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Faculty of Law

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Law students of the world, welcome to Uppsala!

Uppsala University, founded in 1477, is the first university to be established in Scandinavia and the Faculty of Law became one of the university's original faculties. Today, the Law Faculty reflects a wide range of international legal expertise, with teachers and other scholars who are committed to innovative teaching methods to bring their expertise into the classroom.

The Law Faculty's academic focus is an international one. Our researchers are engaged in collaborations with research partners worldwide, not only in the Nordic region but throughout Europe and around the world. Many of our students also spend a semester or even a full year at universities abroad, and the Law Faculty enthusiastically welcomes a considerable number of visiting international students and researchers to Uppsala each year as well. The Faculty supports these endeavors to cultivate a global academic environment and considers students from abroad not merely to be our guests but an integral and invaluable part of our educational community.

Uppsala University is particularly well suited for welcoming international law students. Its faculties offer advanced courses in English, with teachers and staff who have considerable experience in making the study environment a welcoming one. The Faculty of Law is no exception in this regard. The university is also known for its "student nations," initially reflecting students' regional heritages. Today, the nations have evolved into well-developed institutions run both by and for students, offering academic and social support. The Law Faculty and its students are eager to showcase what it is like to be a university student in Sweden.

As Dean of the Law Faculty of Uppsala University, I welcome you, and I assure you that your time spent in Uppsala will be worthwhile, both professionally and personally.

Anna Singer
Dean of the Law Faculty



The Town of Uppsala

Located 65 kilometers north of Stockholm and with a population of 200 000 people, Uppsala is the fourth largest town in Sweden. It has the charm of a small town, as well as the opportunities and advantages of a big city. Uppsala is a town with a living history. Old Uppsala (Gamla Uppsala) was the focal point of the Kingdom of the Swedes. Traces left by the Viking forefathers are still to be seen at Gamla Uppsala. The dominating landmarks in Uppsala are the large cathedral and the castle, both located in the centre.

The Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law in Uppsala is the oldest law department in Sweden and is situated in the center of Uppsala in a building that dates back to the 17th century. The Law School in Uppsala has one of Scandinavia's most popular education programs. Our model of teaching is based on a foundation of high quality of research carried out at the Faculty and extensive international cooperation with other universities.

Problem Based Learning

The education method used at the Faculty of Law is problem based learning (PBL). The main learning process is a series of problems which are based on a concrete course goal. The students work in groups and are responsible for giving accounts at seminars. Furthermore, students work not only with the technical application of rules, but the students also deals with the essential problems that are common for all lawyers: structuring facts in a material, distinguishing what is the actual problem in a complex course of events, arguing and putting arguments to a test as well as criticizing and questioning.

The reason behind Uppsala's decision to implement PBL is the advantageous outcomes for the students. This method enables the students to learn more, compared to the traditional teaching methods, and also to keep the skills acquired to remain on a deeper level.

Student responsibility

The basis for teaching at the Faculty is that the students take active responsibility for their learning. The courses consist mainly of seminars with a few lessons. Students are required to prepare by cooperating in smaller work groups (groups are formed at the beginning of the course). Students should acquire knowledge and skills in the different subjects through their own activities. At the seminars, each work group presents a discussion of the material assigned to them. However, all students are expected to participate. Due to this teaching method, attendance at the seminars is compulsory.

Management by objectives

The courses are managed by objectives. The goals are clearly described and are connected to examination. The objectives also serve as a ground for continuous evaluation of the learning achievements made by the students.

The role of the professor

The professors at the Faculty of Law in Uppsala do not have a conventional role of the academic teacher. The role of the teachers within PBL method is to organize the learning process. The teachers are responsible for creating situation that favour learning and should also show the students how they can obtain knowledge by themselves. The teacher shall comment, criticize, put things in order, summarize, but not "teach" in the traditional way.

Support

The student counsellors are offering support for students that may for some reason have problems with their studies (please see page 17 for contact information and office hours).

