

YOUR GUIDE TO STUDIES AT  
**UMEÅ UNIVERSITY**  
SWEDEN



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# Welcome to Umeå University

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

## HIGHLY INTERNATIONAL

Umeå University offers a wide-range of one and two-year master's degree programmes – 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 its modern and creative learning environments, featuring Umeå Arts Campus, two on-campus libraries, high-speed wifi and Bildmuseet – the university's museum of contemporary art and visual culture. In 2020 we also opened an outdoor exercise gym on Campus and a brand new science center - Curiosum.

## WORLD CLASS RESEARCH

Research at the university is innovative and extends over many disciplines and scientific fields. We have rich opportunities for anyone interested in interdisciplinary research. We carry out top-level international research within such areas as ageing and population studies, infection biology, global health, and plant and forest biotechnology.

## SATISFIED STUDENTS

Umeå University has for several consecutive years received top marks by international students in surveys for higher education institutions. The majority of previous students would recommend applying to Umeå University.

## QUICK FACTS

Founded

1965



60 nationalities  
are represented



4 Faculties



Over **34,000**  
enrolled students



Over 40 degree  
programmes  
in English



More than **4,000**  
employees

# Life on Campus

Umeå University has two campuses located in Umeå - Campus Umeå and Umeå Arts Campus. 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 associations that meet your interests. Every week, there is something going on for you to take part in.

## JOIN THE BUDDY PROGRAMME

The Buddy Programme is a multicultural community engaging hundreds of international and domestic students. Buddies are students at Umeå University who volunteer to introduce you to the Swedish way of life. The programme offers the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of social activities, and to explore Swedish traditions.

As a participant in the Buddy Programme, you will be part of a buddy group that consists of approximately 8–10 buddies and 25–30 international students.

## VISIT CULTURE ON CAMPUS

Every third 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.

## EXPLORE BILDMUSEET

In seven floors of striking architecture, Bildmuseet, displays exhibitions of international contemporary art. As a visitor you are invited to guided tours, artist talks, lectures, film screenings and other events with free admission.

## CAMPUS UMEÅ:

- fills an area equivalent to 34 football pitches
- has a cozy park with a pond in the middle
- offers many study places and several libraries
- close to a large sports centre, an outdoor gym and a track and field arena.

## JOIN A STUDENT UNION OR ASSOCIATION

Being a part of a student union or association is one of the ways you can make your studies at our university more rewarding and fun. Student unions works towards improving the quality of your education and creating a fun leisure time, while student associations connects people with a common interest. There is for example associations for student radio, international affairs and theatre.

## MOVE YOUR BODY

Campus Umeå is home to one of Europe's largest indoor sports and fitness facilities – IKSU Sport. On their 22 000 m<sup>2</sup> you can enjoy climbing, swimming, ball and racket sports, group training and more. **Tip!** A student union membership gives you a discount on your IKSU Sport membership.

## GET OUT THERE

Experience the Northern Lights, arctic landscape and endless summer nights. For those who like to exercise outdoors, Umeå is a great base with its location between forest and sea. The closeness to nature is also ideal when you want to take a micro break from your studies. If you are looking for an outdoor work-out – there is also a brand new on-campus outdoor gym.

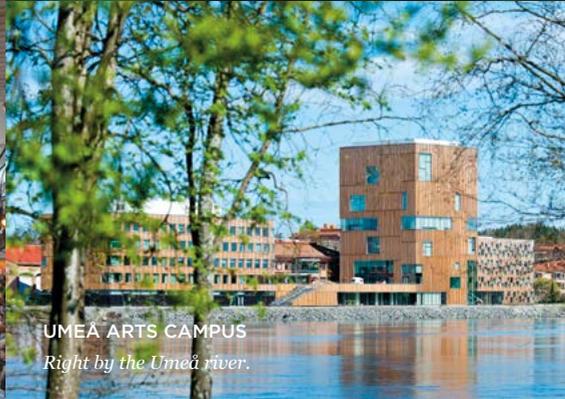
## ARTS CAMPUS:

- exciting architecture right by the river
- Bildmuseet – the university's museum of contemporary art and visual culture
- creative learning environments
- close to several parks and the city centre



**PLAY BRÄNNBOLL**

*Typical Swedish sport similar to rounders.*



**UMEÅ ARTS CAMPUS**

*Right by the Umeå river.*

# Master's Programmes 2021/2022



## ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS

The Master's programmes presented here are taught in English and constitutes 120 ECTS unless stated otherwise.

A minimum total score of IELTS 6.5 (with no individual score below 5.5) or TOEFL (Internet-based) score of 90 (with a minimum writing score of 20) is required for non-native English speaking applicants. Some programmes may have a different requirements.

