

Gustavus Exchange - VÄXJÖ UNIVERSITET, VÄXJÖ SWEDEN



THE UNIVERSITY AND CITY

Växjö University is the second largest university in southern Sweden, and has more than 14,000 students. The University is well known for its international profile-- the faculty and the student body represent over 30 countries throughout the world, and the University itself participates in a number of exchanges. These exchanges have also resulted in a well-developed support system for international students.

Växjö is a modern city, which attracts high-tech industries and has a well-developed infrastructure. Traditional crafts still operate successfully in the city, which includes timber, furniture design and a world-renowned crystal industry.

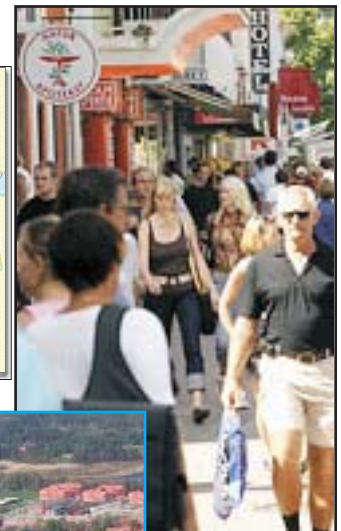
There are nearly 40 student organizations, and the Student Union is always organizing activities for students. The campus is a great mix of the old and new: it boasts its own castle, Teleborgs Castle, but many of the buildings are newly renovated and the Videum Science Park is always growing. The campus also has cafes, pubs and a discotheque.

ACADEMICS

All academic departments at Växjö offer courses in English. No previous study in Swedish is required, though with the proper language background, a Gustavus student is welcome to take courses in Swedish. A full-time semester is a 20-point course load. Växjö offers 20-point programs or the student may combine courses to total 20 points. Växjö is on a "block" type schedule, in which students take one class at a time, and the exams are combined at the end of the semester for a cumulative program mark, rather than several different marks.

A Swedish language course is required while studying at Växjö, and is a five point course. It can be assumed that a five point Växjö course will transfer as one Gustavus course credit (so that a 20-point load is equivalent to a four course credit Gustavus load).

The University requires two years of college courses before admission, therefore study at Växjö is only for the junior or senior year at Gustavus.



ACCOMMODATION

At Växjö, you may choose between student housing (on or off campus), shared flats, a single room with a family or a single room apartment. Most of the student rooms on campus have an internet connection, as well as several computer rooms and there are places on campus where you can plug in a laptop.

Students who live with a family will have their own room, and will share cooking facilities and a bathroom with other student. You cook your own meals and live independently.

The number of flats (apartments) on campus are limited.

Student housing is competitive and will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Most exchanges students will be housed off-campus.

COST

The Gustavus program with Växjö is a tuition exchange; students pay tuition to Gustavus for the semester(s) in Sweden, and receive tuition at Växjö. Housing and food costs are paid in Sweden by the student. Students are responsible for their own transportation, visa costs and personal expenses. Generally all financial aid applies, except student work study and certain scholarships that require participation on campus. A \$250 deposit is due upon acceptance.

DATES

Fall semester at Växjö runs from the end of August to mid-January;
Spring semester begins at the end of January and runs through June.

GAC Application deadline: March 1st for the following academic year; fall or spring semester or year options

Applications are available in the Office of International Education.



On campus at Växjö



In Växjö



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