



## Department of Law - SULaw

Student Exchange Programme



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# Welcome to SULaw!



If you are reading this document, you are probably considering applying for an exchange semester/year here at the Department of Law at Stockholm University. Or maybe you have already applied and been nominated to us. Great choice! Stockholm ranks as no. 37 on the list of Best Student Cities in 2019 (QS)!

Stockholm University, in the capital of Sweden, is characterised by openness, innovation and collaboration, and is one of Europe's leading centres for higher education and research in humanities, the natural and social sciences, and law. Located in the heart of Sweden's only national urban park, the university is surrounded by natural beauty, only a few minutes journey from the city center.

**The Faculty of Law**, also called *Juridicum*, is the largest law school in Sweden with approximately 3500 students, and is ranked among the top 70 law schools in the world by the Times Higher Education ranking. We have an extensive student exchange programme and each academic year, we are pleased to welcome over 100 international students from partner universities all over the world! Exchange students are offered law courses taught in English on the advanced level of the Swedish Law Programme.

The Faculty of Law is one of the largest faculties at Stockholm University, and its Law Programme is the most attractive higher educational programme in Sweden. And yes, we're very proud of that and of our students!

## Course Information



The law courses available to exchange students are given on year 4 of the Swedish law programme. This programme of 4,5 years leading to the Swedish Master of Laws Degree (in Swedish: *Juristexamen*) is the standard law programme in Sweden and the degree is required for professions such as that of a judge, attorney at law and prosecutor.

On year 4 of the programme, students can choose from approximately 60 specialized courses. About 20-25 of these are given in English and open to both foreign exchange students and Swedish law students. Exchange students who are proficient in Swedish may also apply to attend the courses taught in Swedish.

Since our specialized courses are given on an advanced level, **exchange students must have completed at least 2 years (120 ECTS) of studies in law by the time they join us.** We do however recommend 2,5 year of fulltime studies in law prior to the exchange, to ensure optimal class dynamics with Swedish students.

Please note that the courses from our international LLM programmes are unfortunately not available to exchange students. Only specialized courses from the Law Programme are.

## Study Structure

The teaching method at SULaw is problem-based/socratic. Most foreign students will attend classes of about 30-35 students with no more than 6-8 class hours per week scheduled. Preparations before classes are therefore very important and students are expected to actively participate in class.

## Credits

Each academic year is divided into two semesters (see below). At the Faculty of Law, each semester is then divided into two periods of ca 10 weeks, period A and period B. The Swedish credit system is based on ECTS (or Higher Education Credits/HEC). A week of full-time studies represents app. 40 hours. A 10-week course is worth 15 ECTS. 30 ECTS per semester or 60 HEC/ECTS per academic year are considered full-time studies.

## Examination

Examinations are arranged throughout the year with no fixed examination periods. Each course ends with an examination of some sort (e.g. sit-in exam, home exam etc). The holiday break over Christmas depends on the course schedule.

## Transcripts of Records

Stockholm University being an environmentally conscious institution, hard copies of transcripts of records are not automatically issued anymore. Instead, exchange students are able to download an official transcript of their records after the completion of their studies through their university account. Partner institutions wishing to get hard copies have to request it at the Office of International Affairs.

## Swedish Language course

Different levels of Swedish language courses are offered for free by the Department of Swedish Language and Multilingualism to all incoming exchange students. More information about language courses is given during the Welcome Activities before the semester starts.

### Semester Dates

**Autumn Semester**  
late August - mid January

**Spring Semester**  
mid January - early June





## Application Information

### Nomination/Application

All exchange students must be officially nominated by their home university in order to be eligible for an exchange at SULaw. After the nomination is received, the students will be given access to the application. They will need to provide a transcript of their records in English. At a later stage, students will also make their course selection. SULaw assumes that students will only choose courses which their home university has pre-approved.

### Application Deadline

Autumn Semester: 10 May

Spring Semester: 10 October

### Language Requirements

Students whose mother tongue is not English are recommended to have at least a level of B2-C1 or equivalent to an overall IELTS score of 6.5/TOEFL score of 575 (paper-based/100 internet-based). **We do not need to see the test results.** Instead, our partners check this for us when nominating their students.

# General Information

## Visa

Students from outside the EU might need a resident permit and/or visa in order to study in Sweden. Students are invited to check this with the Swedish Migration Agency early enough before their exchange.

## Accommodation

Stockholm University rents and manages furnished rooms and apartments which are owned by other landlords in Stockholm. These are available to international students and exchange students from partner universities are prioritized. All admitted exchange students will receive information via email on how to apply for accommodation through the Housing Office. All questions regarding housing should therefore be addressed to Stockholm University's Housing Office: [housing@su.se](mailto:housing@su.se)

## Insurance

All international students studying in Sweden are covered by a state insurance 24 hours a day, free of charge.

### Welcome Activities

Every year, Stockholm University arranges Welcome activities for newly arrived exchange students. These Welcome activities usually take place the week before the semester starts, and are designed to introduce new students to university life in Sweden. Students will receive practical information on matters such as banking, health care, university accounts and will also be able to participate in all sorts of social activities. Everything for a smooth start!



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