a bookshelf, a bed, chairs and lamps. Pillows, sheets, towels, kitchen utensils, light bulbs etc. are not provided. The rent includes electricity, water, heating, internet access (you will have to bring your own computer and network cable) and laundry facilities. |

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**F. Visa**
| **Consular/Visa Regulation** | If you are a citizen of a non-EU/EEA country and are planning to stay for longer than three months, you need a residence permit before entering Sweden.  

Please apply for a residence permit online or at the Swedish embassy or consulate in your home country. The process of getting your residence permit **may take up to 12 weeks**, so be sure to apply as soon as you receive your letter of acceptance. It is important that you have your residence permit card with you when entering Sweden.  

To obtain a residence permit, you must:  
• Have a valid passport  
• be admitted to full-time studies (you must be admitted to full-time studies worth at least 30 Higher Educational Credits (HECs));  
• be able to support yourself financially for the planned study period;  
• have a comprehensive health insurance if you are admitted to studies for less than one year.  

For more information about visa, please refer to:  
https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Studying-in-Sweden/Higher-education/Residence-permit-for-studies-in-higher-education/  

*From 1 November 2022, applicants for a permit to study or conduct research in Sweden must personally show their passport before the Swedish Migration Agency can make a decision. Please visit https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Studying-in-Sweden/Nyhetsarkiv/2022-10-10-The-Swedish-Migration-Agency-is-introducing-new-rules-for-better-passport-check.html for more information.*  

For further visa or residence permit assistance, please contact the **Swedish Migration Agency**. |

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**G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance**
### Health/Medical Insurance

All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to [https://nus.edu.sg/uhc/general-health/billing-insurance/insurance-matters#student](https://nus.edu.sg/uhc/general-health/billing-insurance/insurance-matters#student)

For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to ‘Insurance Cover for Official NUS Trips’ here: [https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/](https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/)

Exchange students in University of Gothenburg are covered by the Student IN insurance. This insurance covers:

- Emergency medical care in case of illness or accident.
- Emergency dental care (pain and infection relief, provisional filling of cavities and ensuring a functional biting area).
- Disability and death benefits.
- Home transport in case of serious illness, extensive personal injury or death.
- Property damage or loss (only in Sweden), i.e. compensation is paid for any damage to, or loss of, personal property up to SEK 20 000. The insurance deductible* for property claims is SEK 1 500.
- Liability and legal expenses.

For a complete overview of what Student IN covers, including limitations, please visit [Kammarkollegiet’s website](https://www.kammarkollegiet.se/en/).

Student IN applies:

- 24 hours a day during your study period in Sweden as well as two weeks prior to the start and two weeks after the end of that study period.
- During direct travel between the home country and Sweden.
- During the summer, provided that your studies in Sweden continue after the summer.
- In the Schengen region, provided that you hold a Schengen visa issued by a Swedish mission abroad.

Please note that this insurance does not apply if you are entitled to compensation from another insurance policy. For instance, Student IN does not apply:

- For an accident that is covered by personal injury insurance.
- For students covered by the EHIC.

Please review the insurance coverage to ensure that they meet your needs. Students can purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.
ii) Emergency Number at host university: +46 31-786 1755

H. Cost of Living

i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

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<th>Breakdown of Costs</th>
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<td>Accommodation</td>
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<td>SEK 3,000 – SEK 4,000</td>
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<td>Transport</td>
<td>SEK 610</td>
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<td>Telephone / Internet</td>
<td>SEK 300</td>
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<td>Others (Entertainment, clothes etc.)</td>
<td>SEK 2,000</td>
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<td>Monthly Estimate</td>
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For more details, please refer to: https://www.gu.se/en/about-the-university/welcome-services/cost-of-living

I. Useful reference

Guide for Exchange Students

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Note: All information is subjected to change.