

# International Master's Programmes

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# Join us at Södertörn University!

**Södertörn University is one of Sweden's youngest, most dynamic and modern**

universities. We offer our students a multidisciplinary and multicultural environment, one where they not only acquire education but also develop as individuals and as mindful citizens.

We have a unique profile in which research, education and innovation are developed through scientific pluralism, making the university campus in southern Stockholm a meeting place that hums with creativity and critical discourse between science, art and politics. Our university has grown rapidly since its foundation, and currently has more than 12,000 students and around 930 staff members.

Internationalisation is one of our key priorities, so we regularly increase the number of programmes and courses offered in English.

The university has agreements with almost 130 universities globally. As a Master's student at Södertörn University, you will learn from and engage with leading academics and researchers in your field, accessing the most recent scholarly findings in Sweden and worldwide. You will be an indispensable and valuable member of our community, developing your ability to think independently and analytically. On behalf of all our staff and students, I am delighted to welcome you to Södertörn University and look forward to seeing you on campus.



Professor Gustav Amberg, Vice-Chancellor of Södertörn University



# Why choose Södertörn University for your Master's degree?

**Since its foundation, Södertörn University has strived to create an organisation with high quality teaching and research, one prepared to act in innovative ways. The use of English is not limited to class-time, as staff and students alike are internationally-minded and skilled English speakers.**

## **University ethos**

The concepts of diversity, active citizenship and multidisciplinary education are integrated in all our activities. Students and staff work across subject boundaries and strive for depth and breadth in teaching and research.

## **Education**

We offer more than 80 degree programmes in the humanities, social sciences, environmental science, media technology and education. 14 of these are taught in English.

## **Research**

There are strong links between teaching and research. Research at the university has a significant focus on Eastern and Central Europe, particularly the Baltic Sea region.

## **Location**

Södertörn University is located in Flemingsberg, south of Stockholm, and has excellent transport links to the rest of the city and country. We value the synergies that arise when academia interacts with the surrounding society.





## Stockholm

This beautiful capital city was recently rated the fourth safest city in the world, and Sweden tops the global innovation rankings. Whether you love nature and the outdoors, or are a keen concert and festival goer, a party animal or a fastidious foodie, Stockholm is the right city for you. Spread across 30,000 islands, the Stockholm archipelago offers a vast number of green hills, beaches, romantic sunsets, palettes of green and blue, and boat tours between the islands. Stockholmers love the outdoors and fill the warmer months with barbecues, sporting events, visits to the countryside, and (when the weather allows) soaking up the sun.

At the same time, Stockholm is undoubtedly one of the world's leading tech cities. With companies like Spotify, Skype, and Ericsson hailing from Stockholm, the city has rightly been receiving considerable attention.

## Sweden

Ever wondered why you should study in Sweden? The short version: it's modern, equality-driven, sustainable, innovative, home to the Nobel Prize and one of the best places for English as a second language. The long version: when you study in Sweden, you're encouraged to think independently, creatively and critically. You will develop your ability to question the status quo by evaluating information, seeking new perspectives and coming up with well-informed opinions. If you're concerned with sustainable development for a greener future, you will feel right at home in Sweden, as environmental issues are high priority here. Sweden is renowned for its dedication and leadership in equality and inclusiveness and is consistently ranked as a world-leader in gender equality and LGBTQ+ rights.



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# Our international Master's programmes

## **International Master's Programme in Economics**

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE (120 CREDITS) IN ECONOMICS

This two-year Master's programme provides students with essential knowledge of modern economic theories for advanced economic analysis.

Courses follow international standards, combining theoretical models and their applications, and are taught in English. They include courses such as Mathematics for Economics, Advanced Macroeconomics, Advanced Microeconomics, and methodology courses like Qualitative Research Methods and Advanced Econometrics.

- Entry requirements  
Bachelor's degree including 90 credits in Economics as the main field of study, Mathematics C or equivalent qualifications. English language requirement: 6.5 IELTS or the equivalent.

Courses in Business Administration are generally not considered as the courses in Economics.

- After the programme  
Economists work in both the private and the public sectors and are sought after in local and central government. In the private sector there is a demand from banks, insurance companies, consultancies and other companies/organisations.



## **International Master's Programme in Journalism**

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (60 CREDITS) IN JOURNALISM

This one-year Master's programme provides a meta-perspective on journalism, investigating the role of journalism in different media systems and socio-cultural contexts. You will learn about journalism cultures around the world and how they can be studied from a comparative perspective, about press freedom and the role of media in international conflicts.

While the programme's focus is theoretical, you will have an opportunity to practice journalistic writing and meet experts and practitioners in the journalism field.

- **Entry requirements**

Minimum English language requirement: 6.5 IELTS or the equivalent. Bachelor's degree in the social sciences or humanities or equivalent.

