WELCOME TO UMEÅ UNIVERSITY

Umeå University is one of the leading comprehensive universities in Sweden. Creative environments attract students, researchers, teachers and collaborating partners nationally and globally. We strive to provide our students and staff with unique opportunities for professional and personal development, whilst serving society with new knowledge, both locally and globally.

EDUCATION FOR ALL
Umeå University offers a wide range of programmes and courses taught entirely in English. Every year, we host around 2,000 international students, teachers and researchers.

MODERN FACILITIES AND A CREATIVE ATMOSPHERE
Renowned for creative learning environments, featuring Umeå Arts Campus, the University Library, high-speed Wifi and Bildmuseet - the university’s museum of contemporary art and visual culture.

WORLD CLASS RESEARCH
Research at Umeå University is innovative and extends over many disciplines and scientific fields. We carry out top-level international research within such areas as ageing and population studies, infection biology, global health, and plant and forest biotechnology.

2ND PLACE IN EUROPE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SATISFACTION
Umeå University receives top marks from international students according to the International Student Barometer, 2017 wave. When asked how satisfied the students are with all aspects of their experience, Umeå University places second in Europe.

QUICK FACTS
- Founded 1965
- 4 Faculties
- Over 33,000 enrolled students
- 60 nationalities are represented
- Around 250 courses in English for exchange students
- More than 4,000 employees
WHAT CAN YOU STUDY?

Uméa University offers a wide variety of single-subject courses taught entirely in English. You will receive a quality education from a dedicated teaching staff while enjoying a creative learning environment.

COURSES BY SUBJECT

Archeology  
Architecture  
Biology  
Biomedical Sciences  
Business Administration  
Chemistry  
Computing Science  
Cultural and Media Studies  
Cultural Studies and Social Geography  
Design  
Earth Science  
Economic History  
Economics  
Education  
Electronics  

English  
Fine Art  
Food and Nutrition  
Gender Studies  
Geographical Information Systems  
History of Science and Ideas  
Human Geography  
Informatics  
Law  
Mathematical Statistics  
Mathematics  
Media Technology  
Medicine  
Molecular Biology  
Music  

Nursing Science  
Occupational Therapy  
Peace and Conflict Studies  
Philosophy  
Physics  
Physiotherapy  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Public Health  
Radiation Physics  
Social Work  
Sociology  
Statistics  
Theology  

HOW TO APPLY

Exchange students must first be nominated by their home universities. Once you have been nominated, you will receive instructions on how to apply to Uméa University.

IMPORTANT DATES

AUTUMN TERM  
Nomination deadline: 1 April  
Application deadline: 15 April

SPRING TERM  
Nomination deadline: 1 October  
Application deadline: 15 October

*Please note: Dates are subject to change*
OUR CAMPUSES

Two of the university’s four campuses are located in Umeå – Campus Umeå and Umeå Arts Campus. There are many possibilities for you to make new friends, learn from students with different backgrounds, engage in student’s rights and join organisations that meet your interests. Every week, there is something going on for you to take part in.

CAMPUS UMEÅ

Campus Umeå is the main campus and the vast majority of courses and programmes are held in its many buildings and facilities.

UMEÅ ARTS CAMPUS

Umeå Arts Campus is situated by the scenic banks of the Umeå River. It hosts Umeå Institute of Design, Umeå Academy of Fine Arts and Umeå School of Architecture.

CAMPUS ÖRNSKÖLDSVIK AND CAMPUS SKELLEFTEÄ

Mainly offer courses and programmes with regional ties.

ENGAGE

JOIN A STUDENT UNION OR AN ORGANISATION

Student unions and organisations are an essential part of student life at the university. Many are involved so that fellow students have a high quality of education, good working environment, and fun leisure time.

JOIN THE BUDDY PROGRAMME

The Buddy Programme introduces you to life in Umeå and Sweden. You will have the possibility to participate in various activities, for example: sports, parties, dinners, trips and more.

VISIT CULTURE ON CAMPUS

Every week, an event is arranged on campus for students and staff, free of cost. The events include concerts, theatrical performances, author visits, film, photography, dance and art.

