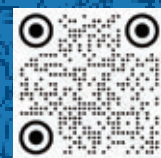


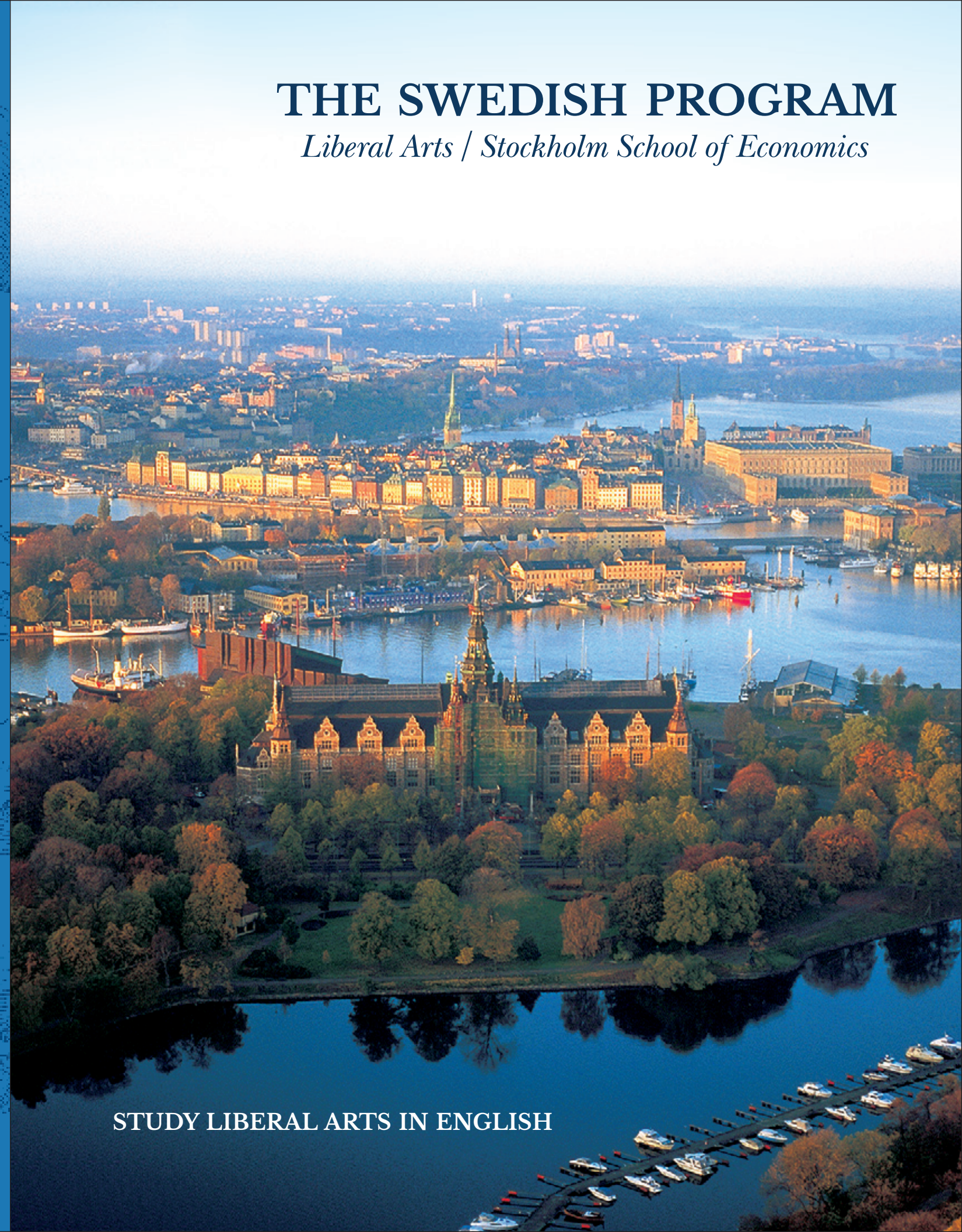


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THE POSSIBILITIES**



THE SWEDISH PROGRAM

Liberal Arts / Stockholm School of Economics



STUDY LIBERAL ARTS IN ENGLISH

The Swedish Program is built for those who crave an enriching study abroad experience: both academically and culturally.



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Welcome to The Swedish Program!

