



# UPPSALA UNIVERSITET

## DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS STUDIES

In 1741 Anders Berch became the first economics professor at Uppsala University, making him the fourth scholar ever appointed as professor in economics in the world.

The Department of Business Studies has about 45 international partners with about 180 incoming and outgoing exchange students each year. Business exchange students must take half their courses at the Department of Business Studies, but may choose the other half in other departments.

Today about 3000 business students study at six departments, which form the core of Uppsala's business and economics program: the Departments of Business Studies, Economics, Economic History, Statistics, Informatics and Media, and Social and Economic Geography.

## THE UNIVERSITY

Next time you look at a thermometer think of Uppsala University. Anders Celsius, namesake for the Celsius temperature scale, was professor here from 1730-1744. Founded in 1477, Uppsala University is the oldest university in Scandinavia, and one of the oldest in Europe. Ranked #1 in Sweden and within the top 100 in the world, and with 6 Nobel prizes, the university holds a prominent place in academia. In December every year the new Nobel Laureates visit the university to give lectures.

The University has approximately 40,000 students (2500 at the doctoral level) and some 6,500 employees in 9 faculties. About 130 degree programs are offered as well as about 2100 single-subject courses annually.

## UPPSALA – a vibrant student town

Uppsala lies 70 km (45 miles) north of Stockholm, about 40 minutes by train – 20 minutes by train to the airport. It is a classic university town with about 200,000 residents. Vikings left their mark in Old Uppsala, which was the focal point of the Swedish Kingdom. The business sector thrives in Uppsala due in part to the proximity of the university. The students enjoy the thriving coffee culture with its Swedish Fika!

### SEMESTER DATES

(approximately)

Autumn semester: Sept 1 - Jan 18  
Spring semester: Jan 19 - June 7

### ORIENTATION

Each semester there is an orientation programme for new exchange students prior to the start of term.

### FULL COURSE LOAD

Full-time studies comprise 60 ECTS credits per academic year (30 credits per semester). The number of teaching hours per week varies considerably between different courses, but all courses require full-time study equivalent to their credit value. A fulltime course load is equivalent to 40 hours per week.

### ENGLISH REQUIREMENT

We do not require any tests proving level of English language but nominated students are required to have sufficient knowledge of English in order to attend the classes.

Necessary level (EU standard): B2.





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## LANGUAGE

Almost all Swedes speak English. Children learn it in Elementary school, well over half of TV programming is in English, and they never dub movies. In fact, many European exchange students come to Sweden to improve their English. In the Department of Business Studies all courses above 2nd year are taught in English. For those who want, Swedish language courses can be taken in addition to the regular academic program.

## ACCOMMODATION & LIVING

The Department of Business Studies provides exchange students with information to apply for accommodation. Although student housing is not guaranteed most exchange students normally obtain student housing.

Many students buy bicycles, and there is an extensive bus network. The biggest danger is falling off your bicycle on the way home at night!

## NATIONS

It is true that here in Uppsala we are often reminded of old student traditions. However, it is also true that new traditions are created all the time by the 33 000 students who have decided to become part of the nations.

The nations are the social nerve of the student-community with accommodation, scholarships, restaurants, clubs, culture, pubs, associations, sports and a lot more – they are run by students for students at very reasonable prices because they are tax exempt.

The students of Uppsala know that there is much more to Uppsala than lecture halls, and exams. They know that there is also something very special about Uppsala's nations.

For more information;  
<http://fek.uu.se/student-en/incoming-exchange-students/>

### GRADING SYSTEM

Exchange students are graded on the ECTS scale.

Excellent	A
Very Good	B
Good	C
Satisfactory	D
Sufficient	E
Fail	F

### ACADEMIC PREREQUISITES

for Business Studies

2<sup>nd</sup> year courses **15 ECTS**

3<sup>rd</sup> year courses **45 ECTS**

Master courses **60 ECTS but 90**

**ECTS** credits **strongly**  
recommended

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