

Exchange studies

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Agenda

- Eligibility
- Search Engine
- Application
- Selection process
- Questions and answers

Covid-19



Pandemic

- LiU sets restrictions to international activities in line with travel restrictions from Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This means, that if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs does not recommend travel to a specific country/region you should not proceed with your exchange
- LiU does not pay any extra costs which you might have due to the pandemic and/or travel restrictions (e.g. double housing, extra travel)
- Situation in August/September 2022 unknown.
- You will always be welcome to study within your programme at LiU if you cannot take part in your exchange later on
- Also possible to re-apply for a different exchange place in April. Note though that we in April only announce places to universities where we have places left after this application round

Eligibility

- We check your eligibility with the merits you have on application deadline.

The criteria for eligibility and selection process are stated in a LiU decision and can be read on the webpage.

- You need to have taken at least 75% of full time studies during your study period in your programme. We check this individually with each programme.
- You need to aim to transfer your courses back to your programme
- **Single subject courses:** at least 30 credits in single subject courses at Faculty of Arts and Sciences and admitted to/registered for courses at Faculty of Arts and Sciences this semester



Language requirement

English

- Students with Swedish "gymnasiebetyg": Passed grade in Engelska B/Engelska Steg 6
- International Students: you have shown your eligibility when applying to LiU

Note! Partner universities might have higher requirements and you might need to proof your English language level to them when applying later.

Other languages

- Students with Swedish "gymnasiebetyg": at least steg 3/B-språk or similar
- International Students: A-level, certificate from university etc.



You need to know

- *When* can I go on exchange?
- For *how long*, one semester or two?
- *Which courses* can I transfer back to my programme at LiU?

Search Engine

- Faculty-wide agreement, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- Programme exclusive agreements (Master's programme in.../Bachelor programme in...)
- Subject specific agreements (e.g. Humanities)

<https://www.student.liu.se/ut/filosofiska-fakulteten/studera-utomlands/hitta-din-utbytesplats?l=en&sc=true>

Search Engine

- Information profile for each partner university including information on agreement and link to partner university's webpage and course catalogue
- Pdf files from universities
- Evaluation reports

-> Information profiles and webpages shift in quality and amount of provided information. Finding relevant courses and information takes time!



Application

1. Preparation

- Research the different partner universities and check their course offer
- Get necessary certificates (if applicable)

2. Application

- Fill in personal details and rank all partner universities you wish to study at. You can rank as many possibilities as you wish
- Motivation letter
- Upload certificates if applicable: transcript from other university, language certificate and/or engagement in internationalisation at LiU

Application
deadline:
February 1st

Application

- Online
- You can save your application and change it until you have submitted it
- Deadline for submitting the application 1 februari 23:59
- Our office is open until 15:00 on February 1st. If you have questions later we will not answer them or help you with technical issues.

<https://www.student.liu.se/ut/filosofiska-fakulteten/studera-utomlands/intresseanmalan?l=en>

Motivation letter

- **What should I write in the motivation letter?**

Motivate your selection of partner university and how they are *relevant to the contents and objectives of your study programme at LiU*, including the possibilities of transferring credits

- **How should I structure the letter?**

You can structure your letter as you like, two common ways are:

1. Ingress with an overall motivation for your exchange and the chosen universities in relation to your study programme
 2. Very short list of chosen universities including courses at each institution
- or
1. Short ingress regarding the exchange in relation to your study programme
 2. Detailed motivation for each chosen institution

- **Which language should I write in?**

In Swedish or English. This is nothing that affects the selection process though

- **Should I motivate all partner universities I apply for?**

Yes

- **How long should the letter be?**

That is up to you but we judge content, not length

- **Should I write one letter per university?**

No, you can only upload one document so you need to motivate your choices in one letter

Selection

Study pace	4,0
Study results	4,5
Language	0,5
Motivation letter	1
MAX	10

Name	Study pace	Study results	Language	Motivation letter	SUM
Anna Andersson	4	1	0	0,5	5,5
Berra Boboourska	4	1,75	0,5	0,25	6,5
Charly Carlsson	2,25	0,5	0	0,5	3,25

Results



1. Send via email in the end of February
2. You have to accept or refuse the offer
3. If you do not receive your first hand choice you are on reserve list for all higher ranked universities
4. Possibly re-allocation of reserve list places
5. Nomination to partner university
6. Kick-off meeting
7. Official application to partner university

Common questions

- **What happens if I have a place and it shows later that I cannot go there due to the pandemic or other travel bans. Will I get my second hand choice?**

No. What we can offer you is that you apply again in April for another place if you by then feel that you will not be able to take part in the exchange to the university/country you have received in this round. Your second choice might still be open then but this is uncertain.

- **Do I have higher chances of receiving my first choice if I only choose one or two partner universities?**

No, you will be allocated a place depending on your number of points in the selection process. If you have many partner universities in your application you increase your chances of receiving an offer.





- **Do you have statistics on how many points I need in order to get a place in country XY?**

No, we don't have any statistics on this. How many points you need to have in order to receive a specific places changes from year to year and depends on how many places we have at the partner university and how many students apply for this specific place and which merits they have in comparison to you.

- **How are my chances, having passed all courses and many good grades to receive an exchange place in Australia/USA/Canada...**

We always receive many applications for places outside Europe and not all students will receive their first hand choice. But we cannot say exactly how many points you need in order to receive a place as this depends on the merits of the other applicants.

- **I want to go to the same university as my friend, how do I do?**

We check the applications individually and we do not take your wish of going on exchange with another person into consideration.



- **I cannot find information about the university I'm interested in. Can you email the information to me?**

All information we have is available on the information profile and we update the information there. If you have a specific question you are welcome to contact us but please check the information provided in the information profile and on the partner university's webpage first.

- **Do I need to take a language test, e.g. TOEFL?**

Some partner universities require you to take a test. If this is the case this is stated in the information profile. You do not need the test result when applying to LiU but need to be aware that you might need to take the test and prepare yourself for it.

- **I will not manage to send in the application until February 1st. Can I hand it in later?**

No, you cannot complete your application after deadline. You are welcome to apply again for left over places in April in case you do not manage now.

- **I miss 1 credit for being eligible, can I still apply and receive a place no one else wants?**

No. You are welcome to apply in April if you are eligible by then.

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