Why Choose The Swedish Program?

The Swedish Program is sponsored by a consortium of American colleges and universities and affiliated with the Stockholm School of Economics (SSE), one of the most prestigious universities in Europe. We offer a full range of liberal arts courses taught in English. Our classes are small so Swedish Program students get to know their professors and peers. At the same time, students have access to SSE facilities and the local student community of clubs, social events, and professional opportunities. There are limitless possibilities for academic and cultural integration.

As a small program within an international university, we bring you the best of both worlds.

“Having spent the year with the Swedish program, I can confidently say that the program is the perfect opportunity to explore Swedish culture, take classes at a world renowned university, and make lifelong friends. I’ll always be thankful for my experience at The Swedish Program!”

—Emma Reilly, Hamilton College '24



Our Mission

The Swedish Program is committed to challenging students intellectually and culturally. We aim to teach the values of global citizenship to help prepare students to address the political, economic, social, environmental, and public health issues of the 21st century. This mission is supported by the distinctive features of the program, including our curricular breadth across the liberal arts, high academic standards, integrated university setting, and small size.

Our Philosophy

We believe that a successful study abroad experience involves pushing yourself to discover different ways of thinking and living. Integrating within your new host country is not an easy task—especially in a four-month academic semester—so we work hard to create opportunities to meet Swedes and experience Swedish culture. We hope you'll join us for this unique intellectual and personal challenge.

Stockholm City Hall,
home of the Nobel
Prize Banquet



“I will remember my semester abroad with the Swedish Program for the rest of my life. Studying at an international university in an immersive environment extraordinarily different from home provided me with the opportunity to grow as a student, to gather new perspectives about the world, and to develop my sense of independence in ways that I never could have imagined.”

—Jack Lawrence, Bates College '24

The Courses

Students enroll in four courses per semester worth four credits each.

Fall Semester

Economics:

Environmental Economics
The Economics of European Integration
Data Analytics
Finance II**

Public Policy, Sociology, and Political Science:

Comparative Public Policy: The Swedish Model
in the 21st Century*
Nationalism and Populism: An International Perspective
Sociology of Food in Sweden
Sustainability Challenges: Business in Society**
The Social Spaces of Injustice

Psychology:

The Social Psychology of Health and Well-Being*
The Psychology of Work*

Humanities:

The History of Modern Scandinavian Art and Architecture*
Swedish Crime Fiction
Swedish Language (1, 2, or Advanced)

For full course descriptions and syllabi, please access our website here:

www.swedishprogram.org/courses

* These Swedish Program courses are open to SSE students, enabling you to share the classroom with Swedish and international students.

** These are Direct Enrollment courses at SSE.

Independent Studies

Independent studies can be arranged only for full year students in their spring semester. All independent studies must be approved by the relevant department chairperson at your own institution and by our Executive Director prior to arrival in Stockholm. The approval process involves completing an independent study proposal form. Examples of independent study topics include econometrics, statistics, mathematics, philosophy, and environmental studies.

Academics in Focus

Faculty

Our faculty are either instructors at local universities or research associates at local research institutes. All faculty members are either Swedish citizens or residents.

Language

Courses are taught in English and do not require any prior background in the Swedish language. While we do not require students to take a Swedish language course while on the Program, we do strongly recommend it. Studying Swedish while living in Stockholm will help students to better understand their everyday cultural experiences. Our introductory Swedish language course focuses on practical conversational skills necessary to understand everyday life, from food to every aspect of popular culture. Advanced instruction is available for students with prior knowledge of Swedish.

Academic Standards

The Swedish Program's high academic standards are in accordance with the traditions established by all participating American colleges and universities. We believe that a commitment to learning in the classroom leads to a more rewarding intercultural experience. The more our students learn about Sweden—its language, history, politics, and culture—the more likely they will be to assimilate culturally.

Our students are challenged to develop an interdisciplinary and critical understanding of how Sweden addresses modern issues relevant to all advanced societies. We aim to promote a comprehensive view of the country's achievements—including its impressive history of innovative responses to issues such as

financial downturns, environmental protection, immigration, health-care, education, and gender equality—as well as its contemporary problems. Sweden's appeal extends beyond its social and political institutions to its rich traditions in the arts, humanities, and science.

