



Karlstad University

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Main Web Address: <http://www.kau.se/en>

University Introduction

As one of the youngest universities in Sweden, we hope to be more adventurous in challenging the established and exploring the unknown.

Our ambition is to contribute to the development of knowledge at international, regional and individual levels. Thanks to our openness, creativity and multi-disciplinary approach, we have already attained a significant level of academic achievement. All our education and research is underpinned by a close dialogue with private companies and public organisations. We can also offer one of the most inspirational university environments in the country.

The sun is the symbol of the University. The sun provides light and represents life, warmth and energy. The town of Karlstad is reported to have the most sunshine in Sweden. It is associated with enlightenment and growth, just like Karlstad University.

Key Facts:

- **16,000** students.
- **1,300** staff members.

Term Dates

Semester 1: (August to January)

Semester 2 (January to June)

More information: [Academic Calendar](#)

Application Process

For a student to be able to apply, our partner universities must first nominate their students. Information about this is sent to all partner universities before the deadline. When the student has been nominated instructions on how and where to apply will be sent directly to the student.

[Information for exchange students](#)

Course Application Deadlines

15th April for autumn semester applicants

15th October for spring semester applicants

Language of Study

Students need to possess English skills equivalent to TOEFL test result, minimum score 213 (CBT), 575 (PBT) or 90 (IBT) or an IELTS test result with an overall band score of minimum 6.5 and no band score below 5.5, or B2 in the Common European Framework Reference (CEFR).

Karlstad University usually offers Swedish language courses for exchange students.

Course Catalogue: [Exchange Students Courses](#)



Credits

Modules are credited in ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). The ECTS protocol allocates 60 credits to a full academic year's work, and 30 credits to a semester's work.

Grading system

In most faculties and disciplines the grades awarded are:

VG = Pass with distinction

G = Pass

U = Fail

More information: [Grading System](#)



Accommodation

Karlstad University has collaboration with an accommodation company called KBAB. This company provides living quarters near the university for our exchange students. The application form will be sent by KBAB to each student after they have received their admission letters.

[Accommodation](#)

Social Media:

facebook.com/karlstaduniversity

The city of Karlstad

Karlstad, the county town of Värmland, is situated in a delta on the northern shore of Lake Vänern where the river Klarälven branches into many arms before flowing into Lake Vänern.

The city has just over 80,000 inhabitants and lies at the heart of Scandinavia with Gothenburg, Stockholm, Copenhagen and Oslo within easy reach. It offers the pleasures of a small town and yet has the facilities of a city.

Research

Karlstad is home to many high-expertise companies and the town is one of Scandinavia's main centres for consultants in the tele and data communications industry.

The city is also a research and development centre for machinery used in the pulp, paper and process industries. It has excellent communications both by road, rail and air, and the university provides it with a well-educated workforce.

Recreation

From the recreational viewpoint, Karlstad has a lot to offer, from outdoor activities and sports to culture and entertainment. On the shores of Lake Vänern, just outside Karlstad, lies Skutberget, a recreational amenity which has bathing facilities, a running and ski track and other training facilities. In the winter, it is ideal for cross-country skiing and in the summer, for sail-boarding and canoeing. Sunne Ski Centre, about an hour's drive from Karlstad, has a number of downhill and slalom pistes.

Culture

The city offers plenty of entertainment with plays, operas and ballets being performed at the beautiful old theatre. The city boasts a large library, several art galleries and museums; and there are, of course, cinemas, restaurants and places to dance. Karlstad has more restaurants per inhabitant than any other Swedish town.

Map



Erasmus Code: S KARLSTA01



International Office

Calendar – Academic year 2021-2022

Autumn Semester 2021

Orientation: Week before classes begin

Classes begin: August 30

Classes end: January 16, 2022

Spring Semester 2022

Orientation: Week before classes begin

Classes begin: January 17

Classes end: June 5

Deadlines for Studies in Autumn 2021:

Master (double degree) programmes:

Nominations February 15

Applications March 1

Semester exchange (bachelor/master):

Nominations April 1

Applications April 15

Deadlines for Studies in Spring 2022:

Semester exchange (bachelor/master):

Nominations October 1

Applications October 15

For approximate expenses during your semester in Sweden please see:

studyinsweden.se/life-in-sweden/cost-of-living/



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INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Erasmus code	S KARLSTA01
ECHE Project Number	101012327, Granted ECHE 2021-2027
Teaching language(s)	English
Academic Year Structure	2 Semesters (Autumn + Spring semester)
Term/Semester dates	Autumn 2021: 30.08.2021 until 16.01.2022 Spring 2022: 17.01.2022 until 05.06.2022

The Introduction Week usually starts one week before the official start of the semester.

Website www.kau.se/in
Courses www.kau.se/en/exchangecourses
Social media facebook.com/karlstaduniversity

Instagram: [@karlstadsuniversitet](https://www.instagram.com/karlstadsuniversitet)

Information specific to exchange students

Students have to be nominated by their universities before the deadlines listed below:

Nomination deadline	Spring semester (January-June): 1 October Autumn semester (August-January): 1 April Master programs: 15 February (Academic year starts in August)
Application deadline	Spring semester (January-June): 15 October Autumn semester (August-January): 15 April Master programs: 1 March
Application formalities	<p>Once the student has been nominated and the nomination is confirmed by the International Office at Karlstad University, an e-mail is sent to the student with instructions for the application procedure. We only accept online applications.</p> <p>Within the application the student student will apply for courses and upload requested documents.</p> <p><i>Please note: late or incomplete applications are not accepted and we cannot make exceptions regarding the application deadline.</i></p>
Accommodation	<p>Karlstad University works with a student housing company called KBAB. They provide living quarters near the university to our exchange students. Once the students are admitted to courses, they will be contacted directly by KBAB to apply for housing. More information regarding accommodation is found at:</p> <p>http://www.kbab.se/student/foreign-students/exchangestudent</p>
Learning Agreement	<p>Only for Erasmus+ and ICM students. Can be signed by us after students have received their letter of admission with the courses they are admitted to. Learning Agreements must be complete and signed by home university representative.</p>
Admission fees	No fees for exchange students.
Transcript of Records	<p>When the students have finished their studies at Karlstad University they can request a Transcript of Records. Official documents are not sent by post but instead printed by the students themselves from their personal page on our website. The authenticity of these documents can be checked by following a link on the transcript. If a partner still requires a hard copy these can be ordered from our Welcome Center valkomstcenter@kau.se All students get information about this before leaving.</p> <p>Please note that only Swedish grades are given to students. Karlstad University does not translate grades into other grading scales.</p>
Language courses	<p>Courses in Swedish as a foreign language are usually offered. Grades are awarded for these courses as for other courses at the university.</p>