# Architecture, Design, and Fine Arts

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ADVANCED PRODUCT DESIGN

ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN DESIGN

FINE ARTS

INTERACTION DESIGN

TRANSPORTATION DESIGN

## ELIGIBILITY

You fulfil the basic eligibility for the Master's programmes mentioned above if you have a Bachelor's degree of at least 180 ECTS from an internationally recognised university in the respective main field. Some of the programmes also have further requirements, – for example submitting a portfolio/work samples.

For specific information about eligibility for the different programmes, please visit our website.

[WWW.UMU.SE/STUDY](http://WWW.UMU.SE/STUDY)

# Business, Economics, and Statistics

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ACCOUNTING

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONALISATION

ECONOMICS

FINANCE

MANAGEMENT

MARKETING

STATISTICS AND DATA SCIENCE (60 ECTS)

The programmes above are offered at the AACSB accredited Umeå School of Business, Economics and Statistics.

## ELIGIBILITY

You fulfil the basic eligibility for the Master's programmes mentioned above if you have a Bachelor's degree of at least 180 ECTS from an internationally recognised university in Business Administration. Some of the programmes also have further requirements, - for example credits in the specified subject area.

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# Science, Technology, and Engineering

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

CHEMISTRY

COMPUTING SCIENCE

EARTH SCIENCE

ECOLOGY

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE WITH A FOCUS ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

MATHEMATICS

MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

PHYSICS

PLANT AND FOREST BIOTECHNOLOGY

## ELIGIBILITY

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# Health and Medicine

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## BIOMEDICINE

PUBLIC HEALTH (1 YEAR, 60 ECTS)

PUBLIC HEALTH (2ND YEAR, 60 ECTS)

## PUBLIC HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH WITH SPECIALISATION IN HEALTH ECONOMICS

PUBLIC HEALTH WITH A SPECIALIZATION IN HEALTH ECONOMICS  
(2ND YEAR, 60 ECTS)

## **ELIGIBILITY**

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# Social Sciences, and Humanities

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COGNITIVE SCIENCE

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS (60 ECTS)

CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND PEACEBUILDING

ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY

GENDER, JUSTICE AND SOCIETY (60 ECTS)

HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION AND USER EXPERIENCE

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY WITH A SPECIALISATION IN GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) (60 ECTS)

IT MANAGEMENT

POLITICAL SCIENCE

PSYCHOLOGY WITH SPECIALISATION IN HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY (60 ECTS)

SPATIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

TOURISM

## ELIGIBILITY

You fulfil the basic eligibility for the Master's programmes mentioned above if you have a Bachelor's degree of at least 180 ECTS from an internationally recognised university in the respective main field. Some of the programmes also have further requirements, - for example credits in the specified subject area.

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# Undergraduate programmes & course packages

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INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INTENSIVE, 60 ECTS

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PROGRAMME, 240 ECTS

LIFE SCIENCE, 180 ECTS

## ELIGIBILITY

**English:** A minimum total score of IELTS 6.5 (with no individual score below 5.5) or TOEFL (Internet-based) score of 90 (with a minimum writing score of 20) is required for non-native English speaking applicants.

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# 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 requires students to take responsibility for their own studies. Examinations seldom requires you to reproduce exactly the material presented during the lectures. Instead you are expected to summarise, evaluate and analyse to draw your own conclusions.

## 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.

## ASK QUESTIONS AND DEBATE

The academic lifestyle is relaxed and friendly with an informal dress code. The relationship between staff and students is non-authoritarian and democratic – the professor is addressed by his or her given name. Asking questions and debating is 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.

Alt 1	7,5 ECTS	7,5 ECTS	7,5 ECTS	7,5 ECTS
Alt 2	15 ECTS		15 ECTS	
Alt 3	7,5 ECTS	7,5 ECTS	15 ECTS	
Alt 4	15 ECTS		7,5 ECTS	7,5 ECTS
Alt 5	30 ECTS			

*Different ways of studying one course at a time.*

# Tuition fees and scholarships

In general, citizens of countries outside of the European Union (EU), European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland are required to pay tuition fees for their studies in Sweden. Each year, Umeå University offers scholarships to talented and high-achieving students.

## TUITION FEES

With a few exceptions, all citizens of countries outside of the European Union (EU), European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland are required to pay application and tuition fees for education at Swedish universities at the undergraduate and master's level.

Tuition fee levels for specific programmes can be found on the programme's webpage.

The tuition rates for full-time studies range from SEK 93,000 per year to SEK 364,500 per year, depending on the field of study.

