

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 training. 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. In 2019/2020 we had almost 500 international students at Södertörn University, coming from many different countries as exchange or degree students.

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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We hope you will 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. Södertörn University has 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 is brimming 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 in Europe and further afield. 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



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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 width in teaching and research. Students are trained in critical and independent thought processes, receiving a solid academic education and, on graduating, become active members of society.

Education

The university offers more than 80 degree programmes in the humanities, social sciences, environmental science, media technology and education. There are also over 270 courses that students may choose to study independently. More than 100 courses and about 14 Master's programmes are offered in English in the 2022/2023 academic year, and the list of programmes offered in English is growing.

Research

There are strong links between teaching and research. A major focus for research at the university is the history and culture of Eastern and Central Europe, particularly in the Baltic Sea region. The university also has extensive international ties and confers doctoral degrees in several areas of research: Historical Studies; Critical and Cultural Theory; Environmental Studies; Studies in the Educational Sciences; and Politics, Economy, and the Organisation of Society.

Location

Södertörn University is located in the south of Sweden's capital city, Stockholm, and has excellent transport links to the rest of the city and country. The university campus is in the heart of Flemingsberg, where we are neighbours with Karolinska Institutet (Karolinska University Hospital) – one of Sweden's largest university hospitals, the Swedish Police Authority, and Swedish Red Cross University College, among others. We value the synergies that arise when academia interacts with the surrounding society, and we educate the employees and entrepreneurs of tomorrow.

Despite its urban setting, the university sits atop a rocky outcrop and is surrounded by rocks

and trees. One of the largest roadless areas in the county is within walking distance, with coniferous forests and wetlands that are a haven for protected species. Stockholm's archipelago is easily accessible by public transport.

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 lately. Stockholm is the second most prolific tech hub in the world on a per capita basis, only behind Silicon Valley.

Sweden

Ever wondered why you should study in Sweden? The short version: it's a modern, equality-driven, sustainable, innovative, home to the Nobel Prize and one of the best at 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.



“At Södertörn University you are guided to grow”

In my second month in Sweden as an international master's student at Södertörn University someone asked me, “Genius, why did you choose Södertörn?” For me, the choice was intentional and I knew my answers up my sleeves. I published an article titled *Why I chose Södertörn University for my international studies* and there I summarized my reasons for that one decision that have turned out to be one of my best academic moves.

Aside a personal curiosity that led me to making the university my first choice, as a global citizen interested in studying in a multicultural environment open for innovation, I knew Södertörn University was one of my best shots. My program of study is Media, Communication and Cultural Analysis and there was no better university in Sweden actively combining media/communication studies with cultural analysis.

Each master's program in the university as captured in the University Ethos is designed to allow students and staff to work across subject boundaries and strive for depth and breadth in teaching and research. The university is young and modern and you're welcomed to think outside the box. Yes, at Södertörn University you enjoy the modernity that allows dynamic and innovative thinking which is vital in our ever-changing technology-driven world. The most unique advantage of studying here is that your professors and the entire community trust you as an indispensable and valuable member.

At my third month in the university, I was accepted as a Research Assistant and worked on “Automated Decision Making” with my professor, and I succeeded because I was trusted and guided. That is why you should choose Södertörn University for your Master's degree – here, you are trusted and guided to grow!

Amarazu Genius
International Student Ambassador



Planning to conduct research or earn a PhD after your Master's degree?

Södertörn University has professional, creative research environments that range over many disciplines and fields. Our research has a contemporary focus, united with an active and critical approach to the past. Many of our research groups and research projects strive to achieve a high level of contemporary and social relevance. The university's research generally has an international focus, even in subjects that traditionally examine their own national cultures and history.

A key word is multidisciplinary. Södertörn University has about 100 doctoral students in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. Since 2001, Södertörn University is also home to the international and interdisciplinary **Baltic and East European Graduate School (BEEGS)**.

We also host:

- **The Centre for Baltic and East European Studies (CBEES)** – a multidisciplinary research centre that focuses on the Baltic Sea region and Eastern Europe
- **The Centre for the Study of Political Organisation** – conducts research that focuses on how politics and policies are formulated, communicated and structured

- **MARIS** – undertakes and develops maritime archaeological research, with a special emphasis on the Baltic Sea and the surrounding area
- **The Institute of Contemporary History** – a leading research centre for contemporary history in Sweden, with a strong interest in both domestic issues and history at transnational and international levels
- **Centre for Studies in Practical Knowledge** – explores, raises awareness of and develops practical knowledge with an emphasis on different forms of knowledge in working life
- **ENTER forum** – a hub for multidisciplinary research and education in the field of entrepreneurship
- **The Academy of Public Administration** – a multidisciplinary research centre that gathers research on public administration, primarily Swedish public administration.
- **Reinvent** – a platform for multidisciplinary research and integrative, interactive and innovative cooperation on sustainable urban development.