Study Visits

Each semester our instructors organize study visits to political organizations, research institutes, corporations, and museums. These visits, which complement classroom instruction, promote active learning through direct observation and discussion with Swedish professionals. Study visits vary from semester to semester. Past visits have included the Swedish Parliament, local companies, Stockholm Public Schools, and the many art museums in Stockholm.

Credits and Transcripts

The Swedish Program will issue a Statement of Grades for each student, specifying the grade for each course and four semester hours of credit for the completion of each course. Colby College is the School of Record for The Swedish Program. Most schools accept our Statement of Grades. Upon request, Colby will issue an official transcript specifying the grade for each course and four semester hours of credit for the successful completion of each course. There is a charge of \$150.00 for the issuance of a transcript.

Academic and Cultural Integration at SSE

Your Competitive Advantage: Stockholm School of Economics

You worked hard to gain admission at a great college or university, and choosing a study abroad program with international prestige can also boost your chances of success after graduation. The Swedish Program's affiliation with the Stockholm School of Economics (SSE), one of Europe's most highly recognized universities, will make you stand out when you become a candidate for graduate studies or when you begin your job search. A Swedish Program alum recently reported that the first question at her first job interview was, "What was it like to study at SSE?"

SSE is a small and selective institution enrolling approximately 1,800 students in various undergraduate and graduate programs. The most well-known international corporations, investment and consulting firms, and non-profit organizations visit SSE every semester to recruit students, so you'll have ample opportunity to build your professional network while you're abroad.



Opportunities for integration are embedded throughout every aspect of our program, from academics to student life to housing.

While SSE sits on an urban campus, students take advantage of the surrounding green space.

Direct Enrollment Courses

In addition to the Swedish Program's own liberal arts courses, students can enroll directly in select courses at SSE. Direct enrollment courses allow you to share the classroom with Swedish and international students and experience the Swedish academic system firsthand. SSE students can also enroll in a growing number of Swedish Program courses.

The Student Association at SSE

The Student Association at SSE is one of the most active of its kind in Europe and offers daily opportunities for social integration. Swedish Program students are full members with access to the variety of social, academic, sporting, and professional events arranged by the Student Association at SSE. This provides you with the opportunity to connect with the campus community and make friends with local students—an important part of your study abroad experience. Read more on page 12.

“The Swedish Program gave me opportunities to go places I never imagined, and I grew so much during my short time there. I couldn’t imagine a better abroad experience in one of the greatest cities ever, the friends and memories I made there will last me a lifetime.”

—Tristan Wolford, University of Pennsylvania '24



Student Life

Whatever your interest, you can pursue it at The Swedish Program! Getting involved in a local activity is one of the best ways to make friends, get comfortable in your new environment, and learn more about the culture.

The Student Association at SSE

The Student Association at SSE (SASSE) offers 5–15 events each week across an array of interests, including athletic teams, art and culture groups, lectures, career fairs, student banquets, group trips, and more. You even have the chance to enter a student lottery to win a spot at the lavish Nobel Prize banquet each December! Whether you're joining a drop-in basketball practice, singing in the student choir, or networking at a recruitment event, you'll get a warm welcome at SASSE.

Swedish Program Activities

We organize activities for students that most tourists miss—like watching a performance at the Royal Swedish Opera and cheering from the stands of a local soccer match. Our staff also regularly share recommendations for restaurants, cafés, landmarks, and activities to help you make the most of your time in Stockholm.



Contact Families

You can request to be matched with a local Contact Family to meet socially for cultural exchange. By spending time together, you'll learn about day-to-day family life in Sweden and gain deeper insight into the culture. Popular activities include family dinners, going for a walk or hike, or meeting for Swedish fika.



Your Well-Being Is Our Top Priority

Join a small cohort of 45–47 students, integrated into the vibrant Stockholm School of Economics community of 1,800 Swedish and international students. Our small size is not just a feature, it's a unique advantage that centers your well-being as our top priority. We are committed to creating a supportive, healthy, and enriching environment and this ethos is woven into every aspect of our Program. You will be supported in many ways. Here are just a few examples of what you can expect:

- **an orientation week** designed to help you acclimate to life in Stockholm and navigate the process of cultural adjustment;
- **one-on-one meetings** with staff to address concerns, collect feedback, and help you reach your personal and academic goals;
- **easy access to our affiliated healthcare providers**, including medical care and counseling services;
- **membership to a local gym** with locations throughout the city;

“The Swedish Program is by far the best abroad program out there. Everyone cared so much about how I was doing. They provided all the information necessary to not only survive in a new country but also to thrive and take advantage of my semester in every possible way. From fikas at school to operas and football games, they truly gave me the most incredible semester abroad, and I can't recommend this program and this city enough!

