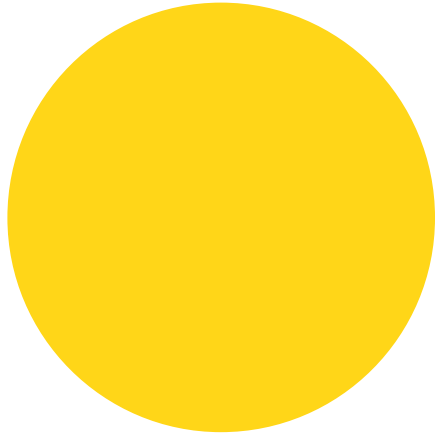


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# Södertörn University

*A short introduction to Sweden, Stockholm and Södertörn University*



# Today's agenda

## We will talk about...

1. Sweden and Stockholm
2. Södertörn University
3. Swedish Higher Educational System



# 1. Sweden and Stockholm

## Do you know that Sweden is:

- The 5<sup>th</sup> largest country in Europe with 10 million inhabitants
- Known for a very high level of English proficiency (Swedish is the national language)
- Home to many different nationalities
- Known for Gender Equality policies
- Home to the Nobel Prize ceremony

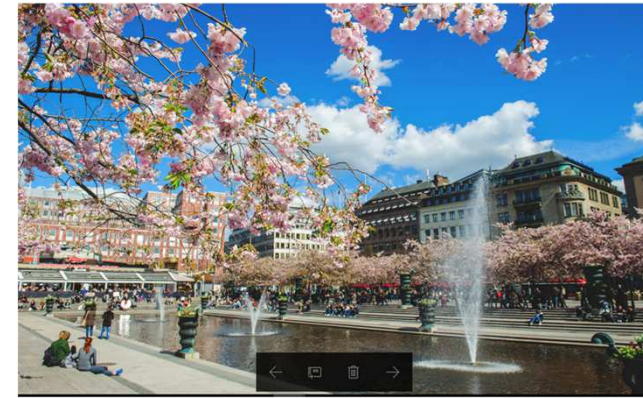


# 1. Sweden and Stockholm



**Do you know that Stockholm is/has:**

- The cleanest air of all European capitals
- Known for its beautiful nature (nature reserves, the archipelago etc.)
- Home to a growing tech-innovation community and many start-ups





Spotify  
No. 1 music streaming service



Toca Boca  
70+ million downloads



Lifesum  
Top health/fitness app in App Store



Candy Crush  
500+ million users, IPO \$7,5 Bn



The Green Call Button  
Invented in 1979 by Laila Ohlgren from Stockholm



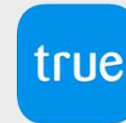
Minecraft  
100+ million users, sold for \$2,5 Bn



Skype  
300+ million users, sold for \$8,5 Bn



Truecaller  
100+ million users, raised \$80 million



Fishbrain  
No. 1 app for No. 1 hobby: fishing



40% of global mobile traffic runs through Ericsson networks

## 2. Södertörn University

a young and public university in the capital of Sweden



- Located in Flemingsberg (southern Stockholm)  
20 minutes by train to Stockholm City Centre
- About 80 programmes and 270 courses (12 master programmes in English)
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> largest university in Stockholm



Established in 1996  
13 000 students  
913 employees



## 2. Södertörn University



The university focuses on...

- **Multidisciplinary science**
  - knowledge building across subject boundaries
- **Cultural diversity**
  - richer knowledge and diverse perspectives
- **Education for informed citizenship**
  - meeting place for critical discourse and active citizenship

## 2. Södertörn University

The organization is based around 5 academic schools:

- School of Historical and Contemporary Studies
- School of Culture and Education
- School of Social Sciences
- School of Natural Sciences, Technology and Environmental Studies
- School of Police Studies

and

- Teacher Education - a university-wide programme



## 2. Södertörn University

### Our Research profile (1)

- Södertörn University is home to **CBEES – Centre for Baltic and East European Studies**. An interdisciplinary all-English research environment with a particular focus on studies of the Baltic Sea region and Eastern Europe.
- **BEEGS – Baltic and Eastern Europe Graduate School**
- **The Foundation for Baltic and East European Studies**



