**Questionnaire Feb 2015 Sweden**

Dear student,

The aim of this questionnaire is for us to have a better understanding of what you have learnt from the preparatory courses in Swedish culture, Study technique, Academic writing and Oral communication. We would also like to know what thoughts you have around potential challenges that you have already met or think you will meet during your study stay in Sweden and your studies at Blekinge Institute of Technology. Please answer the following questions to your best ability! You may answer in bullet points, but try to fill out the space left under each question.

In what parts of the preparatory courses have you taken part? Please underline.

Swedish culture Study technique Academic writing Oral communication

**Awareness of Sweden and Swedish culture**

Think about **food** and **the culture around food**.

1. What do you think are the biggest similarities and differences between the Indian customs and habits around food to the Swedish ones? What do you think will be the biggest challenges for you when it comes to food during your stay in Sweden?

Think about **the climate** and how this affects your everyday life.

2. What do you think are the biggest similarities and differences between the Indian and the Swedish climate? What do you think will be the biggest challenges for you during your stay in Sweden in terms of how the climate affects your everyday life?

Think about **the social climate** and how people interact with one another.

3. What do you think are the biggest similarities and differences between how Indian people in general and Swedish people in general interact with one another? What do you think are the biggest challenges for you when it comes to the social life during your stay in Sweden?

Think about **living accommodations** and how this is organized in your country and at your university.

4. What do you think are the biggest similarities and differences in terms of the organisation around living accommodations in India and in Sweden? What do you think are the biggest challenges when it comes to living accommodations during your stay in Sweden?

5. What expectations do you now have of your stay in Sweden when it comes to the life outside of your studies?

**Awareness of studies in Sweden**

Think about **your studies and how these are organized** during the time that is teacher or supervisor lead in terms of hours and structure.

6. What do you think are the biggest similarities and differences between the teacher or supervisor lead sessions in India and in Sweden? What do you think are the biggest challenges around the teacher or supervisor lead studies?

Think about **your studies and how you organize the time in terms of hours and structure when you study on your own or with other students**.

7. What do you think are the biggest similarities and differences in terms of your self-studies in India and in Sweden? What do you think are the biggest challenges in terms of your self-studies during your stay in Sweden?

8. How many hours a week do you study now?

9. How many of these are lectures, how many are laboratory lessons and how many are self-studies?

10. What are your goals with your studies?

11. What expectations do you have of the link between your studies and that of a future workplace?

12. What expectations do you have of your studies in terms of them being a preparation for research?

Think about **study language** and the fact that both students and teachers have a different first language.

13. Do you see any benefits or problems with the fact that both students and teachers have a different first language than English?

Think about **your main field of study**, how it is defined and what it includes.

14. Do you think that there are any differences in the definition of the main field of study and what it contains in India and Sweden? If yes, what do you think these differences consist of?

**Awareness and experience of oral communication**

Think about what role **oral presentations** play in your studies and future professional life.

15. What experience do you have of oral presentations and body language from your studies already?

16. What do you expect will be similar or different for you in terms of oral communication and body language during your studies in Sweden in situations regarding social activities, studies (during lectures and seminars, project presentations, thesis presentations, or communication with future employers? What do you expect will be your biggest challenges regarding this?

**Awareness of master’s thesis work**

Try to think around your future **master’s thesis** and what the process of this work looks like and how much you know about the structure of the master’s thesis work in Sweden.

17. How many lectures/seminars approximately are you offered in order to prepare for the thesis work?

18. To what extent are you responsible to structure your own work around the thesis?

19. How much support do you get from your supervisor?

20. How do you pick the subject of your thesis?

21. What material do you use in order to prepare for your thesis, and how is this material made available for you?

22. Do you know about the requirements in terms of size and scope for a master’s thesis in your subject?

23. What do you think there are the biggest similarities and differences from the Swedish and Indian system? What do you think will be the biggest challenges for you when it comes to the master’s thesis work in Sweden?

**The final three questions concern the total of the courses you have been offered as preparation for your studies at BTH and your stay in Sweden**

24. Do you think that these courses have been valuable for you, if yes how so, if no, why?

25. If you could suggest two things on how these courses could be made better, what would that be?

26. Mention two things that have been especially valuable for you during these courses.