



UMEÅ UNIVERSITY

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## Fact sheet for partner universities

Umeå University is a comprehensive university which offers research and education in medicine, science and technology, social sciences, arts and humanities, and educational sciences. We offer exchange students close to 300 courses in English and have many international staff members as well as modern facilities, ensuring high-quality education to our incoming students.



Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) over Campus Umeå. **Image:** Mattias Petterson

## Fact sheet for Umeå University

### Exchange details

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Level of exchange

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Undergraduate courses, graduate courses

Short semester, one semester, a full academic year

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The academic calendar at Umeå University is divided into two semesters, each lasting 20 weeks. The autumn semester usually starts at the beginning of September and ends in mid-January. The spring semester begins in the middle of January and ends in early June.

Academic calendar

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## Insurance

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Exchange students are covered by an insurance policy, Student IN.

The insurance covers necessary and reasonable costs for health care, emergency dental care and damage to property. Travels outside of Sweden are not included in the coverage. EU/EEA citizens are required by the Swedish authorities to bring the European Health Insurance Card.

No matter their nationality, students are strongly advised to secure their own Health, Travel, and Accident insurance policy.

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## Support for students with disabilities

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We offer individual support to students who have a disability. The support aims to ensure the student may pursue their studies under the same conditions as their peers.

Study with a disability

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## Academics

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Students can apply for all courses in the aforementioned catalogue. To be admitted to a course, there must be places available, and the student must fulfill the course requirements.

The course selection should be discussed with the home university to make sure it is approved.

Students who want to apply for courses instructed in Swedish need to have reached a level of B2 or C1 depending on which course they wish to apply for. If a student wishes to apply for courses instructed in Swedish, they should contact the International Office to receive information on how to apply.

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## Swedish study system

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According to the Swedish study system full-time courses (100 % tempo) are taken one at a time rather than parallel. Therefore, it is important to carefully check the start and end dates for each course. More information about the Swedish study system.

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## Grading system

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The Higher Education Ordinance states that the following grades may be awarded, unless the institution decides to grade on some other scale.

- Pass with Distinction (väl godkänd)
- Pass (godkänd)
- Fail (underkänd)

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**No overall grade is given for a degree and students are not ranked.**

The home university is responsible for the conversion of the Swedish grades. To support the translation, the ECTS grading table is used at Umeå University. It shows the distribution of awarded grades since the course was established with the current course code, until the date the student has completed the course. The distribution will only show for courses established at least two years before the student completed the course.

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## Course load

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One academic semester comprises 20 weeks. This corresponds to approximately 40 hours of study per week including a varying number of lectures and classes. Most courses consist of 7.5, 15 or 30 ECTS.

1.5 ECTS is the equivalent to one week of full-time study.

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## Examination period

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Exams are generally held at the end of each course, rather than at the end of a whole semester. The same applies to final essays. Please note that students are required to register/sign up for exams at Umeå University. Failure to do so will mean that the student cannot sit the exam.

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## Overview of the nomination and application procedure

Digital nominations are submitted via the mobility tool, Solemove.

Instructions for nominating your outgoing students.

1. The partner university submits student's nomination on Solemove.
2. The student receives an email from Solemove with instructions on how to complete the nomination information on Solemove. This website uses cookies which are stored in your browser. Some cookies are necessary for the page to work properly and others are selectable. You choose which ones you want to allow.
3. The student completes nomination information in Solemove.
4. The student receives an email from Solemove with instructions on how to apply for courses.

5. The student uses their unique link from Solemove to apply for courses on University Admissions.
6. The Notification of Selection Results (admissions result) is published at the end of May for autumn applications, and mid-November for spring applications.

## Nomination procedure

Exchange students must be nominated online through Solemove (Umeå University's administrative system for student mobility). If you have not received login information from Solemove, please contact the department at Umeå University which you have signed the exchange agreement with. For university-wide agreements, please contact the International Office at [incoming.io@umu.se](mailto:incoming.io@umu.se) (mailto:incoming.io@umu.se)

After the nomination is submitted, an automatic e-mail with the application instructions will be sent to your student(s).

Proficiency tests in English are not required from students under formal exchange agreements. However, please make sure to nominate students who have sufficient knowledge of English, both oral and written, so they are able to succeed in their courses.

