Jönköping, Sweden

Global Exchange Program

Jönköping International Business School

USC’s exchange program in Sweden is designed to help American students gain first hand knowledge of Swedish culture and international business practices. The program is located in Jönköping (pop. 120,000), on the southern tip of Lake Vättern, a city with its own culture and feel. Jönköping lies halfway between Stockholm and Copenhagen and is easily accessible from those cities. Situated in the central southern region near the Baltic coast, the area is well known for its engineering skills and entrepreneurial spirit. This region alone is home to 9,600 small and medium-sized businesses and many international companies.

Students will attend Jönköping International Business School (JIBS) which has a student population of 2000; international students make up one quarter of that population. Students attend classes with Swedish and other exchange students from around the world. All classes are taught in English. Only USC undergraduate students are eligible to participate in this program.

As a prerequisite, students must have attained at least sophomore standing prior to attending Jönköping International Business School. Students must also meet individual course prerequisites. Students are not required to speak Swedish, though they are encouraged to take Swedish language classes while abroad. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required.

Courses and Credits

Full-time study at JIBS equals two courses per quarter (four courses per semester). Students may take a fifth course if it is one of the language courses, Swedish I or Swedish II. Following are a few examples of JIBS subject offerings. A complete list of courses can be found at [http://www.ihh.hj.se/doc/1626](http://www.ihh.hj.se/doc/1626).

Subject Offerings

- Accounting and Finance
- Economics
- Informatics
- Law
- Statistics
- Economic Geography
- Entrepreneurship, Marketing, and Management
- Languages
- Political Science
Living Arrangements
Students may arrange housing through the university or seek accommodation on their own. The university rents apartments and rooms from the city and private housing companies for its students. Rent usually includes electricity, heating, and water and ranges from 1800 to 3000 SEK per month. Housing costs are paid to JIBS and vary based on location, size, furniture, etc. Information on housing can be found at http://www.ihh.hj.se/doc/1622.

Budgeting
As a smaller city in Sweden, students will find Jönköping is more affordable than Stockholm. Students should plan to budget 7300 SEK a month including housing costs. For a detailed budget please visit http://www.ihh.hj.se/doc/1623. Students pay in-state tuition and fees to USC.

Master Calendar
Jönköping International Business School’s fall semester goes from mid August to mid January. The spring semester extends from mid-January to the beginning of June. A full master calendar can be found at http://www.ihh.hj.se/doc/1620.

Insurance
Per university policy, all USC students will be charged emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad. For questions about this policy, contact the Study Abroad Office.

Orientation
During the first week of every semester, JIBS organizes an induction week for the international students, which is obligatory. This week contains a number of activities such as an introduction to the Swedish language and culture, study visits, presentations of the student unions, and other important organizations at the school.

Excursions
The program does not offer organized excursions. Students do have the opportunity for individual travel. Jönköping’s great location makes travel to places like Stockholm, Göteborg, and Copenhagen very easy. Golf, skiing, backpacking and canoeing are ideal pastimes in this lush green country.

Visa
Students that attend Jönköping International Business School for a semester or for an academic year are required to obtain a Swedish visa prior to departure. The Swedish visa can be applied for online. For more information on the Swedish visa process, please visit http://sweden.visahq.com/embassy/United-States/.

Footnotes
USC students can attend Jönköping International Business School during the fall semester, spring semester or academic year. Students that attend JIBS during the fall semester may take their exams early in time to return for USC’s spring semester. Visit JIBS at http://www.ihh.hj.se/doc/1601. For more information on Sweden, please see: www.visitsweden.com

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