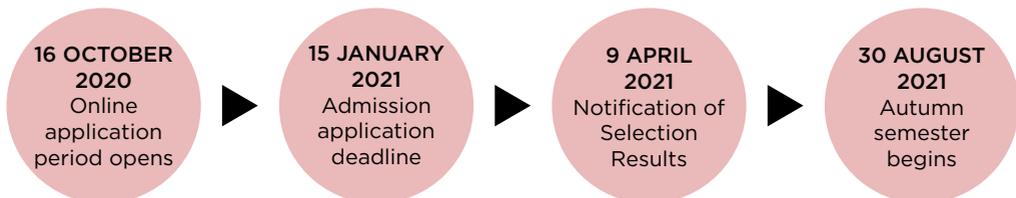
## SCHOLARSHIPS

Umeå University offers scholarships each year in conjunction with the autumn semester admission. Our scholarships are offered to academically talented and high-achieving students. Scholarships offered are in the form of tuition-waivers. Selected candidates receive a full or partial waiver of the tuition fee.

Additionally, Umeå University cooperates with the Swedish Institute regarding their scholarship programmes. Further information regarding additional scholarship opportunities can be found on the Swedish Institutes website.



## Important dates



*Please note that some of the programmes have their own application deadlines. Information can be found on the programme webpage.*

# Student Housing

The International Housing Office (IHO) offers student housing to exchange students and tuition fee-paying students. Both Swedish and international students live in the student corridors.

## SINGLE-OCCUPANCY

A student corridor is usually comprised of 6-10 single-occupancy rooms with a shared kitchen and a common room. All rooms have a bathroom and most of the rooms have a shower.

## CLOSE TO CAMPUS

Housing areas are within 20 minutes walking distance or 10 minutes bicycle distance of campus.

## FURNISHED

Furnished with: a bed with mattress, duvet and pillow, desk, desk chair, bookcase, drawers and wardrobe.

## 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

Food	2,000
Accommodation	4,170
Local Travel	550
Phone/internet	300
Hobby/Leisure/Miscellaneous	1,494
<b>Est. Monthly Budget</b>	<b>8,514*</b>

*\*Please note that this is an average monthly budget for living in Sweden as a student. 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.*

# ”Come with an open mind to meet people from all the continents”

## What made you interested in applying for the programme?

I am a lawyer since 2017 and I wanted to study more constitutional law. I was looking for the best LLM in Constitutional Law in Sweden, and Umeå University seemed like the perfect place for me that also wanted to experience the northern parts of Sweden.

## What would you liked to have known before you came to Umeå?

Get ready for a cold winter, bring enough warm clothes, and try to sort out your accommodation as soon as possible. Regarding the programme, you will have to work a lot in groups and you should come with an open mind to meet people from all the continents, it's a very international master.

Swedish people are very nice, polite, friendly and respectful. They laugh a lot and are not as cold as described.

## What do you think about the programme and the teachers/teaching?

I think the programme has been quite challenging, but the teachers have been very supportive through the entire course, and they know their subjects really really well. The courses consists of a good mix of seminars, lectures, guest professors etc.

## What do you like to do in Umeå outside the university?

I like to spend time with my corridor mates, I like to go downtown – it is easy to walk everywhere! Of course enjoy the nature which is really breathtaking, I like the snow and I still hope to see the northern lights.



**Name: Adolfo Canales**

**Age: 27**

**From: Mexico**

**Programme: Master's Programme in Constitutional Law**

**Graduation year: 2020**

## What are the differences between studying in Sweden and your home-country?

Yes, here the studies are a mix of lectures and seminars, in my home country studies are mainly lectures and the students have less opportunity to work on their own.

## What are your plans after graduation?

I am going back to my home country and I will continue working as a lawyer in human rights and criminal law. This experience is useful to my practice.

## Favourite Swedish word or custom?

Fika is always nice! My favorite Swedish fika is prinsesstårta (traditional Swedish marzipan cake).

# ”You will definitely find whatever you are looking for”



**Name:** Cartrine Anyango  
**Age:** 35  
**From:** Kenya  
**Programme:** Master’s Programme in Public Health  
**Graduation year:** 2020

## What made you interested in applying for the programme?

I was working for a non-governmental organisation in Nairobi with public health issues. I also had this quest to venture into research, to take part in bringing change to the current public health situation. When my husband got a postdoc position in Umeå, I felt it was the perfect chance for me.

## What would you liked to have known before you came to Umeå?

The university is very supportive - from the time you apply for studies to when you finish your thesis. There are open communication channels and people are available - you can ask any question. The staff is supportive and responsive.