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## Nomination period

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Please note: If the dates below fall on a weekend/holiday, the deadlines are moved to the nearest workday.

For the Autumn semester and for the full academic year: 1 March–1 April

For the Spring semester: 1 September–1 October

**Important!** Only online nominations on Solemove submitted within the nomination period will be accepted.

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## Which information should be included?

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- Your contact details and those of your student(s)
- The student's date of birth
- Exchange programme

- Exchange period (Autumn, Spring, Full-Year only – do not choose ‘other’)
- Agreement

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When is the nomination and application deadline?

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Please note: If the dates below fall on a weekend/holiday, the deadlines are moved to the nearest workday.

**Spring semester**

Nominations: 1 October

Applications: 15 October

**Autumn semester**

Nominations: 1 April

Applications: 15 April

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## Submitting a course application

Detailed application instructions are found at:

[Application instructions](#)

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## Arriving and Orientation

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### Recommended arrival days

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Autumn semester 2024: The recommended arrival day is TBD (for students who have accommodation through the Umeå University Accommodation Services).

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### Orientation

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The Orientation consists of a series of lectures and activities that are designed to help you become acquainted with life in Umeå and studies at our university. A digital pre-arrival information session is held roughly a week before the start of the semester, and Orientation is held during the first week of the semester. Please refer to the Orientation webpage for specific dates for the upcoming semester.

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### Accommodation

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Umeå University offers exchange students the opportunity to apply for halls of residence close to the university.

[More information on student housing](#)

**Meal plan:** Students are responsible for cooking their own meals, and the residence halls are equipped with common kitchens for this purpose. At Umeå University there are lunch rooms where students can selectable. You choose which ones you want to allow. heat (microwave) their food. Students can also buy their meals and fika at Umeå University's restaurants and cafés.

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**Off-campus accommodation:** It is possible to rent from private landlords. If so, we strongly recommend student to start the search early and not to rely on finding their accommodation after their arrival in Umeå.

More information on finding accommodation

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## International Student Guide

We have gathered information and tips for your students in several areas: housing and budget, residence permit and visa, insurances, health care, travel, and social life.

International Student Guide

## International cooperations and networks

All current exchange agreements we have can be found on Solemove.

In addition, we participate in a number of international cooperations and networks:

International Cooperations

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Does your university want to sign an exchange agreement with Umeå University?

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Exchange agreements are mainly signed at a departmental level. If your university wants to sign an Erasmus+ or Nordplus agreement with our university, you need to contact the international contact person at the respective department.

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Promotional material

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## EWP Roadmap for partners

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Information for Erasmus+ partner institutions regarding the connection to Erasmus Without Paper (EWP)

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Umeå University has connected to EWP according to the EU timeline requirements using SoleMove as our mobility system.

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### Online Learning Agreement - OLA

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#### **Incoming OLA**

All departments use OLA for **incoming students** via SoleMove. If you use Erasmus Dashboard or your software is connected to EWP - we can sign OLAs for your outgoing students. All OLAs are currently handled by [incoming.io@umu.se](mailto:incoming.io@umu.se) (mailto:incoming.io@umu.se)

#### **Outgoing OLA**

Umeå University has implemented OLA for **outgoing students**. All departments use OLA for outgoing students via SoleMove. If you use Dashboard or your software is connected to EWP - we are able to send digital LAs for our outgoing students to you.

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### Inter-Institutional Agreements - IIA

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#### **Spring 2023**

Umeå is processing digital IIAs via EWP - please contact the department you already have an existing agreement/ wish to have an agreement with BEFORE initializing a digital IIA. Umeå is using SoleMove for IIAs. Please DO NOT send digital IIAs without prior

contact/confirmation with a specific department.

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## ESI

The European Student Identifier has been implemented, and is available in EWP via SoleMove, and through login via Umu-id for Umeå University students.

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## Questions?

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Please contact us at [solemove@umu.se](mailto:solemove@umu.se) (<mailto:solemove@umu.se>)

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## For Erasmus+ partners

**Erasmus code: S UMEA01**  
[Erasmus Charter for Higher Education \(pdf\)](#)  
[Erasmus Policy Statement \(pdf\)](#)

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