—Ivy Haight, Amherst College '25

- **fikas (coffee breaks) organized throughout the semester**, allowing you to depart from your routine, sample traditional Swedish pastries, and connect with fellow students and Program staff;

Top Five Reasons To Apply



Watch our 'Top Five Reasons to Apply' video here!

According to former students

- 1 The Best of Both Worlds**
A small program at an internationally-acclaimed university.
- 2 Interesting Courses**
A wide variety of liberal arts courses taught in English.
- 3 Cultural Integration**
Unique opportunities to live and study like a local.
- 4 Stockholm**
A progressive and culturally diverse city known for innovation.
- 5 Unique Cultural Excursions**
Optional trips to the Island of Gotland and Arctic Circle, plus a two-week break.



Internships

Local internships give students an opportunity to better understand Swedish professional culture while building their networks and resumes. We offer seven excellent internship opportunities every semester, as well as additional internships when available. Students can submit their internship request upon registration. Such requests should include your resume and a brief statement of interest for the desired internship. Internships are unpaid and not for credit.

American Chamber of Commerce in Sweden (AmCham) (10 hours per week)



This internship gives you exposure to a great variety of tasks and responsibilities within communications and policy in a dynamic and international workplace. The internship also provides outstanding networking opportunities. This placement is open to one student per semester.

The Center for Data Analytics at SSE (4-8 hours per week)



This internship gives students firsthand experience with techniques for the analysis of environmental, economic, and financial data. This placement is open to one student per semester.

Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN) (3-6 hours per week)



This internship gives students the opportunity to assist with research at the prestigious Research Institute of

Industrial Economics. Students applying for this internship are required to enroll in The Economics of European Integration course. This placement is open to two students per semester.

Norra Real Gymnasium (Public High School) (4-8 hours per week)



This internship places students at Norra Real Gymnasium, a beautiful public high school a few blocks from SSE. Students

learn about the public education system firsthand by assisting instructors and interacting with local high school students. This placement is open to six students per semester.

Digital Editor at The Swedish Program (2-4 hours per week)



As a Digital Editor at The Swedish Program, students

create written, photo, and video content for our blog and social media profiles. This position is best suited to a creative student with an interest in marketing and design/visual arts. This placement is open to two students per semester.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (IVA) (8-12 hours per week)



Join the International Affairs team at the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, which aims to advance Sweden's internationalization and competitiveness within science, technology, and innovation. This placement is open to one student per semester.

SS&C Advent (10-15 hours per week)



This dynamic internship is designed to expose you to a broad range of responsibilities and skills, providing a comprehensive understanding of our business operations. You will gain hands-on experience across multiple departments including Training, Office Administration, Sales, and Marketing. This placement is open to two students per semester.

Our internship opportunities often change and expand. Please check out the latest on our internships at www.swedishprogram.org/internships

Housing: Live Like a Local

We see housing as an important opportunity for cultural integration. That's why we offer students the choice of two immersive housing options: fully furnished single studio apartments or carefully selected host families.

Studio Apartments

Your new home will be a single studio apartment in a newly-built apartment complex. The apartment complex is located in a residential suburban neighborhood called Sundby. You'll have a door-to-door commute of approximately 35-45 minutes to SSE with public transit, which is a typical commute for Stockholmers.

Your studio will be located in the same apartment complex as your fellow Swedish Program students, international students from SSE, as well as with Swedish and international students from other universities in Stockholm. This means you always have your own personal space, but it's easy and convenient to connect with your Program cohort and meet other students studying in Stockholm.

Host Families

Highly motivated students who are committed to cultural immersion may request to be placed with a local host family. Living with a host family has the potential to be a very rewarding experience for students who have a strong interest in learning the language and who would look forward to spending time with their family on weekends. Host families give students the opportunity for daily immersion in Swedish family life, and most Swedish Program students who have lived with a family describe it as the best part of their time abroad.