RECOVER IN THE BRIGHT AND QUIET ROOM AURORA

At Campus Umeå you will find the student’s bright and quiet room for rest and recovery.

MOVE YOUR BODY

Home of Europe’s largest indoor sport and fitness facility on the main campus - IKSU Sport. For those who like to exercise outdoors, Umeå is a great base with its location between forest and sea. The closeness to nature is also ideal when you want to take a micro break from your studies.
SWEDISH STUDY SYSTEM

The academic year in Sweden is divided into two terms: autumn and spring. Courses are taught with a variety of methods, for example: lectures, lab work and discussion seminars, group or individual assignments. Sweden regularly ranks as one of the top countries in the world for non-native speakers of English which means you don't have to speak Swedish to study here.

DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS
The teaching methods are based on your own responsibility. You are expected to summarise, evaluate and analyse to draw your own conclusions. Examinations seldom requires that you reproduce exactly the material presented during the lectures.

ASK QUESTIONS AND DEBATE
The academic lifestyle is relaxed and friendly. The dress code is informal and the staff/student relationship is non-authoritarian and democratic. The professor is addressed by his or her given name and questions and debate are the norm.

FOCUS ON ONE THING AT A TIME
You generally only take one course at a time. One full week of study is estimated to be approximately 40 hours of lectures, group work, seminars and independent study. Exams are not given at the end of the term, but rather at the end of each course.

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LEARN SKILLS FOR A GLOBAL CAREER
Sweden ranks among the world's most innovative nations. During your studies you will learn to be creative, how to combine theory and practice, and how to navigate complex situations where there's no easy solution. You will also learn how to bring out the best in everyone and solve complex issues as a team – vital skills for your global career, where teamwork across cultures is the norm.
ACCOMMODATION

The International Housing Office (IHO) offers student housing to exchange students and degree-seeking students that are paying a tuition fee to study at the university. Both Swedish and international students live in the student corridors.

**SINGLE-OCCUPANCY**
A student corridor is usually comprised of 6-10 single-occupancy rooms with a shared kitchen and a common room.

**FURNISHED**
Bed with mattress, duvet and pillow, desk, desk chair, bookcase, drawers and wardrobe.

**CLOSE TO CAMPUS**
Housing areas are within 20 minutes walking distance or 20 minutes bicycle distance of campus.

**TOP-RANKED BY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
The International Housing Office at the university has been top-ranked globally by international students, according to the International Student Barometer (ISB) 2017.

**COST OF LIVING**

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*If you need a residence permit you need to make sure that you meet the requirements set by the Swedish Migration Agency*
EXPERIENCE UMEÅ

Umeå is known as the young university city, the culture city, the festival city, the floorball Mecca, and the city of birches. The Umeå region is composed of Umeå and the five neighbouring municipalities. Together they have a unique span in which nature and nature activities, culture, history and city life can be easily combined.

A CULTURE CITY

Here you find museums, a sculpture park, an opera and a professional symphony orchestra - but also the music festival Umeå Open, several smaller theatres and an international literature festival, among many other events. As proof of the city’s vibrant cultural scene, Umeå was named European Capital of Culture 2014.

A GROWING CITY

Umeå is one of Sweden’s fastest growing cities. When Umeå University was inaugurated in 1965 the city had only 40,000 residents. Today, more than 120,000 people live here. The city is also home to many growing companies, mainly in the field of biotechnology, medicine, IT, the environment and energy, and modern forestry and engineering industries.

EASY TO GET AROUND

In Umeå you’re never really far from anything. The city has over 260 kilometres of paved bicycle paths which makes it easy to get from one part of the city to another.

CLOSE TO NATURE

Experience the Northern Lights, arctic landscape and endless summer nights. Take the opportunity to go fishing, skiing or hiking. Umeå’s proximity to nature offers many possibilities.

ACTIVITIES ALL YEAR ROUND

Around Umeå you will find outdoor gyms, fitness and ski trails, equestrian facilities, a skate park, ski slopes, training facilities, a curling hall, ice hockey halls and much more.

QUICK FACTS

2,300 birch trees in the city centre
Over 125,000 citizens

38 is the average age of the residents

54% of the residents were not born in Umeå