

# WELCOME TO ÖREBRO UNIVERSITY

SWEDEN INFORMATION FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS







Örebro University is a modern, broad-based University with an ambitious vision – to lead towards a knowledge-driven society. The university conducts internationally competitive research and offers 15,000 students professional degree programmes and a wide range of courses. Our goal is for active researchers to be involved on all courses and study programmes at all levels. Our students tell us that they particularly appreciate the informal relationship between teachers and students. This is all possible since we are big enough to be at the forefront of research, but small enough to create a personal atmosphere. We hope to see you in Örebro.

**Johan Schnürer**  
Vice-Chancellor



# A CAMPUS CLOSE TO BOTH TOWN AND NATURE

Our main campus offers everything you need within walking distance. In addition to plenty of study places and an extensive library, you will find cafés, restaurants, a student union pub, a running track, and a well-equipped gym and sports centre with a variety of classes. Next to campus, a beautiful nature reserve with running and bike trails will give you a relaxing – or intense – out-

door experience. Örebro town centre is only a bike ride away offering a wide range of cultural activities, sports and events. There are also several bus routes that link the University and the town. The medical campus, 3 kilometers from the main campus and just outside Örebro town centre, is located next to the hospital and offers a modern study environment.



## WHY ÖREBRO UNIVERSITY?

- Good academic performance and cultural diversity. Ranked by Times Higher Education as number 62 on the list of the best young universities in the world.
- Collected campus close to both nature and Örebro town centre.
- Informal contact with teachers and researchers.
- Guaranteed accommodation on campus.
- Orientation programme that will give you a great start to your exchange period.
- The majority of Swedes speaks very good English, which makes your life as an exchange student fairly easy.

# STUDENT LIFE

## ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Arriving at Örebro University as an exchange student, you are invited to take part in a one-of-a-kind – and by the students, very appreciated – three week long orientation programme. The programme offers a variety of activities, all designed to make the adjustment to Örebro and Sweden as smooth as possible. The main focus is to integrate students practically, academically and socially.

With the so called Fadder system, via the Erasmus Student Network, the idea of students helping students lays out the foundation of the whole programme. A *fadder* is a student who is currently studying at the University and who volunteers to welcome new students. The fadder system ensures that you always have someone to hang out with or turn to with questions during the first weeks of your stay.

**The integration worked really well and it was really fast. I met so many people from different countries. The experience was unbelievable!**

## Once the orientation programme is over, you will have:

- 1 Made new friends! You will have found people who will be your closest friends during your time abroad. The orientation programme also makes sure you get to know Swedish students.
- 2 Got to know the town of Örebro and our campus! You will find your way around, feeling safe and at ease.
- 3 Learnt about the academic system and Sweden in general! You will have knowledge of how things work at the University and in Sweden.

**You are ready to start your life in Örebro, Sweden!**

## DURING THE SEMESTER

During the semester both the University and the student association Erasmus Student Network Örebro, arrange a variety of activities for the exchange students. These include trips to Norway, Russia and the beautiful northern region of Swedish Lapland. All trips are offered by ESN at reduced student prices.

## HOUSING

Housing is guaranteed for exchange students. We offer corridor-style living on campus which consists of one room with a private bathroom and a shared kitchen.















# ÖREBRO [œ:rɛ'bruː]

Only two hours away from Stockholm, in the heart of Sweden, is Örebro: the 6th largest town in Sweden with a population of 150,000. It is rapidly growing, while still maintaining its small-town feeling. It is a town with a historic atmosphere that is enhanced by the winter darkness, and it stands out in a colourful bloom in the spring. Close to nature, bike-friendly and full of culture – Örebro possesses qualities of both a larger city and a classic Swedish small town, perfect for student life.

The orientation programme was really nice and fun – perfect start! Örebro has a perfect location for travelling.





# APPLYING TO ÖREBRO UNIVERSITY

Every year, we welcome around 250 exchange students. You apply online and the application window is open for four weeks each semester (mid-March to mid-April and mid-September to mid-October). Students must be officially nominated by their home university to be able to apply. The International Office at Örebro University

will inform the coordinators at partner universities when the online nomination opens.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Students who wish to study at Swedish universities need to have a knowledge of English corresponding to level B2 on the CEFR scale.



Great to have small classes, motivated teachers and group work. I learned a lot!



# PLANNING YOUR COURSES

At Swedish universities, most students study and complete one course at a time before starting the next one. Courses are given consecutively over the semester, normally in blocks of five weeks corresponding to 7.5 ECTS credits. A course may run over one or several blocks. Full-time studies are made up of 30 ECTS credits per semester. It is possible to combine courses in the same block as long as they are not both full-time courses. Courses are offered on both Bachelor's and Master's level. Exchange students are required to be enrolled full-time, studying 30 credits per semester. Students are assessed through

different methods, including oral exams, reports, group work and written exams.

## THE ACADEMIC YEAR

**Autumn semester:** Late August – middle of January

**Spring semester:** Middle of January – first week of June

There are no official breaks during the semester or between the autumn and spring semester, however classes are usually not scheduled between Christmas and the first week of January.