In order to participate, both host students and host families must be motivated by their interest in a rewarding inter-cultural experience.

Students are treated as family members, not as boarders, and we expect both students and families to make an active commitment to open communication, flexibility, and cultural sensitivity. The number of host students varies from semester to semester, but typically, less than ten percent of Swedish Program students choose a host family.

Students who elect to live with a host family will have their own furnished bedroom. Host families may live up to 70 minutes from SSE by public transportation (under normal weather conditions), but the average commute for a host student is 40-50 minutes.



See our studio apartments!



A typical kitchen in the studio apartments; Marina Stam, Bowdoin College, with her host family



Life In Stockholm



Stockholm—The Hidden Gem of Europe

Stockholm is simply beautiful. Built across 14 islands, Stockholm is the capital of Sweden and the fastest growing city in Europe. From the charming cobblestoned streets of “Old Town” to the city’s modern business districts, Stockholm manages to temper the pulse of a large urban city with the charm of a smaller community. The city planning reflects the Swedish love of nature and commitment to sustainable growth. A ten-minute walk through downtown Stockholm can take you from a crowded café to the shoreline of the Baltic Sea. Our premises at SSE are located in the heart of the city close to cafés, restaurants, museums, concert halls, shopping, and all forms of public transportation.

Discover why scholars and students come from around the world to study in Sweden.

“My days in Sweden were marked with nothing but joy, adventure, and fun. Whether I was participating in a Swedish Program-organized activity, making dinner with my friends, attending a sports event, or having fika (coffee) at one of my favorite cafés, each day was special and made me so happy. I loved every minute of my time there!”

—Lucy Costello Dustman, Scripps College '23





carringtonwalsh.harvardcollege WOW WOW WOW where did this semester go???? Biggest move I've made in my college career = studying abroad. I'm gonna MISS Stockholm so much. Now I just gotta find a Swedish cafe in Boston I guess?

Home to about 1.5 million people, Stockholm is not only an exciting place to live, but also a relatively safe and clean city. Crime rates are among the lowest in the world while the standard of living is among the highest. Public transportation is efficient, safe, and inexpensive. The weather is not as cold as most imagine: Stockholm has a relatively mild coastal climate and winter weather is less extreme than in Boston.

Both sophisticated and stylish, Stockholm attracts visitors from all over the world to sample its civility, hospitality, diversity, and quality of everyday life. Stockholm has more restaurants, museums, and parks per capita than any city in the world. Put simply, there is always something to do! Life is never boring with Stockholm's vibrant music scene, films and live theater in English, sporting

events like world class hockey and soccer matches, fun pubs and dance clubs, art festivals, food fairs, dance exhibitions, and more. Students who like outdoor activities will appreciate the endless opportunities for hiking day-trips and weekend ski trips, while history buffs can explore Stockholm's numerous museums and castles.

Swedish Culture

Productive and Progressive Sweden is a global leader in productivity while also championing work-life balance.

Commitment to Equality Economic equality and equal rights are highly valued. Sweden is a world leader in efforts to reduce the political impact of economic and social inequality, and at the forefront in promoting gender equality and LGBTQ+ rights.

Nature in Focus Sweden is a beautiful country with a strong emphasis on nature and sustainability. With 30% of Stockholm covered in green space and over 4,000 natural reserves across Sweden, you're never far from nature.

Two-Week Semester Break

There is a two-week break during the semester. Some students use this time to explore Europe and other parts of Sweden. Students can fly directly from Stockholm to many European cities in less than three hours, including Amsterdam, Berlin, Budapest, Copenhagen, Dublin, Edinburgh, London, Milan, Munich, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Rome, and Vienna!

"The Swedish Program gave me what most people will never have an opportunity to experience—structure within a new city, a new country, and a new home. This 'soft' crash into a new culture, history, and way of being is unparalleled by anything I have experienced. I will forever look back at my time in Sweden as one that shaped me, with the help of my own hands, into the person I am now."

—Colleen Doucette, Bowdoin College '24



Unique Cultural Excursions

Each semester we organize an overnight trip to the Stockholm Archipelago and an optional weekend trip to explore Sweden's rich culture, history, and geography beyond the capital city. More specific information regarding additional costs for these trips can be found here: www.swedishprogram.org/travel. The additional cost for both excursions includes transportation, accommodation, meals, and all Program-sponsored activities. Students who receive financial aid may request a fee waiver. Additional details will be provided upon acceptance to The Swedish Program.

