

STUDY ABROAD



- TO STUDY POLITICAL SCIENCE ABROAD 2015/2016 -

If you want to study Political Science abroad, you have several possibilities. You can either go on exchange through agreements handled by the department or by University wide agreements, handled by the International Office centrally.

1. Exchange possibilities at the Department of Political Science

a) ERASMUS+

The Department of Political Science has exchange agreements with a number of universities in Europe. You can apply for exchange studies for one or two semesters. Information about our agreements can be found on our website <http://www.statsvet.su.se/utbildning/studier-utomlands/erasmus-nordplus>. In the table, you will find the number of places available 2015-2016, as well as information about the exchange program and language of instruction at our partner universities.

The agreements are signed in the subject area of Political Science, which means that it may not be possible to take courses in other subject areas. Should you be interested in other courses, you must contact your exchange coordinator in due time to see if this is possible.

ERASMUS+ (European Community Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students), offers many possibilities to study Political Science abroad. If you are studying abroad under the ERASMUS+ scheme, you will receive a smaller scholarship/grant and you do not have to pay any semester- or tuition fees to the host university.

You apply for Erasmus exchange studies at the Department of Political Science.

Application deadline is **March 15** (for academic year 2015/2016, autumn semester 2015 and spring semester 2016) and **September 15** (for places that may still be vacant for spring semester 2016).

b) NORDPLUS

The bigger Nordic universities have a network between their respective departments for Political Science within the Nordplus programme, a programme financed by the Nordic Council of Ministers.

The Nordplus Network offers possibilities to study at other universities in the Nordic countries. There are not a specific number of places at certain universities. All qualified applicants will be offered a place at the requested university.

As a Nordplus-student, you do not have to pay any semester- or tuition fees and may apply for small scholarship/grant.

You apply for Nordplus exchange studies at the Department of Political Science in the same way as applicants to the ERASMUS+ programme.

Application deadline: see ERASMUS+ (**March 15/September 15**)

2. Central university-wide agreements

Stockholm University has central university-wide agreements with about fifty universities all over the world, such as University of Technology Sydney (AU), York University (CA), Shanghai Jiao Tong University (CN), The University of Auckland (NZ), National University of Singapore (SG), Lomonosov Moscow State University (RU), and University of Washington in Seattle (US), University of Michigan (US) and New York University (US). For more information see Stockholm University's agreement database:

<https://forms.moveon4.com/publisher/726/1/eng>

The central university-wide agreements are administered by the International Office at Stockholm University. Information about these agreements and how to apply is available in Swedish at <http://www.su.se/utlandsstudier>.

3. To study abroad as a free mover student

If you wish to study abroad as a non-exchange student (free mover) there are no other regulations than the rules and limitations CSN has about financing your studies. If you wish to transfer your credits for the courses you study abroad into your Swedish degree, you must contact the respective departments in due time before you leave and set up a study plan. Remember that the university you intend to study at must be internationally recognized. Furthermore, you need to get academic credits at the university in order to be able to validate them at your home university.

Eligibility – ERASMUS/NORDPLUS

To apply for the Erasmus/Nordplus programme and study Political Science at our partner universities you must:

1. Be registered and active as a student at the Department of Political Science (or IR or Global Development Studies) at SU with the intention to take a degree at SU.
2. Have studied at least:
 - a. ERASMUS: one year of full time university studies completed before departure.
 - b. NORDPLUS: two years of full time university studies completed before departure.

3. Have studied at least:
 - a. ERASMUS: one semester (30 credits) in Political Science (Political Science I)
 - b. NORDPLUS: two semesters (60 credits) in Political Science.
4. Not been on an Erasmus exchange during the same study cycle for more than 6 months.
5. Agree on studying full time during the exchange period (in accordance with agreed study plan - *Learning Agreement* - signed before departure), for at least 3 months but no more than 12 months at the partner university.
6. Agree on doing a language test before and after the exchange period and write a student report upon return.

Other rules may apply when applying to the central university-wide agreements, see www.su.se/utlandsstudier.

Application

You apply to the exchange programme at the Department of Political Science (Erasmus/Nordplus) via the online application form, which will be published about one month prior to the application deadline on:

<http://www.statsvet.su.se/utbildning/studier-utomlands/erasmus-nordplus>

Along with your application, you shall also upload your transcripts of records (studieintyg), a photo, documentation of language skills if available and other documents that you think may be of importance for the assessment. You shall also attach a motivation letter (about one page) where you describe yourself and why you have chosen the specific universities in your application.

There are two application rounds: the regular application round, with deadline March 15, for application to the autumn semester, spring semester and a

whole academic year and the second application round on September 15, for the possibly available exchange vacancies for the spring semester. We will announce whether you have been accepted or not about 3 weeks after the application deadline.

Credit transfer

Before departure, you will set up a study plan together with the academic coordinator at the department. The study plan (*Learning Agreement*) must also be accepted and signed by all three parts. The study plan shall include information about which courses you will take and which credits you may transfer when you get back. If you chose to take other courses than the ones agreed upon, you may not be able to validate the credits you have taken and use them in your Swedish degree from Stockholm University.

Contact details

Exchange Coordinator (student contact):

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