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Higher Education

Kandidatexamen
Bachelor’s degree of 3 years

Magisterexamen
Master degree of 1 years

Licentiatexamen
Licentiate degree of 2 years

Doktorsexamen
Doctoral degree of 2 years

Master degree of 2 years
Credits

• 2 semesters per academic year, each semester lasts 20 weeks

• 60 credits per academic year, 30 credits per semester

• 1 credit = 1 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System)

• One week of full-time studies (40 hours) equals 1.5 credits

• Courses can either be studied one after another or several courses in parallel
Grades

- Goal-related (*not* relative) seven-point grading scale
- Grades assigned: A, B, C, D, E, Fx and F
- Passing grades are A to E
- Grades Fx and F are failing grades
Methods of instruction

- Students are expected to raise questions and take part in discussions
- Teaching takes different forms, e.g. lectures, group work, laboratory work and independent study
- Informal academic environment
Examinations

Common examination forms:

- “Sit-down” examinations
- “Take-home” examination
- Continuous assessment
- You might need to sign up for the examination in advance on the University’s student web pages
Plagiarism

- Using other people’s expressions or ideas without stating where they are from
- Translating or changing some words in someone else’s text and present it as one’s own

Disciplinary Measures

- The exam or paper will immediately be failed
- Students who cheat can be suspended from lectures and exams for a period of up to six months
Study and Career Counselling

Central Office in Studenthuset, Universitetsvägen 2 B

- Information about studying in Sweden
- Advice on eligibility
- Help planning your studies

Departmental Study Counsellors

- Can answer questions related to specific courses or programmes given by their department
Career Service

The study- and career counsellors at the central office can provide general information about working in Sweden and advice you on how to do a Swedish CV.

The departmental study counsellors can provide specific information about career opportunities within a specific field.

You can join MyCareer - Europe’s largest career network for students. You use your university account to register.
Thank you for your attention!

If you have any questions, please send an email to studentavdelningen@su.se.