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Semesters Available: Fall, Spring, or Academic Year
Students must be of junior status or higher
GPA Requirement: 2.75
Language of Instruction: Swedish is the official language, but English is widely spoken. Many courses are taught in English.
Academic Calendar:
Fall: 2 September 2013 – 19 January 2014
Spring: 20 January 2014 – 6 June 2014

The academic year consists of autumn and spring semester. The autumn-semester and the spring-semester are divided into periods. Each sub-period (1a, 1b etc.) contain 7.5 credits.

Through an agreement between The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) in Sweden and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Cornell University, CALS undergraduate students may apply to enroll directly at SLU for a semester or a year. SLU’s main campuses are located at Alnarp, Skara, Uppsala, and Umeå. Our exchange with SLU was our first, and our partnership is over 50 years old! Students study alongside SLU students and are eligible to participate in the many activities sponsored by SLU and its student body.

This exchange program is open to undergraduate CALS students of sophomore or higher standing, and is awarded on first-come, first-serve basis. We have a limited number of FREE HOUSING scholarships to award exchange students (first-come, first-awarded). There is also a monthly stipend granted to the students receiving free housing. It amounts to about 2500 SEK per month.

Campuses

Click here to watch a cool video of the campuses!

The Alnarp Campus

The Faculty of Landscape Planning, Horticultural and Agricultural Sciences in Alnarp offers a broad range of research and education. Alnarp is in the south of Sweden—nearby great places like Copenhagen, Denmark and Malmo, Sweden.

The Skara Campus

Skara is the smallest of SLU's four main locations. Today, research and education is being pursued in four areas: industry-proximate foodstuffs expertise; animal husbandry and welfare; animal medical treatment and care; and, precision agriculture. The animal healthcare program is one of the most sought-after within the university. Two of SLU's faculties conduct operations at SLU Skara: the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, and the Faculty of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences.

The Umeå Campus

Umeå is referred to as the "City of Birches," but for researchers it is also the city of the spruces, the pines and the aspens. The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) in Umeå is the centre for forest research in the country. The city is one of SLU’s four principal locations and the home of the Faculty of Forest Sciences. It is here that the bulk of the Faculty's research and education takes place.

The Faculty carries out research in areas such as forest management, forest maintenance, forest biotechnology, forest ecology and the environment, forest economics, recreation and health, wildlife and fish, and also the use and management of Sweden's mountain environment. What we should do with the forest is an urgent topical issue. Is it for boiling, sawing, burning, distilling, or just for walking?

The Ultuna/Uppsala Campus

SLU’s fourth campus is Ultuna, only a few miles south of Uppsala. This is where the majority of administration is located. Natural Resources, Agricultural and Animal Sciences
are also housed here. Ultuna is home to many university research facilities, such as the Kungsängen Farm and BMC (Uppsala Biomedical Center) and the Lövsta Research Farm.

**Areas of Study**

SLU is one of a kind in Sweden, with its blend of unique educational program. No other Swedish university offers programs in natural resources, veterinary medicine, landscape design, agronomy and forest sciences. As a student you will be coming to a university with long traditions and a long history of education.

There is a large selection of courses available to exchange students including:

- **Faculty of Landscape Planning, Horticulture and Agricultural Science**
  - Plant Breeding and Biotechnology
  - Plant Protection Biology
  - Horticulture
  - Agriculture - Farming Systems, Technology and Product Quality
  - Rural Buildings and Animal Husbandry
  - Landscape Architecture
  - Landscape Management, Design and Construction
  - Work Science, Business Economics and Environmental Psychology
  - The Biotron

- **Faculty of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences**
  - Agricultural research for Northern Sweden
  - Aquatic Sciences and Assessment
  - Chemistry
  - Crop Production Ecology
  - Ecology
  - Economics
  - Energy and Technology
  - Food Science
  - Forest Mycology and Pathology
  - Microbiology
  - Molecular Biology
  - Plant Biology and Forest Genetics
  - Soil and Environment
  - Urban and Rural Development
  - The Phytotron Centres
  - Centre for Sustainable Agriculture (CUL)
  - Centre of Biostochastics
  - Competence Centre for Pesticides (CKB)
  - Swedish Threatened Species Unit
  - Swedish Biodiversity Centre (CBM)
  - Uppsala Water Centre (UWC)

- **Faculty of Forest Sciences** (faculty web site)
  - Forest Ecology and Management
  - Forest Economics
  - Forest Genetics and Plant Physiology
  - Forest Products
  - Forest Resource Management
  - School for Forest Engineers
  - Southern Swedish Forest Research Centre
  - Unit for Field-based Forest Research
  - Unit of Biomass Technology and Chemistry
  - Wildlife, Fish and Environmental Studies Centres
  - Centre of Image Analysis (CBA)

**Course Selection**

Regular course load is 60 ECTS per year (each course = 6 ECTS); 30 ECTS per semester. Minimum course load for exchange students is four courses per semester, which equals 24 ECTS (12 Cornell credit hours).

**Assessments & Grading**

SLU University makes use of ECTS (European Credit Transfer System), developed by the European Commission to provide common procedures guaranteeing academic recognition of studies abroad and thereby facilitating international mobility programs. The ECTS is based on the student workload required to achieve the objectives of a program, objectives which are preferably specified in terms of the learning outcomes and competences to be acquired. 1 ECTS-credit equals 28 hours of workload (this includes lectures, self-study and exam preparation). One academic year consists of 60 ECTS both on Bachelor and Master level.

**Orientation**

The Orientation Week for international students is organized by the Uppsala Student Union and the International Committee. It takes place one week before the start of the semester, the exact dates vary. During this week you can get a temporary student id-card which allows you to enter the Nations. You can also participate in activities and get a good tour of the town and see what the student life has to offer you in Uppsala. It is also an excellent way to make new friends.
Accommodation

Free housing and a monthly stipend is awarded for students studying at SLU (on a first-come, first-awarded basis).

Stay in the "Cornell Room" at SLU! Not only is the housing provided free of charge, you'll have a bit of Cornell with you -- even in Sweden! Since the housing grant is limited, we will fill the spots on a first-come, first-awarded basis.

Student Visa

a) If you are from an EU/EEA member state or Switzerland you do not have to apply for a visa. A valid travel document (passport or identity card) for your entry into and your stay in Sweden is sufficient.

b) If you are from a non-EU or EEA country and are planning to stay for less than 6 months you need a residence and travel visa D+C (Aufenthalts- und Reisevisum D+C). This visa has to be applied for at the Austrian Embassy/Consulate in your home country before you leave.

c) If you are from a non-EU or EEA country and are planning to stay for more than 6 months you need a residence permit "student" (Aufenthaltsgewährung Studierender), which you have to obtain from the Swedish embassy/consulate in your home country before you leave.

Program Costs

Students are billed their regular CALS tuition, with no added administrative fees. Students purchase plane tickets and pay remaining costs such as housing, meals, student visa application fees, local travel, and personal expenses. Some partner institutions charge student activity fees and/or health insurance plans which students are also responsible for.

Financial aid travels with students going abroad. Students must complete with grades equivalent to a Cornell "C" or better. Financial aid for study abroad is need-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relevant to study abroad, including tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, books, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare. If you are currently receiving financial aid, your aid package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. University grant aid and loan awards may be either increased or decreased to meet study abroad need. The normal work-study component of aid packages will be converted to student loans.

How to Apply

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS-not the university directly.