



Linnaeus
University

*Institutional Information &
Information sheet 2013-2014
for incoming exchange students*

 **Linnæus University**
Sweden

Academic Calendar – The academic year is divided into two semesters:

Autumn term:

September 2, 2013–January 19, 2014

Spring term:

January 20, 2014–June 8, 2014

Nomination deadline:

Nominate your students to nomination@lnu.se

Autumn term: April 1

Spring term: October 1

Application deadline:

Autumn term: April 15

Spring term: October 15

Arrival days:

Autumn term: Kalmar: August 28–29, 2013

Växjö: August 27–29, 2013

Spring term: to be announced

Orientation:

Autumn term: Kalmar: August 30–31, 2013

Växjö: August 30-31, 2013

Spring term: to be announced

Main website for exchange students:

lnu.se/education/exchange-students?l=en

Exchange application form/information on student accommodation:

Information on how to apply (on-line application) and description of accommodation can be found at:

lnu.se/education/exchange-students/applying-exchange-students?l=en

Housing application is included in the general on-line application form.

Language(s) of instruction for exchange students:

English (some courses available in Swedish, German, French and Spanish; see [Lnu.se](http://lnu.se)).

Language requirements for undergraduate and graduate students:

Students whose first language is not English must have the language proficiency report completed and signed by a professional language instructor as part of their application. A good knowledge of English is required in order to successfully follow the courses offered to exchange students. English-language courses aimed at improving students' English language skills are not offered.

Linnaeus University does not require students to complete an English test prior to arrival. However, it is strongly recommended that a student's knowledge of English is at least equal to a score of 530 for the paper-based TOEFL test.

Academic subjects available to exchange students:

Please see our home page:

lnu.se/education/exchange-students/courses?l=en

Archaeology, Biology, Business, Computer Science, Design, Economics, Engineering, Humanities, Law, Music and Event management, Natural Sciences, Social Science, Social Work and Health Care, Teacher Training, Tourism

Swedish course:

Non-Credit Introductory Swedish:

Linnaeus University offers exchange students studying at campus Växjö an optional non-credit introductory Swedish course free of charge. This course is offered in addition to the normal study programme.

Credit Introductory Swedish:

Linnaeus University offers, on both campuses, Swedish for Beginners Part I and II (each 7,5 ECTS credits).

The credit system:

1.5 credits represent one week of successfully completed full-time studies (equal to 1.5 ECTS and approximately 0.75 US semester credits. 60 credits represent the workload of one year of full-time studies. The duration and extent of programmes and courses are expressed through the credit system.

One semester of full-time studies corresponds to 30 credits (30 ECTS and approximately 15 US semester credits).

Course selection:

There are different ways of selecting your courses for the exchange period at Linnaeus University.

Programme:

A full year programme on second level (From 1 July 2007 the Swedish academic system has changed and adapted to the Bologna process. There are two cycles, First cycle (Bachelor's degree 180) and Second cycle (Master 60 or 120 credits).).

Full-semester course:

Several modules combined making up 30 credits (30 ECTS) per semester.

Freestanding courses:

Courses which are combined to make up a full-time course load of 30 credits (30 ECTS). Please note that students cannot apply for individual modules in a full-semester course or programme.

Students may only follow ONE of the full semester courses or programmes OR create their own curriculum by combining different freestanding courses. Students may also add a freestanding course to a full-semester course or programme.

All programmes, full-semester courses and freestanding courses on our homepage under exchange students are open to exchange students, provided that the student fulfils the prerequisites for the course and that there are places available on the course.

Please note that Linnaeus University does not have a drop/add period at the beginning of the term. It is possible to change courses, but not common practise.

Study periods:

When combining freestanding courses for your exchange semester, you need to take into account the system with study periods.

At Linnaeus University each semester is divided into 4 periods. Students usually study one full-time course per period. Please note that, with the exception of the Swedish language course, it is not recommended to study two full-time courses in one period, hence when choosing full-time courses, make sure that they do not run in the same period (during the same weeks). Exception for web-based and distance courses which usually do not run full-time.

Transcripts and grades

Erasmus students:

The Student Mobility Team sends an official transcript to the student's home university (Erasmus students: to the student's home address) upon completion of the exchange period (approx one month after the semester is finished).

Transcripts are mailed out after each semester meaning that students do not have to wait until the end of the academic year to receive their transcripts.

In Sweden there are only two passing grades: Pass and Pass with Distinction. ECTS grades can be obtained in some courses/programmes upon request by the student at the beginning of the course/programme.

Visa Requirements (information link):
www.migrationsverket.se/info/studera_en.html

Insurance Requirements:

Students are responsible for providing their own insurance. All students **MUST** be insured while in Sweden.

Exchange students are covered by the "Student IN" insurance while at Linnaeus University. This insurance is an emergency insurance and it does not offer complete insurance coverage. Details of this insurance can be found at:

www.kammarkollegiet.se/insurance

The Office of External Relations

The Office of External Relations coordinates, manages and oversees quality-assurance for international partnerships and funding programmes (Erasmus, Erasmus Mundus, Tempus, Linnaeus-Palme, Nordplus etc.) related to education and research. The unit provides strategic support to the University management and works with the implementation of the internationalisation policy and action plan. The unit also provides service and support to faculties, departments, and to divisions within the central administration.

E-mail: intrel@lnu.se



The Student Mobility Team

The Student Mobility Team is responsible for questions related to inbound and outbound mobility.

We nominate and process applications for incoming exchange student and organise the orientation programme for all incoming exchange- and degree-seeking international students at Linnaeus University. During arrival, orientation and throughout the semesters we assist students at our Student Service Point.

We advise all Linnaeus Students on the opportunity of spending a semester or year abroad during their education. We also nominate students for study abroad and advise them throughout their application process, acting as the link between our students and your institution.

Please contact the Student Mobility Team in all questions regarding application procedures, deadlines and practical matters related to the exchange.

Inbound Mobility: inexchange@lnu.se

Outbound Mobility: outexchange@lnu.se

Nominations of incoming exchange students: nomination@lnu.se

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