Teaching Methods at the Faculty

Seminars

About 25 students and a teacher participate in seminars. In the beginning of the course the students get assignments, often in form of a real or hypothetical case. The seminars are prepared in small groups. Seminars are based on the students' activities, and the work of each student is continuously accounted for and discussed.

Tutorials and other teaching in base groups

All students belong to a student group that consists of four to six students. At tutorial the small group meets with the teacher to discuss problems in connection to seminars or other assignments.

Lessons

About 25 students and one teacher participate. During lessons the teacher has a more dominating role than during seminars but the students are encouraged to ask relevant questions and participate in the discussion.

Lectures

During lectures, the teacher has a dominant role. Lectures are often held in front of a large group of students. Lectures are held to introduce the students to a course.

Examination

Usually the examination consists of a written exam at the end of the course. Books and other materials that the students are allowed to bring to the exam may vary from course to course. Before a student is allowed to take an exam, the student must fulfill all compulsory elements (e.g. full participation in seminars) of the course. In most courses, written and oral performances during the course affects the final grade of the course. If a student fails to pass the exam he/she can retake the exam at a later date.

Attendance

Full attendance is compulsory at seminars. Observe that there are no official breaks at all during the semesters. However, teachers tend to leave two weeks without compulsory seminars during the Christmas season and on some courses one week without compulsory seminars during the Easter.



The Law Library

The Law Library, located close to the Law Faculty, has a high standard. The library has extensive collections of materials covering Community Law, English Law, German Law and French Law. Students at Faculty of Law also have access to the main University Library, Carolina Rediviva.

Computers and Internet

Computers connected to the Internet are accessible at the libraries, though availability may be limited due to high demand. The Faculty has a wireless connection for those who use their own laptops. You have to apply for an UpUnet-S account before your arrival, in order to access the University's computer network and the Internet. Application form is available at the University's webpage www.uu.se

Information about Courses

Course Curriculum

As an exchange student, you can enroll for all law courses given in English. The courses given in English are advanced courses and they are also available for the Swedish students studying at advanced level.

In order to study these advanced courses it is recommended that you have studied at least three years of law in your home country and you should also have a very good knowledge of English. If you have a very good knowledge of Swedish you are also welcome to apply for the advanced courses given in Swedish. See the course catalogue for detailed information on the courses offered.

Course periods & ECTS-credits

Studies at universities in Sweden are based on a two semester system. The autumn semester runs from the beginning of September to the middle of January and the spring semester from the middle of January to the beginning of June. All advanced level courses, including the law courses in English, run for ten or twenty weeks and represent 15 or 30 ECTS-credits each. One week corresponds with 1.5 ECTS-credits. The total number of credits per academic year is 60 ECTS.

Unlike in many other countries you attend only one course during a period. You have the option either to take one “A period course” and one “B period course” worth 15 ECTS-credits each or one “A+B period course” of 30 ECTS-credits.

The extent of a course depends entirely on the number of weeks (holidays not included) between the beginning and the end of the course. Please note that the normal workload is 40 hours a week, including teaching, preparation in groups, written assignments and self studies.

Application

All courses have a restricted entry and competition is usually keen. It is recommended that you make a second and third choice in your course application in case you are not admitted to your first or second option.

Please note that there is **no “course shopping”** at Uppsala University. You can only study courses you have been admitted to and you are only admitted to one course at a time. The deadline for application to courses for exchange students is **April 15 / October 15**.

Certificates and Grading

A certificate will be issued for the entire period that you have spent at the Faculty of Law in Uppsala. In the certificate, all courses are specified with credit value (points) and grade. Courses taken will be noted with the Swedish grading system and also in the ECTS grading system.

The certificate together with the course descriptions in the course catalogue are intended to provide your home university with the information needed on how to handle your Swedish study results when including them in the degree at your home university.

