Overview

Semesters Available: Fall, Spring, or Academic Year  
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: August - January  
Spring: January - June

Through an agreement between Uppsala University in Sweden and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Cornell University, CALS undergraduate students may apply to enroll directly at Uppsala for a semester or a year. Students study alongside Uppsala students and are eligible to participate in the many activities sponsored by Uppsala and its student body.

This exchange program is open to undergraduate CALS students of sophomore or higher standing.

Approximately 40 minutes by train outside of Stockholm (but only 20 minutes from the airport), Uppsala is a town rich in historic cultural milieus. Many of them relate to Uppsala University. For centuries the town has evolved, developing from a quiet idyll to a bustling crossroads for people, cultures, and ideas.

The venerable buildings of the University are still in use today for teaching and as workplaces. Uppsala University strives to create optimal settings for cross-disciplinary collaboration. Numerous creative meeting places have been established in the form of research and teaching centers focusing on various specializations.

Uppsala is the oldest university in the Nordic countries-established in 1477. Today's outstanding research and education are deeply rooted in history. Living traditions and culture are one of the strengths of Uppsala University. The University still observes a number of ancient ceremonies, symbols, and festivities, at the same time modifying and renewing them to meet today's demands. The long history of Uppsala University is a natural part of academic life at Uppsala and constitutes the foundation on which today's students and researchers are creating the University of tomorrow.

Areas of Study

Biological Sciences  
Business and Economics  
Environmental Sciences  
Food & Nutrition  
Information Technology  
And much more!

Course Selection

Exchange students usually study courses taught in English. Read through the course descriptions, check the prerequisites and discuss your options with your study abroad and exchange advisor. You will find more information about how to map your courses in the application form.
Assessments & Grading

The Swedish "Higher Education Points" are exactly equivalent to ECTS credits - that is, you take 30 ECTS credits per semester (2 Uppsala credits = 1 US credit). A full academic year corresponds to 60 credits. Each week of full-time study is worth 1.5 credits.

They reflect the quantity of work each course unit requires in relation to the total quantity of work necessary to complete a full year of academic study, i.e. lectures, practical work, seminars, tutorials, fieldwork, private study and examinations or other assessment activities. The credit system is thus based on a full student workload and not limited to contact hours only.

Orientation

At the beginning of every semester the student union organizes Orientation Week - a week to help you get to know the town of Uppsala, the University and each other. It is a week for everyone and we encourage everyone to take part as make as they can and to combine it with other orientation programs that some departments may offer.

Arriving in Sweden

Uppsala is 30-40 minutes from Stockholm and can easily be reached from Stockholm-Arlanda International airport (20 minutes by train) and there are frequent communications from the 3 other international airports in or around Stockholm. Please be sure to obtain Swedish Krona (SEK) when you arrive in Sweden as Euros are not accepted in Sweden.

Your contact person at Uppsala University, normally the person who has signed your acceptance letter, will inform you about dates for recommended arrival. Please confirm your arrival with this person. You will be able to get your Welcome Package and course information from your contact person.

Try to arrive on a weekday, during office hours to pick up the key for your room and to meet your contact person. Please note that the various housing companies have different opening hours. If you come on one of the recommended arrival days you will be able to benefit from the Orientation Program which the University arranges for new foreign students. If you want to ship luggage to Uppsala prior to your departure you can normally do so to your host department, or, in the case of exchanges dealt with by the International Office, to that office.

Accommodation

All exchange students are guaranteed accommodation, given of course that your form is filled in correctly and received in time. At Uppsala University there are no halls of residences, colleges or other forms of "university housing." All rooms that students live in are regular rooms owned by a variety of different housing companies. These rooms are administered by the Housing Office. The Housing Office has a detailed website explaining all you might need to know about housing in Uppsala (and a lot more!).

Working

Exchange students who are citizens of EU and Scandinavian countries are free to take a job at any time while in Sweden without a work permit. All foreign nationals who are registered students at a Swedish University are also allowed to work, as long as they have a valid residence permit.

The Student Union and Student Nations

The Uppsala Student Union is an organization for students at Uppsala University. The activities of the Student Union can be divided into two general fields of work: the day-to-day services and the long-term political matters concerning students. The Student Union represents students at all levels of the university administration and aims to improve the education for all students. Membership in Uppsala Student Union and a nation is compulsory for all students at the university, including exchange students.

A nation is a place where you can feel at home with hundreds of other students - you will work there, you will party there, you will definitely make friends there! It is much more like a family than a pub or a restaurant or anything like that, and as such you should treat your nation with respect.

The great part about this is that nations are quite flexible, and have a lot of members, which means that if you want to do something then it is quite probable that there are more people who would like to do that activity. Want to start a cricket competition? Talk to the person who is responsible for sport groups. Want to organize a Chinese food night? Talk
with the Pub-master or Kitchen-master or the International Secretary.

Nations are exclusively for students, and you must be able to show your ID and your paid student union identification to get in. You can get these in the Student Union building.

**Language Classes**

All exchange students have the chance to study a course in basic Swedish. A course worth 7.5 ECTS runs every semester. This course is part time and designed to be taken parallel with your regular studies. Application takes place on arrival. For those of you arriving in the autumn there is the possibility of taking a one month intensive Swedish language course. Information about courses in Swedish can be found on the application page. If you are not a formal exchange student, or for some reason have different demands of a course in Swedish (you may wish to have a more intensive pace, different learning environment/application, etc.) you may wish to consult.

**Student Visa**

All US citizens will need to obtain a visa to stay in Sweden. To apply for a visa you will need your Acceptance Letter and among other things proof that you can support yourself financially for your stay in Sweden.

**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.