This program in Sweden is offered by International Academic Programs (IAP) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in conjunction with the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU). Students may study at any of the four campuses of Alnarp, Skara, Uppsala or Umea. This IAP Program Handbook supplements handbook(s) or materials you receive from SLU as well as the IAP Study Abroad Handbook and provides you with the most up-to-date information and advice available at the time of printing. Changes may occur before your departure or while you are abroad.

Questions about your program abroad (housing options, facilities abroad, etc.) as well as questions relating to your relationship with your host university or academics (e.g. course credit and equivalents, registration deadlines, etc.) should be directed to International Academic Programs at UW-Madison.

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Embassy Registration
All program participants who are U.S. citizens must register at the U.S. Embassy before departure as this will help in case of a lost passport or other mishap. You can register on-line at https://travelregistration.state.gov. If you are not a U.S. citizen, register at your home country’s embassy or consulate.

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U.S. Embassy Homepage: http://stockholm.usembassy.gov/

Preparation Before Leaving
Refer to the Pre-Departure Checklist in the IAP Study Abroad Handbook for essential information.

Immigration Documents
Passport
A passport is needed to travel to Sweden and to obtain your student visa. Apply immediately for a passport if you do not already have one. Passport information and application forms can be found on the U.S. State Department website (http://travel.state.gov/passport). If you already have your passport, make sure it will be valid for at least 6 months beyond the length of your stay abroad.

Residence Permit: If you are a citizen of a country that is not a member of the European Union, you must have a residence permit sticker attached to your passport before entering Sweden. If you are a citizen of an EU-country, please contact the Consulate General of Sweden. U.S. citizens will apply for a Sweden Residence Permit with the Consulate General of Sweden in New York. You are able to work in Sweden with this residence permit and do not need to apply for a separate work permit.

Information about the documents needed to apply for your residence permit can be found at: http://www.studyinsweden.se/Living-in-Sweden/Do-I-need-a-visa/

The residency permit processing time is approximately two to three months, with longer delays during the summer months because of the large number of applicants. A non-refundable application fee plus return postage for your passport is required. Please check the website for current fees. When you mail
these documents, send them via registered mail or a deliver service (i.e.: Federal Express, UPS) to ensure delivery. Make a copy of all of your materials for yourself before you send them.

**Handling Money Abroad**

The Swedish currency is the kronor, with 1 kronor equaling 100 öre.

**Banks:** To open a local account you will need your passport and your letter of acceptance from the university. You can open an account at Sparbanken, Nordbanken and SE Banken without a national registration number (*personnummer*).

The easiest way to transfer money from abroad is to open a bank account in Sweden and ask the person who sends you the money to deposit it directly into this account. Personal checks from abroad are not cashed at Swedish banks. A bank-to-bank check drawn on a Swedish bank is the best type of check. Travelers’ checks are useful especially to cover unexpected expenses.

**ATM/Debit cards:** Cash-machines/ATMs are called Bankomat (a blue or black sign with white letters) and you can withdraw money from your bank at home. ATMs are readily available in Uppsala and throughout Sweden. Be sure to ask your bank about any international charges you may receive from using ATMs abroad.

**Credit cards:** Major credit cards are widely accepted throughout Sweden at banks, hotels, stores, restaurants, taxis, and for air, ship or train tickets. Be sure to have an ID with you when using your credit card.

**Electronics**

Sweden runs on 220V (volts), 50Hz (cycles) AC and uses the “europlug” with two round pins. If you plan on bringing any appliances from the United States, keep in mind that they will require adapters/converters which you should purchase before departure. It may be more convenient and less expensive to purchase appliances in Sweden rather than purchasing the necessary converter/adapters in the United States.