- **After the programme**

This programme provides knowledge and skills for working in an international setting, for example, with organisations for journalists and media professionals. If you already work as a journalist or have previously studied journalism and the media, the programme will help you apply a global perspective to your work. The programme provides the necessary qualification for admission to doctoral studies if you are planning an academic career.

## **International Master's Programme in Media, Communication and Cultural Analysis**

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (120 CREDITS) IN MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES

This two-year Master's programme offers crucial skills for the creative industries. In academia, the development of the media is linked to some of the most urgent questions within the humanities and social sciences.

The curriculum includes the theories and methods of media studies, media and culture industries, media and everyday life, and media and representation. There is a range of optional courses leading to specialisation in the second year.

- **Entry requirements**

Minimum English language requirement: 6.5 IELTS or the equivalent. Bachelor's degree including 90 credits in Media and Communication Studies as the main field of study.

- **After the programme**

This programme is designed to provide comprehensive knowledge of the theory and practice of the modern media, preparing you for a broad range of professional careers or for postgraduate studies in this academic field, both nationally and internationally.

## **International Master's Programme in Environment, Sustainability and Global Development**

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE (120 CREDITS) IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

This two-year Master's programme combines the natural and social sciences, educating the next generation of interdisciplinary scholars and professionals so they can address some of the world's most challenging environmental and sustainability issues.

There are two specialisations: Environment, Politics, and Global Development; and Ecosystem Management, Biodiversity and Climate Change. Theoretical models and empirical data are brought together in a hands-on manner using interdisciplinary perspectives. A considerable effort is made to improve students' communicative ability in both oral and written forms adapted to different target groups. It is also possible to receive a 60-credit Master's degree after one year of full-time study.

- **Entry requirements**

Minimum English language requirement: 6.5 IELTS or the equivalent. Bachelor's degree natural sciences, social sciences or humanities including a minimum of 90 credits relevant to studies in the environment, sustainability or global development.

- **After the programme**

This programme is a good preparation for subsequent employment, spanning from the private sector, over national and international NGOs, to politics and public administration at various levels.

## **International Master's Programme in Infectious Disease Control**

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE (60 CREDITS) IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

This one-year multidisciplinary Master's programme provides a solid basis for a career in infectious disease control. It is designed for students with a special interest in the spread and control of infectious diseases, spanning medical, environmental, health science and socioeconomic aspects of infectious disease control, using a global perspective and focusing on prevention, diagnostics and therapy.

The curriculum includes courses on infectious diseases from national and local health perspectives and offers a modern toolbox for the surveillance, evaluation and control of disease spread, including epidemiology, GIS, statistics, meta-analysis and mathematical modelling.

- **Entry requirements**

Minimum English language requirement: 6.5 IELTS or the equivalent. Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science, Bioscience, Geography, Development Studies: Specialisation International Health, or an equivalent degree in the field of Medicine or Public Health Science.

- **After the programme**

This programme is good preparation for subsequent employment, spanning from the private sector (from small-scale enterprises to large corporations), over national and international NGOs, to politics and public administration at local, regional, national and international levels.

## **International Master's Programme in Political Science**

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE (120 CREDITS) IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

This two-year Master's programme provides systematic, in-depth knowledge and understanding of central theories and analyses in Political Science. Students are allocated a personal mentor from the teaching staff to help them orient themselves within the discipline and to establish a contact network.

The curriculum includes courses in the theory of science, political theory, analytical approaches in political science, and methodology. The fourth and final semester involves writing a substantial dissertation.

- **Entry requirements**

Minimum English language requirement: 6.5 IELTS or the equivalent. Bachelor's degree including at least 90 credits in Political Science or the equivalent.

- **After the programme**

Political Science graduates are well qualified for work in the private and public sectors, as well as in NGOs that operate between those sectors. The programme offers valuable training for a career that requires the investigation, evaluation and analysis of politically relevant questions.

## **International Master's Programme in Leadership for Sustainable Development**

(in either Business studies or Economics or Sociology)

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE (120 CREDITS) IN BUSINESS STUDIES OR ECONOMICS OR SOCIOLOGY

This two-year Master's programme provides analytical tools and theoretical and methodological knowledge in the social sciences, specialising in the leadership and management of activities that encourage the transformation to sustainable societal development. Education is conducted in cooperation with external partners and there is a particular focus on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Sustainability is explored from different perspectives to gain a critical understanding and a systems perspective on crucial challenges to achieving sustainability.

The programme has three specialisations – Business Studies, Economics or Sociology.