## EXAMPLE OF HOW TO PLAN YOUR COURSES

	STUDY PERIOD 1	STUDY PERIOD 2	STUDY PERIOD 3	STUDY PERIOD 4
ACCEPTABLE	7.5 CREDITS EXAM	7.5 CREDITS EXAM	7.5 CREDITS EXAM	7.5 CREDITS EXAM
ACCEPTABLE	7.5 CREDITS EXAM	7.5 CREDITS EXAM	7.5 CREDITS HALF-TIME COURSE EXAM	7.5 CREDITS HALF-TIME COURSE EXAM
ACCEPTABLE (45 credits)	15 CREDITS PART-TIME COURSE EXAM	7.5 CREDITS EXAM	7.5 CREDITS EXAM	7.5 CREDITS EXAM
NOT ACCEPTABLE 200 % workload	7.5 CREDITS EXAM	7.5 CREDITS EXAM		
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# SWEDEN

## IN NUMBERS

10  
MILLION  
PEOPLE

400,000  
MOOSE IN SWEDISH WOODS

20%  
OF SWEDISH MUSIC TURNOVER  
IS FROM EXPORT

99%  
OF SWEDEN'S WASTE  
IS RECYCLED

95,700  
LAKES IN SWEDEN



# 579

NOBEL PRIZES  
AWARDED SINCE 1901



# 2

## MILLION

IKEA MEATBALLS ARE EATEN  
EVERY DAY WORLDWIDE

# 480

## DAYS

OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE



# 86%

OF THE POPULATION LIVE IN CITIES



# 636

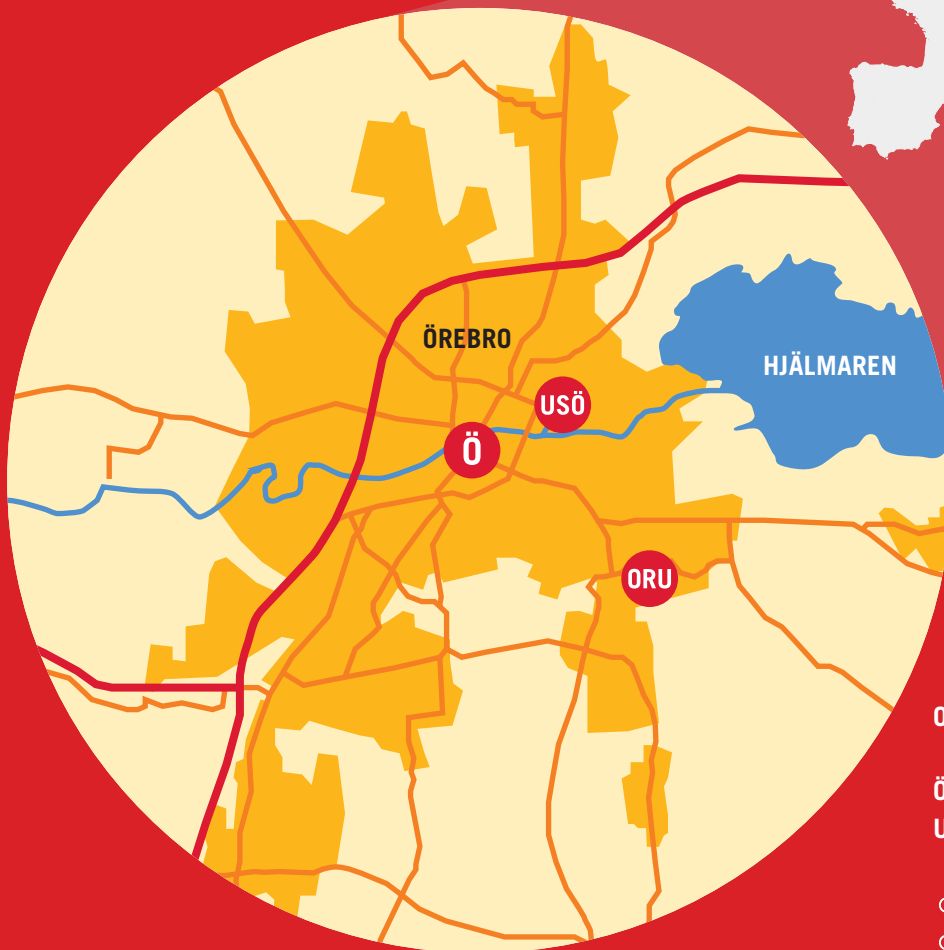
OLYMPIC MEDALS FOR SWEDEN

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## GETTING TO ÖREBRO

It is easy to get to Örebro. Located in the heart of Sweden it is a natural stop for many trains and buses. This means that it's also easy to explore the rest of Sweden from Örebro.



ÖRÖ ÖREBRO UNIVERSITY  
and student housing

Ö ÖREBRO TOWN

USÖ CAMPUS USÖ

🚲 ÖRÖ → Ö, 12 min

🚲 Ö → USÖ, 8 min

🚲 USÖ → ÖRÖ, 11 min

## Contact information

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