



**KARLSTAD
UNIVERSITY
SWEDEN**

FACTSHEET

2026/2027



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KNOWLEDGE FOR SOCIETY

Our ambition is to contribute to the development of knowledge at international, regional and individual levels. Thanks to our openness, creativity and multi-disciplinary approach, we have already attained a significant level of academic achievement. All our education and research is underpinned by a close dialogue with private companies and public organisations. We can also offer one of the most inspirational university environments in the country.

KEY FACTS

- 19,000 students.
- 265 doctoral students
- 1,300 staff members.
- 250 exchange students annually

TERM/SEMESTER DATES

AUTUMN SEMESTER 2026

Start: August 31, 2026
Ends: January 17, 2027

SPRING SEMESTER 2027

Start: January 18, 2027
Ends: June 6, 2027

The Introduction Week starts one week before the official start of the semester.

More information: [Academic Calendar](#)

NOMINATION DEADLINE

Autumn semester (August-January): 1 April

Spring semester (January-June): 1 October

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Spring semester (January-June): 15 October

Autumn semester (August-January): 15 April



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ERASMUS CODE:	S KARLSTA01
ECHE PROJECT NUMBER:	101012327, Granted ECHE 2021-2027

APPLICATION PROCESS

For a student to be able to apply, our partner universities must first nominate their students. Information about this is sent to all partner universities before the deadline. When the student has been nominated instructions on how and where to apply will be sent directly to the student. We only accept online applications.

LANGUAGE OF STUDY

Students need to possess English skills equivalent to TOEFL test result, minimum score 213 (CBT), 575 (PBT) or 90 (IBT) or an IELTS test result with an overall band score of minimum 6.5 and no band score below 5.5, or B2 in the Common European Framework Reference (CEFR).

Karlstad University usually offers Swedish language courses for exchange students.

Course Catalogue: [Exchange Students Courses](#)

ACCOMMODATION

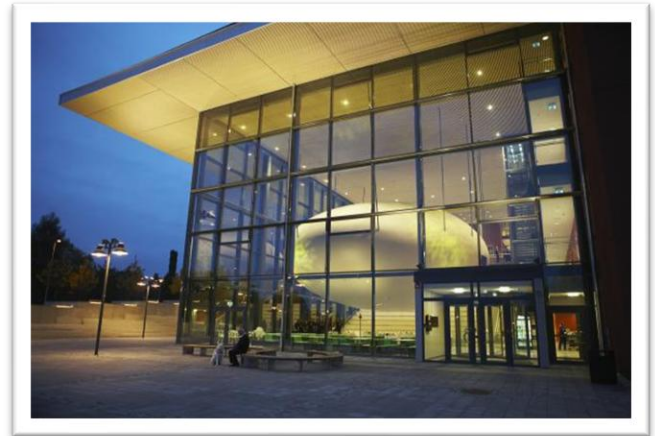
Karlstad University helps all exchange students with accommodation. All rooms are furnished and have their own toilet and shower. A shared kitchen is standard. More information will be given together with the application information in October/April.



COST OF LIVING

Students requiring a residence permit must, by law, demonstrate that they have funds of at least SEK 10 656 per month of study (for permit applications submitted during 2026).

More information: [Living costs in Sweden](#)



ADMISSION FEES

No fees for exchange students.

CREDITS

Modules are credited in ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). The ECTS protocol allocates 60 credits to a full academic year's work, and 30 credits to a semester's work.

GRADING SYSTEM

In most faculties and disciplines the grades awarded are:

VG = Pass with distinction
G = Pass
U = Fail

More information: [The Swedish Academic System](#)

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

When the students have finished their studies at Karlstad University, they can request a Transcript of Records. Official documents are not sent by post but instead printed by the students themselves from their personal page on our website.

The authenticity of these documents can be checked by following a link on the transcript. If a partner still requires a hard copy these can be ordered from our Welcome Centre valkomstcenter@kau.se. All students receive information about this before leaving.

Please note that only Swedish grades are given to students. Karlstad University does not convert grades into other grading scales.

INTERNATIONAL COORDINATORS

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THE CITY OF KARLSTAD

Karlstad, the county town of Värmland, is situated in a delta on the northern shore of Lake Vänern where the river Klarälven branches into many arms before flowing into Lake Vänern.

The city has about 100,000 inhabitants and lies at the heart of Scandinavia with Gothenburg, Stockholm, Copenhagen and Oslo within easy reach. It offers the pleasures of a small town and yet has the facilities of a city. Karlstad has excellent communications both by road, rail and air.

Karlstad is home to many high-expertise companies and the town is one of Scandinavia's main centres for consultants in the tele and data communications industry.

The city is also a research and development centre for machinery used in the pulp, paper and process industries.

From the recreational viewpoint, Karlstad has a lot to offer, from outdoor activities and sports to culture and entertainment.

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