WELCOME TO UMEÅ UNIVERSITY

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

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 from all over the world.

MODERN FACILITIES AND A CREATIVE ATMOSPHERE
Renowned for it’s modern and 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. Since 2020 we are also the home of Curiosum – Umeå University’s brand new science center.

WORLD CLASS RESEARCH
Research at the 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.

QUICK FACTS

- Founded: 1965
- Over 34,000 enrolled students
- 60 nationalities are represented
- 4 Faculties
- Over 40 degree programmes in English
- More than 4,000 employees
WHAT CAN YOU STUDY?

Umeå 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

Architecture  
Artificial Intelligence  
Biomedical Sciences  
Business  
   Administration  
Chemistry  
Computing Science  
Cultural and Media Studies  
Design  
Earth Science  
Ecology and Environmental Science  
Economic History  
Economics  
Education  
Electronics  

English  
Fine Art  
Food and Nutrition  
Gender Studies  
Geographical Information Systems  
Human Geography  
Informatics  
Law  
Mathematical Statistics  
Mathematics  
Media Technology  
Medicine  
Molecular Biology  
Nursing  
Peace and Conflict Studies  
Philosophy  
Physics  
Plant Physiology  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Public Health  
Radiation Physics  
Robotics  
Social Work  
Sociology  
Statistics  
Swedish  
Theology  
Tourism  

You can find information about all our available courses on our website.

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 Umeå University.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

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

Please note: Dates are subject to change. Check our website for updated information.
OUR CAMPUSES

Umeå University has two campuses located in Umeå. At our university 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 where it all began. The vast majority of courses and programmes are held in it’s many buildings and facilities – all within walking distance of each other. Campus Umeå is also where you can find our libraries, restaurants, cafés, study places, and services for students.

UMEÅ ARTS CAMPUS

Umeå Arts Campus is situated by the scenic banks of the Umeå River in central Umeå. It hosts Umeå Institute of Design, Umeå Academy of Fine Arts and Umeå School of Architecture. It also lies next to Bildmuseet – Umeå University’s museum of contemporary art and visual culture.

ENGAGE

JOIN A STUDENT UNION OR ASSOCIATION

Student unions and associations are an essential part of student life at the university. Many students are involved in creating a high quality of education, good working environment, and fun leisure time for their peers. There are plenty of opportunities for dedicated students.

JOIN THE BUDDY PROGRAMME

In the Buddy Programme, domestic students introduces you to student life in Umeå. Meet new friends from all around the world and get to know the Swedish way of life. You will have the possibility to participate in various activities such as sports, parties, dinners, trips and more.

MOVE YOUR BODY

Campus Umeå has alternatives for exercising both indoors and outdoors. Next to the campus lies one of Europe’s largest indoor sports and fitness facilities – IKSU Sport. If you want an outdoor experience - there is also a brand new on-campus outdoor gym.

VISIT CULTURE ON CAMPUS

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

The academic year in Sweden is divided into two semesters: autumn and spring. Courses are taught with a variety of methods, for example lectures, lab work, 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 require students to take responsibility for their own studies. Examinations seldom require you to reproduce exactly the material presented during the lectures. Instead you are expected to summarise, evaluate and analyse to draw your own conclusions.

ASK QUESTIONS AND DEBATE

The academic lifestyle is relaxed and friendly with an informal dress code. The staff/student relationship is non-authoritarian and democratic – the professor is addressed by his or her given name. Asking questions and debating 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 self-study. Exams are not given at the end of the semester, but rather at the end of each course.

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. 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.

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Different ways of studying one course at a time.
FURNISHED
The rooms are furnished with a bed with mattress, duvet and pillow, desk, desk chair, bookcase, drawers and wardrobe.

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

CLOSE TO CAMPUS
Housing areas are located within 20 minutes walking distance or 10 minutes cycle distance from campus.

INTERNET INCLUDED
Internet is included in the rent (you need a LAN cable or a wi-fi-router). On campus you have free access to wi-fi.

COST OF LIVING (SEK)

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*Please note that this is an average monthly budget for living in Sweden according to the Swedish Migration Agency. The cost of living is generally slightly lower in Umeå. For example, a single room in Umeå costs around 3200 SEK per month.

Students applying for a residence permit to Sweden need to present a bank statement showing they have the sufficient funds to support themselves during their study period.
EXPERIENCE UMEÅ

Umeå is known as the culture city, the innovative city, the festival city, the best city for sports, and the city of birches. The Umeå region is composed of Umeå and the five neighbouring municipalities. The region has a unique span in which nature activities, culture, history and city life easily can be combined.

A CULTURE CITY
In Umeå you can find museums, a sculpture park, theatres, an opera with professional symphony orchestra and also events like an international literature festival, the music festival Brännbollslyran, and many other events. As proof of the city’s vibrant cultural scene, Umeå was named European Capital of Culture in 2014.

OUTDOORS AND INDOORS
Experience the Northern Lights, arctic landscape and long/bright summer nights. Umeå’s proximity to nature offers many possibilities such as fishing, skiing, hiking and cycling. Umeå also offers a great range of sports activities: outdoor gyms, a skate park, ski slopes, training facilities, a curling hall and ice hockey halls.

AN INNOVATIVE CITY
Umeå is one of Sweden’s fastest growing cities – from 40,000 residents in 1965 to 128,000 people in 2020. The city is also home to many growing companies for example in the fields of biotechnology, environment and energy, medicine, IT, modern forestry and engineering industries.

EASY TO GET AROUND
Two central train stations, a peri-urban airport and bus stops all over the city makes travelling to, from and in Umeå really easy! Umeå is also a cycling city – with a cycle super highway and 260 kilometres of paved bicycle paths that takes you pretty much everywhere.

QUICK FACTS
- Over 130,000 citizens
- 2,300 birch trees in the city centre
- 39 is the average age of the residents
- 54 % of the residents were not born in Umeå