Swedish Official Grading Scale for Law Students

AB – Pass with Distinction

BA – Pass with Merit

B – Pass

U – Fail

Swedish Official Grading System	Swedish Expanded Grading System	European Community Course Credit Transfer System	Percentage of successful students normally achieving the grade	ECTS definition
AB	AB+	A	10%	EXCELLENT: outstanding performance with only minor errors
AB	AB-	B	25%	VERY GOOD: above the average standard but with some errors
BA	BA	C	30%	GOOD: generally sound work with a number of notable errors
B	B+	D	25%	SATISFACTORY: fair but with significant shortcomings
B	B-	E	10%	SUFFICIENT: performance meets the minimum criteria
U		FX	–	FAIL: some more work required before the credit can be awarded
U		F	–	FAIL: considerable further work is required

Facilitating scale for the transfer of academic grades

The ECTS scale uses the letters A to E to indicate passing grades, which superficially resembles the North American grading scales. However, it should be noted that the ECTS grades have higher values: thus, also the grade E is a passing grade. Your home university can probably provide you with a translation of their grading scale into the ECTS scale, which provides an approximate indication of the Swedish grade's correspondence to your own university's system.



Student Life

Uppsala Student Unions

The Student Unions are responsible for the welfare of the students by dealing with educational, financial, health care, housing and recreational matters, etc. At the Student Union the students can buy used books, borrow computers and copying machines and arrange for an e-mail account.

The Student Nations

The thirteen Student Nations are clubs dating back to the 17th century. Each nation bears the name of a certain region in Sweden and is primarily a club for students from that region. Foreign students are free to choose which nation they want to join.

The various nations arrange similar activities for their members. These include cafés, and pubs with nightclubs. Some nations also offer lunches. Formal three-course dinners (gasques) or balls are arranged at certain intervals, including Ladies' and Gentlemen's dinners, sometimes with a day-before and a day-after-party.

Other activities at most nations are a number of musical events with various kinds of orchestras and bands including jazz and classical music, choirs, theatre groups, sports, athletic clubs, photo labs and art clubs.

Guest lectures, guided tours, excursions and recreational trips to interesting sites may be offered. The sports and other activities vary some what between different nations. There are good opportunities for students to work at these events. Many can earn some extra money by working in the pub. The International Student Guide gives further information on the different nations.



Accommodation

Most students in Uppsala live in single student rooms in “corridors” with their own WC and shower. The kitchen is usually shared with other students (4–12) living on the same corridor. Rooms are furnished with a bed and mattress, a desk, chairs and a bookcase.

Due to the large numbers of incoming students, the Faculty of Law can unfortunately not guarantee accommodation to all international students. Priority will be given to students from partner universities which have a reciprocal exchange with the Faculty of Law.

Although Uppsala is counted as a small city in comparison with other European cities, it is very difficult to find housing. We therefore recommend incoming students to apply for housing through the Uppsala University Housing Office but at the same time be aware of the fact that not all will get a room through the University Housing Office.

Academic Calendar

Uppsala University applies a two semester system. Autumn semester runs from the end of August to mid-January and spring semester from mid-January to early June.

There are no official breaks during the semesters but most courses have a period with no teaching for two weeks around Christmas.

Contact Information

The Student Affairs Office at the Faculty of Law

The Student Affairs Office is located on the 2nd floor at Västra Ågatan 26.
The Office is open Monday–Thursday between 10–12 a.m. and 1–3 p.m.

At the Student Affairs Office you can:

1. buy course materials and collect course materials that is free of charge
2. get information regarding time and place for exams and exam results
3. get information on any changes in the schedules

You can also call the office between 9–10 a.m., + 46 18 471 20 07 or e-mail jurstudexp@jur.uu.se

See also the Faculty's webpage: www.jur.uu.se

International Exchange Office at the Faculty of Law

International Coordinator is Malin Alm.

International Administrator for incoming students is Angélica Tibbling.

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International Exchange Office visiting hours:

Monday: 13.00–14.30

Wednesday: 13.00–14.30

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Thursday: 10.00–11.00



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