Our international Master's programmes

■ International Master's Programme in Economics (one-year programme)

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE (60 CREDITS) IN ECONOMICS

This 60-credit Master's programme is a good preparation for a career in the public or private sector, but can also lead to doctoral studies in Economics. Courses follow international standards, combining theory and application, and are taught in English.

Students follow four specialised Economics modules during the first semester. The curriculum includes courses in Mathematics for Economics, International Macroeconomics, and Advanced International Trade Theory, among others.

● Entry requirements

Minimum English language requirement: 6.5 IELTS or the equivalent. Bachelor's degree with 90 credits in Economics, including courses in intermediate macroeconomics, intermediate microeconomics and in econometrics. This corresponds to approximately three semesters of full-time studies in Economics. Courses in business administration are generally not considered equivalent to Economics.

● After the programme

Economists work in both the private and public sectors and are sought after in local and central government, including central banks and finance ministries, as well as by international organisations. In the private sector there is a demand for economists for work in banks, insurance companies, consultancies and other organisations. It is also possible to transfer to the two-year (120 credit) Master's programme.

■ International Master's Programme in Economics (two-year programme)

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE (120 CREDITS) IN ECONOMICS

This 120-credit programme is an excellent preparation for doctoral studies in Economics or for a career in the public or private sectors. Courses follow international standards, combining theory and application, and are taught in English.

The curriculum includes in Mathematics for Economics, International Macroeconomics, Advanced International Trade Theory, Advanced Industrial Organisation, Theory of Knowledge, and Intersectional Analysis, among others.

● 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 equivalent to Economics. Optional courses may be replaced by other courses after approval from the programme coordinator.

● After the programme

Economists work in both the private and the public sectors and are sought after in local and central government, including central banks and ministries of finance, as well as by international organisations. In the private sector there is a demand for economists for work in banks, insurance companies, consultancies and other organisations. It is also possible to transfer to the one-year programme.

■ International Master's Programme in Environmental Science

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

This 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 three specialisations: Environment, Communication, and Politics; Ecosystem Management; and Infectious Disease Control.

Theoretical models and empirical data are brought together in a hands-on manner using multidisciplinary perspectives. You will have the opportunity to refine your skills in oral and written presentations, as well as communication techniques. 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 including 90 credits in Environmental Science, Bioscience, Sociology, International Health, Media Communication Studies or the equivalent.

● After the programme

There is a growing need for professionals who can adopt multidisciplinary perspectives on issues relating to natural resources and the environment. This programme is good preparation for subsequent employment, spanning from the private sector (from small-scale enterprise 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 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 modules 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 enterprise 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 European Legal Studies

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

This 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 thesis, 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 User Experience and Interactive Media Design

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

This master's degree 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 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 organizations for journalists and media professionals. If you already work as a journalist or studied journalism and media before, you will benefit from the programme if you want to report more on foreign affairs and apply a global perspective in your work. The program It provides the necessary formal qualification for admission to doctoral studies for you 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 120-credit 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 Political Science

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

This 120-credit 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 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 90 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.

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 Sustainable Development Goals. Sustainability is explored from different perspectives to gain a critical understanding and a systems perspective on central sustainability challenges.

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.

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 at our website, 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: www.universityadmissions.se/en/All-you-need-to-know1/Applying-for-studies/English-requirements/

Application process

1. Find an international Master's programme at: www.universityadmissions.se



2. Check the requirements and make sure you meet general and programme-specific requirements, where relevant.

3. Create an account and submit your online application by the deadline.

4. Submit your supporting documents to University Admissions by the deadline and pay the application fee of SEK 900 (approximately EUR 89/ USD 105) if relevant.

5. Check whether any additional documents are required by the department you applied to and submit them by the 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

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 8,568 (or approximately EUR 840/USD 1000 per month at their disposal.

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

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 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: 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). This insurance provides coverage for the following emergency medical and dental care services:

- disability and death benefits
- medical and dental care
- home transport
- personal property coverage
- third party liability
- legal expenses

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 European students must bring their European Health Insurance Card.

Student Services

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 at Södertörn University 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 and how to put together your own degree, future careers and much more. You can find the Study and Career Counsellors during drop-in hours, book an appointment or send an e-mail to studier.karriar@sh.se

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 of duration, and have a clear link to your studies at Södertörn University.

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. The university offers support to students with disabilities by providing services such as alternative examination, adaptations for written examinations, note-taking support, individual study plans, mentoring, PowerPoint and lecture notes, a resource room,