## 2. Södertörn University



### Our Research profile (2)

- Historical Studies
  - Archaeology, Ethnology, History, History of Ideas, and the Study of Religions
- Critical and Cultural Theory
  - The Theory of Practical Knowledge, Aesthetics, Philosophy, Gender Studies, Art History, Media and Communication Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Politics, Economy and the Organisation of Society
  - Business Administration, Sociology and Political Science
- Educational Science

## 2. Södertörn University



### Our internationalisation (1)

- 100 partners in Europe and about 30 partners outside of Europe, for example: Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Mexico, Chile, Canada and USA
- Normally around 200 incoming international students per year
- Exchange students can study one semester or one full academic year
- Degree-seeking students study one or two years at master's level

## 2. Södertörn University

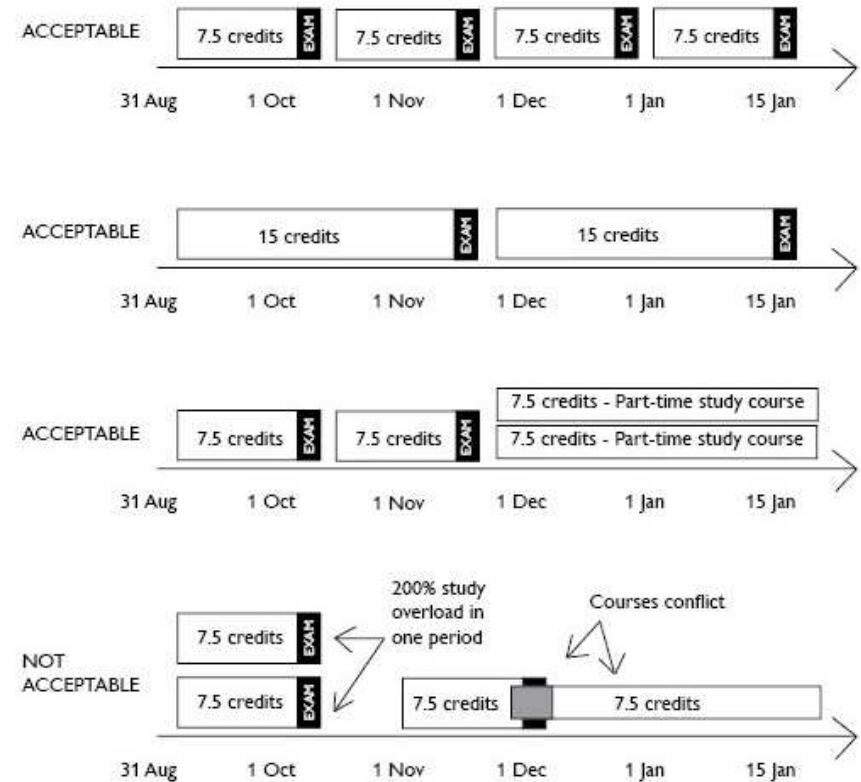
### Our internationalisation (2)

- We offer English-taught programmes:
  - Media, Communication and Cultural Analysis
  - English Literature
  - Social Science (Economics / Political Science / European Legal Studies / Journalism)
  - Leadership for Sustainable Development
  - Infectious Disease Control
  - Environmental Science
  - Tourism Studies
  - User Experience and Interactive Media Design

# 3. Swedish Higher Educational System

## Academic system:

- Three-cycle system:
  - Undergraduate: 3 years/ 6 semesters
    - \* Professional degrees need 4-5 years
  - Graduate : 1-2 years/ 2-4 semesters
  - Doctoral studies: 4-5 years/ 8-10 semesters
- Semester:
  - Autumn semester: August – January
  - Spring semester: January – June
- Credits: 30 ECTS /semester
- Course schedule: Period system



### 3. Swedish Higher Educational System

#### Academic culture:

- Usually smaller classes and groups (20-40 students)
- Given reading/individual tasks
- An emphasis on discussion and group work
- Student-teacher relations are relatively informal
- Teachers are addressed by their first names







*We look forward to welcoming you here!*

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