

# Pre-Departure Guide

**FOR NEW MASTER'S STUDENTS 2017**







# Welcome to Linköping University

Congratulations on choosing a top-ranking European university. Linköping University is renowned for its academic quality, world-class facilities, safe study environment and eco-friendly attitude.

We are convinced that you are well prepared to benefit from the curriculum and from a study environment designed to give you a competitive edge. We look forward to you sharing your experiences and ideas, and contributing to a dynamic way of learning at Linköping University.

**Helen Dannetun**  
Vice-Chancellor

## Prepare Your Arrival

Moving to study in another country requires a lot of preparation, which at first can seem like a daunting task. The preparation checklist will help you keep track of what to do before you arrive.

### ● A place to stay

Housing companies in Linköping and Norrköping use a system where you create a free account and receive one queue point for each day you are registered. The more queue points you have, the better your chances are of getting the housing of your choice. Note that students with families cannot stay in a student corridor room. Visit [liu.se](https://liu.se) for more information.

**FEE-PAYING STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS** will be offered accommodation in a student corridor room. You need to accept and pay the tuition fee by 1 June.

**EU/EEA AND NON-FEE PAYING STUDENTS** will need to look for accommodation on their own. Start queuing early, since it will become more difficult to find a place to live the longer you wait.

→ **If possible, you will want to avoid arriving in Sweden without a place to stay.**

### ● Health insurance

Health care in Sweden can be very expensive if you do not have health insurance. We highly recommend that you get complementary insurance before leaving for Sweden.

**FEE-PAYING STUDENTS** will be covered by FAS+ insurance during the time they are registered as students.

**NON-FEE PAYING STUDENTS** need to arrange a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). If you are not eligible for EHIC, we recommend that you arrange private insurance.

### ● Sufficient means

You need to have an international debit or credit card, or exchange some Swedish cash prior to your arrival, as US dollars and Euro are not accepted in Sweden. Money exchange offices may be closed if you arrive after office hours. If possible, do not bring too much cash with you due to risk of theft during travel. The average budget for a student in Sweden is SEK 8,000 monthly, as calculated by the Swedish Migration Agency.

**FEE-PAYING STUDENTS** must be able to show documentation that they have SEK 80,100 for the first year of studies. Additional means are required for the upkeep of family members who accompany you to Sweden.

**EU/EEA STUDENTS** are not required to submit such proof but must guarantee that they have sufficient means to support themselves.

### ● The right to enter Sweden

**FEE-PAYING STUDENTS** have to apply for a residence permit by 1 June at the latest. To ensure that you obtain your permit in time, submit your application as soon as you have received the Notification of Selection Results and paid the first instalment of your tuition fees. The invoice is sent out at the beginning of May.

Apply online at [www.migrationsverket.se](https://www.migrationsverket.se) as this will make processing your application simpler. Read carefully which documents are required in your case and submit a complete application. Incomplete applications will not be processed until they have been completed and then you might miss the arrival or registration deadline. Students who will not study on campus full time need to apply for a short-term visa instead.

**EU/EEA STUDENTS** with sufficient means have right of residence in Sweden and do not need to apply for a residence permit or register their stay. They can enter Sweden freely with a valid ID, such as a passport.

Some countries have special rules, e.g. Switzerland. Contact us at [admitted@liu.se](mailto:admitted@liu.se) for more information.

### ● Bring all necessary documents

Your admission is granted on the condition that you present originals of documents used in support of your application, and their translation.

Bring a valid ID, preferably a passport, where the expiry date is clearly stated. National IDs from Europe that do not have an expiry date are not accepted in Sweden.

If you are married and/or have children, bring the relevant certificates. This may be necessary for your registration in Sweden.

### ● Arrive in time to start your studies

The Information Day at the beginning of the semester is a great way to get started as a new student at Linköping University. You will receive important information and handouts regarding your studies and other practical issues. After the Information Day you are invited to attend a Welcome Fair where you will meet various on-campus services, and get to mingle with fellow students. All master's programmes start with a roll call. Attendance is mandatory, or you will lose your place on the programme.

The exact dates for roll calls for your programme will be listed on [liu.se](https://liu.se) closer to the beginning of the autumn semester.

### ● How to get to campus

In Sweden you cannot buy tickets for local busses and trains using cash. You need to purchase a prepaid card, a monthly card or a single ticket at the news agent Pressbyrå, or the green Quikomat machines, often located at busier stops.

For current information on how to get to your particular campus, check [liu.se](https://liu.se).

## Want to connect with current students at LiU?

Who better to help you get off to a great start as a new student than current students at Linköping University? Here are some ways to meet new people:

- International Students Association – [Facebook.com/ISA.Linkoping](https://www.facebook.com/ISA.Linkoping)
- ESN Linköping – [esnlinkoping.org](https://esnlinkoping.org)
- Association for International Visitors – [liu.se/aiv](https://liu.se/aiv)
- Student blogs – [liu.se](https://liu.se)

## Questions?

Please contact our master's coordinators via e-mail: [admitted@liu.se](mailto:admitted@liu.se).

Once you arrive, you are very welcome to come by the master's coordinator's office. We will be happy to answer any practical questions you might have or direct you to the person who can. Otherwise we will see you on the Information Day!

### CAMPUS VALLA MASTER'S COORDINATOR:

Zenit Building, second floor.

### CAMPUS NORRKÖPING INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR:

Kåkenhus Building, room 2342

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## Information Days and Welcome Fairs

<b>21 August</b>	Arts & Science, Educational Sciences
<b>23 August</b>	Engineering, Medicine and Health Sciences
<b>25 August</b>	Welcome Fair