The Stockholm Archipelago

We end our orientation week with a boat trip to the island of Sandhamn in the Stockholm Archipelago. The Archipelago is a collection of thousands of beautiful islands surrounding Stockholm's eastern coast in the Baltic Sea. This overnight trip gives students a chance to relax and get to know one another before classes begin. The cost of this trip is included in tuition.

Optional Fall Excursion: The Island of Gotland

Located about 56 miles east of mainland Sweden in the Baltic Sea, Gotland is one of the most unique and historically significant islands in the world. The first Stone Age settlers came to Gotland about 7,000 years ago and many traces of their dwellings can still be seen, including unique limestone picture stones covered with mythological scenes of ships and warriors. On this trip, we'll stay within the 13th-century walls of the city of Visby, a UNESCO world heritage site and arguably the best-preserved medieval city in Scandinavia. We'll explore the island with activities such as a tour of the Fornsalen Viking Museum, guided walks through medieval churches and burial grounds, a tour of local microbrewery Gotlands Bryggeri, a picnic among ancient stone formations, a visit to the cliffs and sandy beaches of the Gotland countryside, and more.

Optional Spring Excursion: The Arctic Circle

Sweden is the land of the midnight sun in the summer, but winter in the Arctic is breathtaking. The landscape is strikingly beautiful, from its sparkling frozen lakes to the snowy mountains where reindeer are herded by the indigenous Sámi people. During clear, cloudless nights, you might see the majestic Northern Lights streak across the sky. On this trip, we'll stay in a village in Swedish Lappland and enjoy activities such as dog sledding, snowshoeing, a visit to a traditional Sámi village, a tour of the world-famous Ice Hotel in Jukkasjärvi, and more.

