

Travel Report

GENERAL INFORMATION

What was your semester abroad like?

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New outgoing students sometimes ask us for a way to
contact former outgoings. Are we allowed to pass on your
contact details in case of inquiries? Yes

Academic year 2024/2025

Start semester Herbst/Fall 2024/25

Duration in semesters 1

Study program at EUF B.A. European Cultures and Society

Subject 1 (only applicable to teacher training students)

Subject 2 (only applicable to teacher training students)

Subject 3 (only applicable to teacher training students)

Host country Sweden

Host university Linköpings universitet

YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

How did you prepare for the semester abroad? What should
be organized in advance?

I started looking for an apartment early, as well as researched the city and the university to make sure I have everything i need.

Do you have any recommendations for environmentally
friendly travel (if applicable)?

To Sweden you can either travel by Flixbus or train. I chose flibxus but there is also a night train from Hamburg.

Where did you live and how did you find your
accommodation (self-organized/provided by host
university, dormitory/private etc.)?

In Sweden there is a point based system for apartments, so I suggest signing up on different providers websites as early as possible. I ended finding my place on Facebook and subletting it from another international student.

Did you participate in events for exchange students? How
did you establish social contacts in other ways?

Facebook is great for Erasmus, I found my first friends through there even before the exchange started. LIU has very active student organizations that arrange many events so I followed their social medias and signed up for many things and met a lot of other exchange students through them.

How satisfied were you with the host university (facilities, staff etc.) and the course offer (workload etc.)?	I was very satisfied, the university is great and you always have someone to ask for help. The courses were good, maybe a little more work than in EUF, but they are also arranged differently, so you are always only doing 1 course at a time.
Did you learn the local language? How important was the language for your stay?	I learned some Swedish, the Uni also offers language courses for beginners. In general in Sweden you are completely fine with English and nearly all locals speak it aswell.
What intercultural experiences/skills have marked your stay?	I really loved the active student life in Sweden. Every program has an active student organization that arranges all kinds of events, and there are many big events for all students, like competitions and parties.
Which perspectives on your host country/home country have changed - and why?	Swedish people are often described as cold and distant, but in the university everyone is friendly and willing to help if you just ask.
How was your everyday life (leisure, shopping, transportation, inclusion etc.)?	In Linköping everything you need is close by, and everyone uses bikes for transportation so I recommend getting one, there are many cheap second-hand ones. You can meet your friends on campus or enjoy fika in the city and the city itself also arranges a lot of fun events and concerts.
Do you have any recommendations for a sustainable stay abroad (projects, initiatives, everyday life)?	Biking is big thing in Linköping and the bike lanes are great everywhere, so you rarely need a car or a bus. There are also many big second-hand stores for anything you need, like kitchen utensils or winter clothes.
How did you manage financially? How much did you spend on visa (if applicable), travel, accommodation (per month), living expenses, leisure activities, other expenses (books etc.)?	I rented a private room with a kitchen and a bathroom which cost around 460€/month. I know that corridor rooms where you share the kitchen and living spaces are cheaper. In general the cost of living is higher than in Germany, but students often save money by preparing their own lunches for the week. 12-13 o'clock is always a lunch break and almost every building on campus has a kitchen where you can heat up food. When i wanted to travel i would use the flibus instead of the train since it's cheaper.
What was your best/worst experience? Is there anything else you would like to share?	Some of the best experiences were all the student events, like the overall inauguration. The Erasmus initiative also arranges trips, and i joined one to Gotland which was amazing. Only downside to living in Sweden is the darkness during winter months, but that can be defeated with a lot of coffee and pastries!
Would you recommend a semester abroad at your host university? For what reasons?	If you want an university where you can join many events I recommend LIU. The campus itself is also super enjoyable and the classes are high quality. There are also many ways you can enjoy the Swedish nature.

PHOTOS

In this section, you may upload some photos that represent your stay abroad. When selecting the photos, please bear in mind that the pictures will be visible online if you have given us the permission to publish your report.

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1. Pizza night in a student corridor 2. Hockey game at the Saab Arena 3. Studying at the Studenthuset/Library 4. The overall inauguration (Overall is something all the students wear, the color shows what program you study and then you get to decorate it with patches you collect from events) 5. Trip to Gotland, an island of the Swedish coast 6. Gamla Linköping, an open air museum next to the campus



