- **Entry requirements**

Minimum English language requirement: 6.5 IELTS or the equivalent. For each specialisation, you must have a Bachelor's degree in a relevant field, i.e. Economics or Sociology or Business Studies. For Economics, see the entry requirements for the Master's Programme in Economics, 120 credits.

- **After the programme**

The programme provides the necessary skills and knowledge for work in an international setting on sustainable development and related issues. It also provides the necessary formal qualification for admission to doctoral studies.

## **International Master's Programme in User Experience and Interactive Media Design**

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE (120 CREDITS) IN MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

This two-year Master's programme has a multidisciplinary basis, including perspectives from the humanities, social sciences and technology. Courses address central concepts, theories and methods for media production and interaction design. You will also study the role and importance of interactive media in society, as well as research theories and methods. The emphasis is on attaining theoretical and practical skills that are relevant to the design of interactive experiences.

- **Entry requirements**

Degree Minimum English language requirement: 6.5 IELTS or the equivalent. Bachelor's degree including 90 credits in Media Technology or equivalent as the main field of study.

- **After the programme**

This programme provides a wide skill-set in digital media and information technology, preparing you for a range of careers, such as project manager, interaction and user experience designer, developer or producer. It is also a suitable basis for a research career in media technology.

## **International Master's Programme in European Legal Studies**

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (60 CREDITS) IN PUBLIC LAW

This one-year Master's programme provides in-depth knowledge of EU law and its impact on national administration. The programme curriculum includes modules on the principles of good administration and on different fields of EU law, such as environmental law, consumer protection law and competition law.

The second semester is dedicated to a Master dissertation, which deals with a specific European legal act and its influence on the national legal order, with a focus on the principles of good administration.

- **Entry requirements**

Minimum English language requirement: 6.5 IELTS or the equivalent. Bachelor's degree in Public Law or equivalent.

- **After the programme**

The programme provides a solid basis for qualified legal work in the public sector, at local, regional, national and international levels, as well as in the private sector. It provides in-depth knowledge of the EU and its importance for Swedish administration.

## **International Master's Programme in Tourism Studies**

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE (60 CREDITS) IN TOURISM STUDIES

This one-year Master's programme focuses on city tourism and its ability to build bridges between individuals, different groups and countries in a multicultural world. It examines destination development and marketing related to trends, opportunities and risks in travel and tourism. Experience tourism is discussed using events and permanent attractions. The use of new digital tools in tourism information, booking and professional meetings are analysed. Finally, hospitality management and leadership in tourist companies in a changing and sustainable world are studied.

- Entry requirements  
Minimum English language requirement: 6.5 IELTS or the equivalent. Bachelor degree including at least 60 credits in Tourism Studies.

- After the programme  
Tourism Studies give you important knowledge for a range of professional roles both in Sweden and abroad. There are many opportunities available, and positions held by former students include hotel managers and marketers at hotels, travel consultants for travel companies, communications officer at tourist offices, social media specialists at large tourism companies, as well as destination developers and event managers. The programme also provides a good basis for future research in the field of tourism, thanks to the in-depth knowledge it provides about vital contemporary issues in tourism.



# Admissions and student services

## Admissions

Entry requirements: To be eligible to study at Södertörn University, you must fulfil the general entry (eligibility) requirements, as well as the specific requirements for the programme you are interested in – these are available on our website, [www.sh.se](http://www.sh.se).

A requirement for all Master's programmes is a Bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited higher education institution, worth at least 180 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) and with a major in a relevant subject. Additionally, to be eligible for a Master's programme you need to meet the English language requirement equivalent to the Swedish

upper-secondary school course English 6 or English B, either through upper secondary (high school) studies, university studies, or an internationally approved English test (IELTS 6.5 with no sub score less than 6.0 or an equivalent test). Information about how to meet the English language requirement can be found at: <https://www.universityadmissions.se/en/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements/>

Application process:

Applications are submitted via [www.universityadmissions.se](http://www.universityadmissions.se), where you need to create a personal account and upload your supporting documents by the given deadline.



## **Tuition fees and living costs**

Students who are not citizens of an EU/EEA/Nordic country or Switzerland must pay tuition fees when studying at Bachelor's or Master's level in Sweden. In the humanities and social sciences the fee per academic year is currently SEK 90,000 and for sciences it is up to SEK 150,000.

For more information about tuition fees, please visit: [www.universityadmissions.se](http://www.universityadmissions.se)

Please note that non-EU and non-EEA students must apply for a residence permit before arriving in Sweden. International students are required to have at least SEK 8,694 (or approximately EUR 840/USD 850) per month at their disposal. For more information, please visit [www.migrationsverket.se](http://www.migrationsverket.se). Based on actual living expenses, we recommend that international students have an average of SEK 10,000 per month for living expenses in the Stockholm area.

