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FACT SHEET for the Academic year 2026/27

University of Gothenburg, International Centre		
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Website for exchange students	https://www.gu.se/en/study-in-gothenburg/exchange-student	
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Application procedure	
Step 1 – Nomination **Nomination deadlines**	Exchange students must be officially nominated by their home university. Nominations are accepted via a nomination sheet which will be emailed separately at the start of the nomination period. Fall semester or academic year: **1 April** Spring semester: **1 October**
Step 2 – Online application & Required documents	All incoming exchange students apply online via our application portal and submit digital documentation. No hard copies are required. Nominated students will receive application instructions via e-mail at the beginning of the application period. Information about the application can also be found here. The following documents are required for all students: 1. Official Transcript of Records in English showing all completed semesters together with a Certificate of Registration/screenshot of student registry showing all currently enrolled courses (please both in one PDF-file) 2. Copy of Passport *Please note that students applying for HDK-Valand Academy of Arts and Design will receive separate application instructions upon nomination and will need to submit portfolio work.*
Application deadlines *Please note separate nomination deadlines and application procedures for the*	**Fall semester/Full academic year: 1 May** **Spring semester: 1 November** Applications will be processed on a rolling basis.

Faculty of Fine, Applied and Performing Arts below.	
Application deadlines for the Faculty of Fine, Applied and Performing Arts	**Fall semester/Full academic year:** 1 April **Spring semester** 15 October (HDK-Valand Academy of Arts and Design) 15 November (Academy of Music and Drama) Please note that admission to HDK-Valand Academy of Arts and Design programmes is highly competitive and depends largely on portfolio work. Students who are accepted are required to follow a set track for the term/academic year. More information and contacts here: HDK–Valand Academy of Arts and Design Academy of Music and Drama
General requirements	**Language:** Students should meet a B2 proficiency level in English, official test results are not required. Incoming students on bachelor/BA-level/first cycle need to have completed one full year of studies at home university when starting their exchange at GU. Incoming students on master-level need to have completed one semester of studies at home university.
Step 3 – Housing application	Students who wish to apply for housing via GU need to tick the housing-box in the online application. Instructions on how to apply for housing will be sent out via e-mail after the online application deadline has passed. In this e-mail each student will receive a personal code to be used in the housing application. More information on housing and application here: https://www.gu.se/en/study-in-gothenburg/when-you-are-here/student-housing
Step 4 – Course application	Students will need to indicate the courses they wish to take in the online application. In addition to this, students should upload a separate “Course Wish List” (which they will receive via email along with the application instructions) by the latest **1 May** for fall semester/academic year and **1 November** for spring semester. Available courses for exchange students can be found here: https://www.gu.se/en/study-in-gothenburg/exchange-student/courses-for-exchange-

	students Please note that there is **no possibility of changing courses** after the course application deadline has passed. GU does not have an add/drop week. Students need therefore to choose courses carefully and follow the instructions before submitting the "Course Wish List".
Step 5 – Screening procedure	Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis after 1 April/1 October. The course wish lists are sent after 1 May/ 1 November for evaluation to the respective departments.
Step 6 – Acceptance Letter	Acceptance Letters are sent out on a rolling basis after 1 April/1 October. Acceptance Letters will only be sent as digital copies by e-mail to the student and the International Coordinator. No original hard copies will be sent since the digital copy is enough for the visa application.

Visa information	
In case of questions regarding the Residence Permit Application	**Always** contact the Swedish Migration Agency in case of any questions regarding the visa or the residence permit application: https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Contact-us.html
Important: From 1 November 2022, applicants for a permit to study or conduct research in Sweden must be able to present their passport before the Swedish Migration Agency can make a decision.	Please visit https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Studying-in-Sweden/Higher-education/Residence-permit-for-studies-in-higher-education.html for more information.
Studying for shorter time than three months?	Please check here for information on visa requirements.
Studying for three months or longer?	Students must have a valid residence permit for studies included in their passport before they travel to Sweden. Information about residence permits and related matters can be found here. Students should start their application for the residence permit as soon as they receive the acceptance letter via e-mail.
Academic information	

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Full time studies, grading and course load	A normal workload (full time studies) for one semester is 30 credits, for full academic year: 60 credits. Courses usually consist of 7.5 credits, 15 credits, or 30 credits each. Courses are taken in a modular system which means students generally take one course at a time with a final exam at the end of each course. More information here: https://www.gu.se/en/study-in-gothenburg/exchange-student/courses-for-exchange-students/avoid-time-table-clashes
Language of instruction	English (courses open for exchange students). Students should always check the different courses' prerequisites. Students can also be eligible for courses taught in Swedish if those are open for exchange students.
Academic Calendar 2026/2027	https://studentportal.gu.se/en/your-studies/schedule-facilities-and-study-spaces/semester-dates?f_nn=1&i_ti=1
Courses for exchange students	Information and courses available for exchange students can be found here: https://www.gu.se/en/study-in-gothenburg/exchange-student/courses-for-exchange-students

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Arrival information, Housing, Health Care and Insurance	
Welcome Day and Introductions Days	Information and Introductions Days: https://utbildning.gu.se/education/incoming-student/welcomeprogramme
Housing contact and webpage	studenthousing@gu.se https://www.gu.se/en/study-in-gothenburg/when-you-are-here/student-housing
Living expenses	Living in Sweden is expensive. Students should therefore be sure that they have sufficient means to finance their exchange at GU. Please check here: https://www.gu.se/en/welcome-services/planning-your-stay/living-costs
Medical services	Foreign students who are not entitled to public health care in Sweden can receive support from the University's provider of student health services. Read more: https://studentportal.gu.se/en/service-and-support/student-healthcare?f_nn=1&i_ti=1. This concerns students from countries outside the European Union and students with a residence permit for less than one year.
Study Support	To the extent possible, international students with a permanent and documented disability can be offered **study support** to facilitate their studies at the University of Gothenburg. https://www.gu.se/en/study-in-gothenburg/when-you-are-here/student-services-and-support/studying-with-a-disability
Insurance	All incoming exchange students are covered by the Swedish State Insurance for Foreign Students in Sweden, STUDENT IN. https://www.kammarkollegiet.se/engelska/start/all-services/insurance-for-foreign-visitors/student-insurance/exchange-students-in-sweden