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Voices of former students

"There is something for everyone here," says former student Michael Forsman, from the USA, about Sweden's capital city. Di Wang, from China, notes how easy it is to get around because most Swedes speak good English. Check out what they have to say about the city and the University in a new short video.

[Voices of former students »](#)

Unravelling the mystery of the dead elk

Last year 80 dead elk were found in a single region of Sweden. Scientists at Stockholm University have been examining this unusually high mortality rate. The Dept. of Applied Environmental Science, which carries out this research, has been awarded special funding by King Carl XVI Gustaf, for "exceptional and admirable work".

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Being in a cold country with warm people

Twenty-two year old Selen Gökkaya from Turkey spent five months in the capital of Sweden studying mathematics. One week after her return to Ankara, she wrote us a letter to tell us how much she was missing Stockholm.

[Read Selen Gökkaya's letter »](#)

Stockholm University at Stockholm Pride 2013

2 August
Stockholm University researchers David Tjeder, Janne Bromseth and Renita Sörensdotter will present their research on family, health and sexuality from a LGBTQ and gender perspective and in a historical context.

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SU Open in Golf

26 September

Take the opportunity to become university champion of golf! On 26 September, the SU Open takes place at the Royal Drottningholm Golf Club.

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Art at the University metro station

During summer, Stockholm public transport company SL offers free guided tours in English of the art in the metro. At the University metro station, Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus' life and scientific work is portrayed by artist Françoise Schein. [Read more »](#)

EDUCATION

Orientation Day 2013 to take place on 28 August

The University's Orientation Day is an information-packed day during the Orientation Week that will give newly arrived international students information about practical matters such as banking, health care, computer accounts, student life, etc.

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Rank	University	Country	P	PP(top 10%)
1	Stockholm Univ	SE	2885	11.9%
2	Karolinska Inst	SE	6020	11.3%
3	Chalmers Univ Technol	SE	2035	10.8%
4	Uppsala Univ	SE	4331	10.3%
5	Lund Univ	SE	5545	10.1%
6	KTH Royal Inst Technol	SE	4507	10.0%
7	KTH Royal Inst Technol	SE	3320	10.0%
8	Svea Univ Agr Sci	SE	1994	9.3%
9	Umeå Univ	SE	2590	9.1%
10	Linköping Univ	SE	2559	9.1%

Nationally-leading in areas of impact and international cooperation

According to the recently published CWTS Leiden Ranking 2013, Stockholm University holds its position as national leader in terms of impact and international cooperation. Worldwide, Stockholm University holds sixteenth place in these categories.

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RESEARCH



Double legislation for UV-filters may threaten aquatic ecosystems

Ultraviolet (UV)-filters in industrial products are classified as hazardous to the aquatic environment. In contrast, these products when used in cosmetics are not classed in this way. This disparity is indicated by a new study by researchers at Stockholm University.

[Sunscreen danger to environment »](#)



Scent of a woman - not that feminine

In stores, most perfumes are categorized as either feminine or masculine, but how do we perceive the scents when the commercial gender categorizations are unknown? A new dissertation from Stockholm University shows that many perfumes are perceived as "unisex", and that these are the scents preferred by most people.

[Unisex is preferred scent »](#)



Turkey in focus for new research institute

In March, the Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies was inaugurated. At the new research institute researchers will study Turkey as a country – historically, culturally, politically, and economically – in a European and global context.

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Humans causing rapid evolution in Baltic fish

Animals that live in highly polluted environments can either die out locally or adapt and survive. In a new dissertation, Emma Lind shows that the three-spined stickleback fish have developed genetically in a short time in response to the environmental impact of humans. [Read more »](#)



SWEDEN



Swedish midsummer

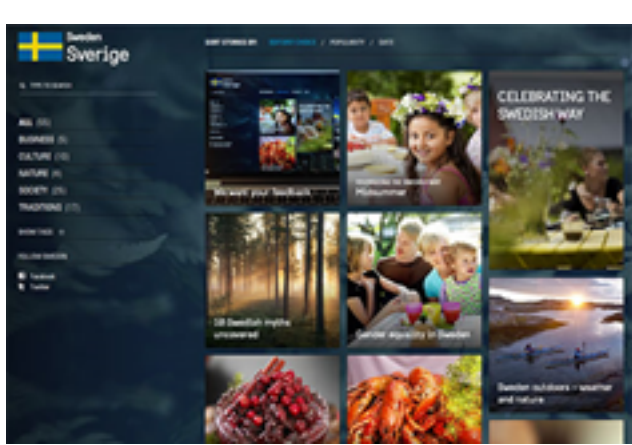
Every year people all around Sweden celebrate Midsummer on the eve of the summer solstice. This is one of the most important festive occasions in the Swedish calendar and indicates the beginning of the holiday season. One of the most prominent activities involves dancing round a may pole singing about little frogs! Find out more in this fun short film.

[Swedish Midsummer for Dummies »](#)

Facts about Sweden

The Swedish Institute has recently released a beta version of their new website. It contains facts about Sweden and is called – surprise! – facts.sweden.se.

[Check out the new site »](#)



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S BLOG

The Vice-Chancellor Astrid Söderbergh Widding reflects on an "intense but also rewarding" period at Stockholm University

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