



**THIS IS  
UMEÅ  
UNIVERSITY  
SWEDEN**



Photo: Ulrika Bergfors

# WELCOME TO UMEÅ UNIVERSITY!

For more than half a century, Umeå University has been evolving as the premier destination of higher education in northern Sweden. Throughout our proud history, we have remained committed to providing a world-class teaching and research environment that is characterised by excellence, innovation, openness and diversity.

Our vision is for Umeå University to hold a strong international position as one of Sweden's leading universities. The University should also develop interaction between research, education, collaboration and innovation that challenges boundaries and plays a crucial role in the regional development.

We strive to provide our students and staff with unique opportunities for professional and personal development, whilst simultaneously serving society with new knowledge, and creative citizens, both locally and globally.

It gives me great pleasure to wish you a warm welcome to Umeå University.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Hans Adolfsson,  
*Vice-Chancellor of Umeå University*



Umeå University welcomes nearly 3,600 international students, teachers and researchers every year, with English as a common language of instruction and research. This helps create a bilingual and culturally diverse learning environment.

Photo: Elin Berge

# EDUCATION FOR ALL

Umeå University offers a wide range of programmes and courses given on campus or online, or even summer courses.

We offer over 40 undergraduate and Master's degree programmes and over 450 courses with instruction language entirely in English in a wide range of academic fields, including science and technology, the social sciences, business, health and medicine, and the arts. In total, the University provides 150 study programmes and 1,800 courses.

The University has eight different schools and institutes. Among them, you will find the Umeå Institute of Design, Umeå School of Business, Economics and Statistics and Umeå School of Sports Sciences. The latter which has designated Umeå University as a certified Swedish National Sports University.

In common for all our education is the high teacher competence and the strong interaction between research, education, collaboration and innovation.

We believe that the future of education lies in international cooperation. This brings new perspectives to our classrooms and helps make our campus a more exciting, creative and culturally diverse environment.



Search our courses  
and programmes

Founded in

1965



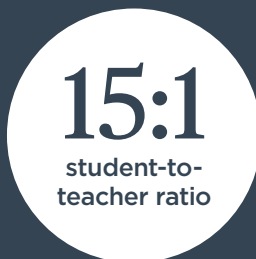
Ranked among the world's top 300 universities



nationalities are represented



Best design school in the world



15:1  
student-to-teacher ratio



More than

33,000

enrolled students  
(including 2,000 international)



More than  
4,000  
employees

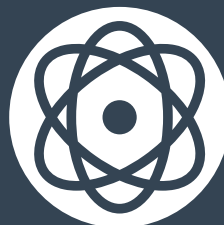


55%  
women



Annual  
balance sheet

4.3  
billion SEK



2,000  
teachers/  
researchers



47%  
women



348  
professors



31%  
women



4  
faculties



17  
research centres  
(incl. Umeå School  
of Education)



48  
departments/  
units



8  
schools and  
institutes

Figures from 2017.

# UMEÅ UNIVERSITY IN NUMBERS

Umeå University is one of Sweden's major universities. In 2017, the number of students was 33,000 and nearly 1,000 doctoral students help bring new insights into this world.

All in all, the University fills an area of 241,508 square metres, which is the equivalent of almost 34 full-size football pitches! Still, everything is nearby and also close to the city centre.

Umeå University has over 900 exchange agreements with universities across the globe. Approximately 3,600 international students with over 60 different nationalities study with us every year. And together with our around 400 international researchers they bring new perspectives and help create a more exciting, creative and culturally diverse academic environment.



## CONNECTED

We have over 100,000 followers on our social media channels.





# WORLD CLASS RESEARCH

Our innovative and ground-breaking research spans the fields of humanities, medicine, natural sciences, social sciences and the science of education. We aim to produce research that is characterised by high quality, confident risk-taking and a long-term perspective toward solving today's most pressing global challenges.

Many of our more than 2,000 researchers belong to top national and international research teams with access to state-of-the-art facilities and equipment. This has enabled us to become international leaders in several research disciplines, including:

- arctic research
- epidemiology and global health
- gender studies
- infection medicine
- plant and forest biotechnology
- sports sciences

## CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH

Professor Emmanuelle Charpentier, together with her research team at Umeå University, co-discovered the CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing technology, which is revolutionising biomedical researchers' ability to manipulate and understand genes.  
Photo: Hallbauer & Fioretti



Photo: Elin Berge

# OUR CAMPUSES

## Campus Umeå

Inspired by a classic North American campus and designed by architect Hans Brunnberg, Campus Umeå is our largest campus and the place where it all began. Campus Umeå gathers most of our research and education operations. And in its heart stands the symbolic sculpture *Northern Lights* in an attractive atmosphere surrounding the Campus Pond. Nearby, you will also find our close partner, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU).

## Umeå Arts Campus

Umeå Arts Campus is located next to the Ume River and close to central Umeå. In this area, you will find Umeå Institute of Design, Umeå Academy of Fine Arts, Umeå School of Architecture and the internationally acclaimed Bildmuseet museum of contemporary art. In 2019, Umeå Arts Campus will also be complemented with the Umevatoriet observatory and its unique dome theatre.

## Campus Skellefteå and Campus Örnsköldsvik

We also offer a selection of study programmes and courses in the neighbouring cities of Skellefteå and Örnsköldsvik with a strong link between the academia and the local trade and industry.



### TOP-RANKED UMEÅ INSTITUTE OF DESIGN

Umeå Institute of Design has been ranked as the best design school in Europe and the world by Red Dot and iF, two of the most acclaimed international design awards.



# SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE FUTURE

The most important environmental footprint and impact on history that a university can have is no doubt providing students with knowledge to act upon in their professional lives. We achieve this through well thought-out curriculums and vivid discussions in the classrooms.

When 40,000 people commute to Campus Umeå on a daily basis, transportation is also key. Future customized bus stops that reduce energy loss, a cycle super-highway and electric cargo bikes for rent therefore encourage more people in this biking city to ditch the car.

By being involved in the smart city EU project *Rugge-dised*, the University endeavours to reduce its climate and environmental impact by building clever geothermal, housing and renewable energy solutions at Campus Umeå.

We welcome and support a brighter future!

## EXPERIENCE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

When there is high solar activity and clear skies, there is a good chance you will get to witness the magic of Aurora Borealis in the heart of Umeå.  
Photo: Mattias Pettersson



# UMEÅ - THE GROWING CITY

The University and the city of Umeå have developed hand in hand with a joint thirst for knowledge and progress. Umeå is now one of the fastest growing cities in Sweden with over 125,000 inhabitants – which is double the figure from 1965 when the University opened.

The influx from near and far has transformed Umeå into northern Sweden's largest urban community with an atmosphere characterised by openness partnered with just the right amount of inquisitiveness. Today's residents of Umeå, both old and new, have an accepting attitude towards new thoughts and ideas, different behaviours, lifestyles and cultures.

Umeå successfully manages to balance its environmental commitments with its high trade and industry ambitions, attracting some of the world's most creative and enterprising businesses to the region. The city is home to many growing companies, mainly in the fields of biotechnology, medicine, IT, the environment and energy, modern forestry and engineering industries.

Umeå University also closely collaborates with the neighbouring University Hospital of Umeå – recognised as one of the best university hospitals in the nation.

## THE CAPITAL OF THE NORTH

Umeå offers breath-taking nature, an abundance of shopping, first-class restaurants, a rich cultural life and a packed events calendar of a major city.

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