## What do you think about the programme and the teachers/teaching?

I really enjoyed the programme. It is multi-disciplinary and focuses on different interests, so you will definitely find whatever you are looking for. The students come from different disciplines and countries, so you will get to understand things from many perspectives.

The lecturers are very friendly and supportive. I like the way they focus on creating self-reliance and independence in the students. The studies are self driven - I go to class because I want to, not because someone else wants me to go.

## What do you like to do in Umeå outside the university?

Since I have a family I have to fit my activities around them. When I have my own time I like to take a jog around the Nydala lake with it’s beautiful scenery or spend time in the library in Umeå city reading a book.

## What are the differences between studying in Sweden and your home-country?

The relationship between the lecturers and the students is very different. It’s very mutual and open. Also the way the courses are organised is different, more structured.

## What are your plans after graduation?

Right now I am working on publishing my second thesis. My main focus is to find a PhD opportunity in Umeå, but I’m open for other universities in Sweden.

## Favourite Swedish word or custom?

Fika! I like the custom because it is a way of bringing people together, sharing information, catching up and basically getting to know each other.

# 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.

## THE CITY OF CULTURE

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 Brännbollsyran, and many other events. As proof of the city's vibrant cultural scene, Umeå was named European Capital of Culture in 2014.

## THE CITY OF INNOVATION

Umeå is home to many growing companies for example in the fields of biotechnology, environment and energy, medicine, IT, modern forestry and engineering industries. The city has an effective and inclusive support system for innovation with world class academic and business incubators (with wide-ranging focus from biomedicine to creative and cultural sectors). It lies in Umeå's DNA to work inclusively and to challenge perceptions, creating a reflexive and stimulating environment to work in.

## 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.

## OUTDOORS AND INDOORS

With it's proximity to both sea and forest, Umeå is perfect for outdoor activities. Get ready to experience the Northern Lights, the arctic landscape and long/bright summer nights. Take the opportunity to go fishing, skiing, hiking, cycling or visit one of our many outdoor training facilities around Umeå.

With over 300 sports associations, it's not a coincidence that Umeå has been named the best city for sports in Sweden, both 2018 and 2020.

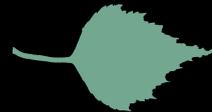
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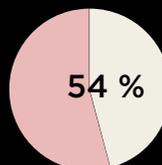
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is the average age of  
the residents



Over 130,000 citizens



2,300 birch trees in  
the city centre



54 %  
of the residents were  
not born in Umeå

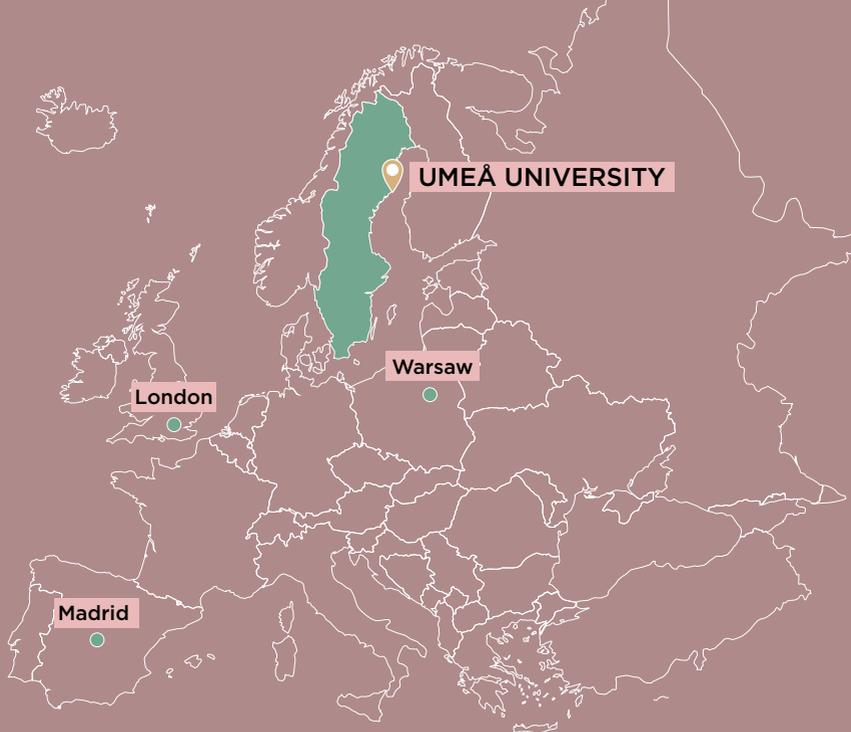


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