**Travel and Arrival Information**


**The Academic Program**

**Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)**

*Sveriges lantbruksuniversitet*, or the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in English, SLU for short, was formed in 1977 when three university colleges, the College of Agriculture, College of Forestry and College of Veterinary Medicine, joined together. SLU has four faculties: Faculty of Landscape Planning, Horticulture and Agricultural Science, Faculty of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science and Faculty of Forest Sciences. The university has almost 3,500 full-time students each year. SLU has four main campuses, located in Alnarp in southern Sweden, Skara in south-central Sweden, Uppsala in central Sweden, and Umea in northern Sweden. In addition to these main locations, SLU also carries out teaching and research activities in 25 other locations throughout the country.
“SLU develops the understanding and sustainable use of biological natural resources. This is achieved through research, teaching, environmental monitoring and assessment and information extension.”
-SLU Mission Statement

Swedish Academic System
In the Swedish university system only one subject is studied at a time. Students wanting a degree in Mathematics and Physics, for instance, first study Mathematics for one or two years and then Physics for about the same period of time. Swedish universities utilize a system of credits for studies at undergraduate and graduate levels. One credit corresponds to one week’s full-time study (approximately 40 study hours per week, including a varying number of lectures and classes). One academic semester comprises 20 weeks = 20 credits.

Most undergraduate study programs require a minimum of 6 semesters, corresponding to 120 credits. Basic single subject courses are often one-semester courses of 20 credits, although some are shorter. As a full-time student, you can combine short single courses (e.g. 5-credits) to form a study program corresponding to a maximum of 20 credits per semester.

Location
SLU’s four main campuses are in Alnarp, Skara, Uppsala and Umea, but the university has teaching and research stations located throughout the country. With about 2,000 students, Ultuna campus in Uppsala is SLU’s largest campus and offers the most diverse selection of courses. Uppsala is Sweden’s fourth largest city and lies in the heart of Sweden, only 45 minutes from Stockholm. Ultuna campus is about six kilometers from Uppsala’s city center. Other SLU campuses include Umea and Wangen in northern Sweden, Skinnskatteberg, Stromsholm and Skara in the central region, and Alnarp and Flyinge in southern Sweden. What courses you want to take while abroad will help you determine which campus is best for you. When registering for courses, be sure to choose classes that are all located on the same campus.

Exams
All courses include written and/or oral exams. If a student fails an exam, or for some reason is not able to be present at the examination, there is usually a re-take about three weeks later and at the beginning of the following semester.

Registration
You will complete a registration form listing the courses you would like to take before you leave UW-Madison. You will be formally accepted by the university after you have sent in your registration.

Credits
SLU uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). A full study load for one year is equals 60 ECTS credits and a full study load for one semester equals 30 ECTS credits. The semester is 20 weeks long and is divided into two periods. Most students take 15 credits during each period, with exams at the end of the period. Courses at SLU are usually offered for either 5 or 10 ECTS Credits.

When choosing courses, you must make sure your courses are not offered during the same period. Since each course is full-time during a shorter time-span, you concentrate on one course at a time; in fact, you are not allowed to take more than one course at a time. Note that the number of credits for a course is not equal to the number of hours per week that the course meets, as it is at UW-Madison, but rather is equal to the number of weeks that the course meets full-time.
The credit conversion scale is as follows:

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Pass/Fail/Drop/Audit
Please refer to the IAP Study Abroad Handbook for academic policies.

Grades and Grade Conversions
Grades from SLU will be converted to UW-Madison grades using the following conversion scale. A grade lower than a 3 is a failing grade.

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Language Courses
The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences do not offer any courses of Basic Swedish. You can apply for a Swedish course at Folkuniversitetet [http://www.folkuniversitetet.se/Om-Folkuniversitetet/In-English/](http://www.folkuniversitetet.se/Om-Folkuniversitetet/In-English/) and pay for it yourself.

Housing
As an exchange student applying in time you can have housing arranged by SLU. If you want housing arranged you indicate that in the online application form. SLU has rooms for exchange students at four locations: Gälbo, Rackarbergsgatan, Salixvägen and Sernanders väg (specifics below). You can give your housing preference in the application form.

All rooms are furnished, they have shared or private bathroom, shared or private kitchen/kitchenette and shared laundry facilities. If the bathroom is shared there is a washbasin in the room. You pay the rent per month, the first rent is paid after arrival. The rent always includes electricity, heating and water. There is no deposit you need to pay. Rooms are normally contracted for full months only, the exception is January when we have the shift between autumn and spring term. Then the autumn term student has the contract (and the rent) for the autumn term part of January, and the spring term student has the same for the spring term part of January.