## **Scholarships**

Södertörn University Scholarships  
Södertörn University's tuition fee waivers are aimed at talented students from countries outside the EU/EEA/Switzerland. Read more: [www.sh.se/scholarships](http://www.sh.se/scholarships)

Swedish Institute Scholarships  
The Swedish Institute offers a number of government scholarship schemes aimed at countries outside the EU/EEA/ Switzerland. These scholarships cover living costs and tuition fees. Read more at: <https://si.se/en/apply/scholarships/>

## **Residence permits**

Non-EU/EEA citizens must apply for a student residence permit online or at the Swedish Embassy/Consulate in their home country of residence before arrival in Sweden. A letter of acceptance from Södertörn University is required for the residence permit application.

EU/EEA citizens need a student residence permit for any study period that exceeds three months. Applications must be sent to the Swedish Migration Board within three months of arriving in Sweden. As an international student, you may work during your studies, although your studies should be your top priority. After completing your studies, you can apply to extend your residence permit to look for work for up to 12 months.

## **Accommodation**

Non-EU fee-paying students or scholarship holders are guaranteed housing if they apply before the deadline. Because we host more incoming exchange and free-mover students than there are available rooms, we may be unable to offer accommodation to everyone. We strongly advise you to apply for accommodation as early as possible and to check for alternative accommodation options as well. You can find more information on our website: [www.sh.se/housing](http://www.sh.se/housing)

## **Insurance**

Exchange students and fee-paying students are covered by a student insurance policy via Kammarkollegiet (Sweden's Legal, Financial and Administrative Services Agency). Please contact [international@sh.se](mailto:international@sh.se) for more information on the insurance policy. Free-mover students from countries in the EU/EEA are not covered by Kammarkollegiet's student insurance when they are not on campus and must purchase their own home insurance cover. All EU students must bring their European Health Insurance Card with them to Sweden.

## **Orientation Week**

Södertörn University provides welcome services and an Orientation Week programme for international students, including practical information and social activities.

## **Students' Union**

The students' union, SöderS, works with issues relating to higher education, as well as social and leisure activities, and is an important means of making student voices heard. Participating in activities at the students' union is often fun and gives international students the opportunity to meet Swedish students. Membership is voluntary.

## **Career and Study Guidance**

The Career and Study Guidance service is for students and for people who are considering applying for higher education. It provides guidance on what and how to study, your study situation, freestanding courses, future career and much more.

## **Exchange studies and internships abroad**

Södertörn University has around 370 exchange places at foreign higher education institutions via different exchange programmes and bilateral agreements. Students on two-year Master's degree programmes at Södertörn University can apply for exchange studies which can be undertaken during their second year. This opportunity comes with no extra tuition fee regardless of nationality or residence permit. In addition, all students participating in an Erasmus+ programme exchange may apply for a European scholarship that will help cover the extra cost of travelling and living abroad. After fulfilling some specific requirements, exchange students are entitled to a credit transfer for the courses they have studied at the partner institution. It is also possible to obtain work experience after studying or during the long Swedish summer break. If you can secure an internship in Europe but outside of Sweden, you can apply for the Erasmus+ traineeship scholarship. Note that the internship should be full-time, between two and twelve months in duration, and have a clear link to your studies.

## **Support for students with disabilities**

If you are a student at Södertörn University and have a permanent disability, you can apply for special educational support. It is important that you apply as soon as you can so that we can provide the best possible support. If you need help with specific talking books, please contact the library's talking book service.

## **Study at a modern, dynamic and multicultural university in Stockholm, Sweden**

Studying a Master's degree at Södertörn University provides you with world-class education at a modern, world-minded university with outstanding facilities. Enjoy the sociocultural life of the cosmopolitan Swedish capital, study in the state-of-the-art library or walk in the beautiful forests close to the campus. The results of a survey carried out among our international students in 2019 showed that 90% of our enrolled students felt the campus facilities met or exceeded their expectations, while a whopping 94% of our international students would recommend Södertörn University to other students.

Södertörn University is a young university, founded in 1996, and a state-governed higher education institution in Stockholm. Our campus is in Flemingsberg, 14 km south of the city, where we conduct education and research for sustainable societal development. The university's key concepts are multidisciplinary, multicultural and liberal education.

Our courses focus on the humanities, social sciences, media technology, natural sciences and environmental science. We also provide teacher education with an intercultural profile and police education. A lot of our research focuses on the Baltic Sea region. We have more than 12,000 students; about 14 programmes and 100 courses are offered in English.

Our ethos is world-minded, curious and questioning, searching for surprising syntheses, challenges and development. We combine subjects, perspectives, people and experiences. To ensure that our students develop the expertise demanded by the labour market, new programmes are often developed in partnership with external stakeholders. We value and cherish diversity among our students.

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