The Archipelago

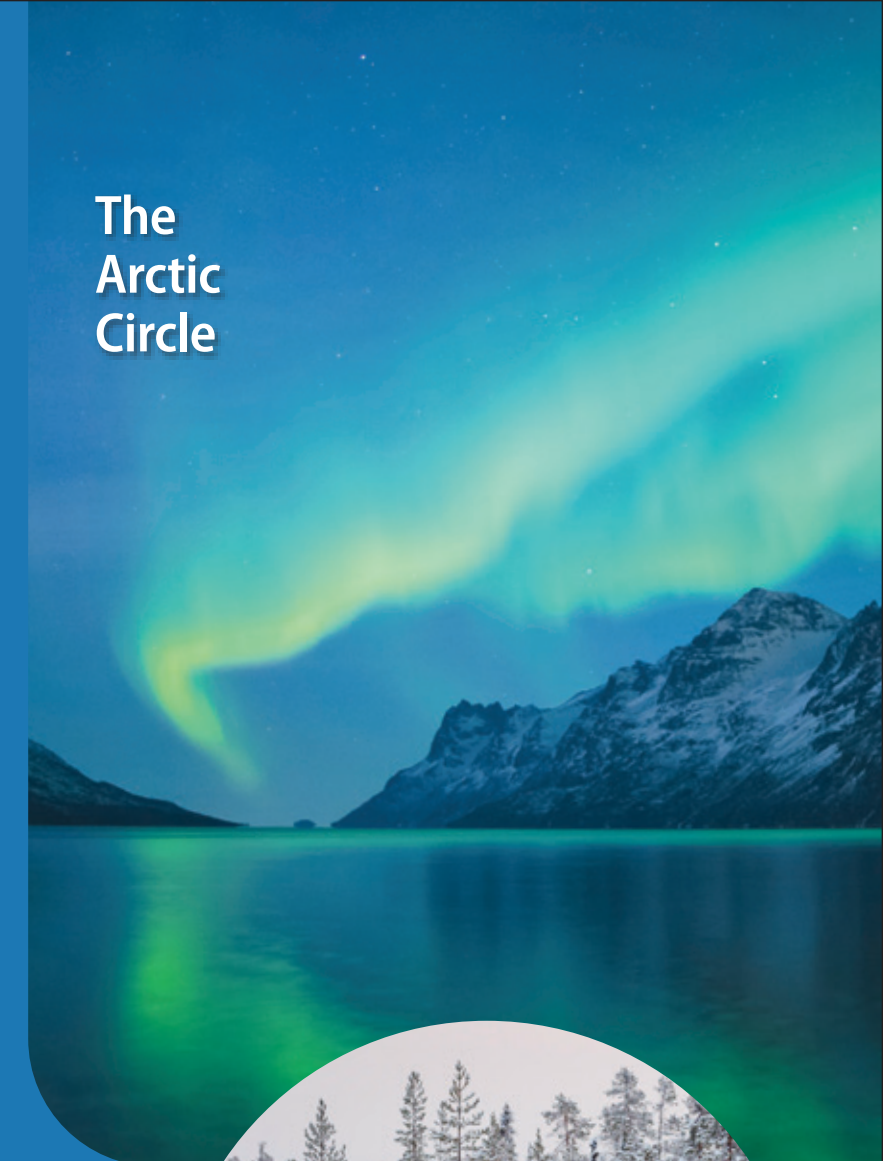


The Stockholm Archipelago extends from Stockholm roughly 40 miles east to the Baltic Sea. It consists of approximately 24,000 islands.



The Island Of Gotland

The Arctic Circle



Dog sledding is one of many student activities on our trip to the Arctic Circle.

Gotland is located approximately 120 miles south of Stockholm. Roughly the size of Rhode Island, it is the largest island in the Baltic Sea. The island's largest city, Visby (pictured left), is arguably the best-preserved medieval city in Scandinavia.

Admissions

Application Procedures

In order to keep class sizes small, enrollment will be limited to 45–47 students per semester. The Swedish Program is open to all undergraduates of accredited colleges and universities. The curriculum is designed for second-semester sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Students may apply for the full year or for one semester. We have a rolling admissions policy. Therefore, students are encouraged to apply early.

Application Deadlines

Academic Year and Fall Semester: March 15

Spring Semester: October 1

Program Fees

Current Tuition, Room, and Board fees are available on The Swedish Program's website. Please familiarize yourself with your home school's financial policies for study abroad. Students are responsible for arranging their own flight to and from Stockholm.

"I loved my semester in Stockholm for endless reasons. The memories I have with the people from my program are full of nothing but pure bliss: laughter, kindness, and a genuine love of life. Having this unique experience with such an incredible cohort of people was an irreplaceable experience."

—Molly Siegel, Brown University '23

Included in Tuition, Room, and Board

Arrival in Stockholm

- Pick up at the airport by Program staff
- Welcome Kit with resources and information to help you get settled in Stockholm
- Weeklong orientation period with fun activities and helpful information
- Overnight trip to an island in Stockholm's archipelago (a student favorite!)

Housing

- The choice of a fully furnished studio apartment (including kitchen supplies, bed linens, towels, and a hair dryer) and a monthly food subsidy, **OR** a private, furnished room in a carefully-selected host family home, food for all meals except weekday lunches, and a monthly food subsidy
- Free laundry facilities in your apartment or host family home
- Insurance for your belongings

Student Life

- Membership in the Student Association at SSE for access to social, academic, athletic, and professional clubs and events
- A public transportation pass that grants students unlimited access to Stockholm's public transportation network, which includes buses, trams, subways, local trains, and certain ferries.
- Group activities such as guided tours, sports events, the Royal Swedish Opera, guest speakers, and more
- Full-time Program Coordinator committed to enhancing student life
- The option to be matched with a Swedish contact family
- The option to apply for internships
- Student ID card for access to student discounts and events

Academics

- All course books and literature, plus free printing for course-related materials
- Study visits related to your courses
- Access to student spaces at SSE
- An official Statement of Grades issued to your home school after the term is complete
- Academic counseling and support

Health and Wellness

- Gym membership
- Health insurance tailored to students abroad
- Access to our partner physicians, psychologists, psychiatrist, and counselor
- Support and advice on campus from our Stockholm staff
- 24/7 emergency support



“The Swedish Program offered me everything I was looking for in a study abroad experience. I left with skills for my future life, lifelong friendships, and an overflowing love for Stockholm. The supportive community and incredible opportunities that the program offers made this a study abroad experience that I would recommend to everyone.”

—Audrey Bohlin, Davidson College '25

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