



## Karlstad University

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**Main Web Address:** <http://www.kau.se/en>

### University Introduction

As one of the youngest universities in Sweden, we hope to be more adventurous in challenging the established and exploring the unknown.

Our ambition is to contribute to the development of knowledge at international, regional and individual levels. Thanks to our openness, creativity and multi-disciplinary approach, we have already attained a significant level of academic achievement. All our education and research is underpinned by a close dialogue with private companies and public organisations. We can also offer one of the most inspirational university environments in the country.

The sun is the symbol of the University. The sun provides light and represents life, warmth and energy. The town of Karlstad is reported to have the most sunshine in Sweden. It is associated with enlightenment and growth, just like Karlstad University.

### Key Facts:

- **16,000** students.
- **1,300** staff members.

### Term Dates

Semester 1: (August to January)

Semester 2 (January to June)

More information: [Academic Calendar](#)

### Application Process

For a student to be able to apply, our partner universities must first nominate their students. Information about this is sent to all partner universities before the deadline. When the student has been nominated instructions on how and where to apply will be sent directly to the student.

[Information for exchange students](#)

### Course Application Deadlines

15<sup>th</sup> April for autumn semester applicants

15<sup>th</sup> October for spring semester applicants

### Language of Study

Students need to possess English skills equivalent to TOEFL test result, minimum score 213 (CBT), 575 (PBT) or 90 (IBT) or an IELTS test result with an overall band score of minimum 6.5 and no band score below 5.5, or B2 in the Common European Framework Reference (CEFR).

Karlstad University usually offers Swedish language courses for exchange students.

**Course Catalogue:** [Exchange Students Courses](#)



### Credits

Modules are credited in ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). The ECTS protocol allocates 60 credits to a full academic year's work, and 30 credits to a semester's work.

### Grading system

In most faculties and disciplines the grades awarded are:

VG = Pass with distinction

G = Pass

U = Fail

More information: [Grading System](#)



### **Accommodation**

Karlstad University has collaboration with an accommodation company called KBAB. This company provides living quarters near the university for our exchange students. The application form will be sent by KBAB to each student after they have received their admission letters.

[Accommodation](#)

### **Social Media:**

[facebook.com/karlstaduniversity](https://facebook.com/karlstaduniversity)

### **The city of Karlstad**

Karlstad, the county town of Värmland, is situated in a delta on the northern shore of Lake Vänern where the river Klarälven branches into many arms before flowing into Lake Vänern.

The city has just over 80,000 inhabitants and lies at the heart of Scandinavia with Gothenburg, Stockholm, Copenhagen and Oslo within easy reach. It offers the pleasures of a small town and yet has the facilities of a city.

### *Research*

Karlstad is home to many high-expertise companies and the town is one of Scandinavia's main centres for consultants in the tele and data communications industry.

The city is also a research and development centre for machinery used in the pulp, paper and process industries. It has excellent communications both by road, rail and air, and the university provides it with a well-educated workforce.

### *Recreation*

From the recreational viewpoint, Karlstad has a lot to offer, from outdoor activities and sports to culture and entertainment. On the shores of Lake Vänern, just outside Karlstad, lies Skutberget, a recreational amenity which has bathing facilities, a running and ski track and other training facilities. In the winter, it is ideal for cross-country skiing and in the summer, for sail-boarding and canoeing. Sunne Ski Centre, about an hour's drive from Karlstad, has a number of downhill and slalom pistes.

### *Culture*

The city offers plenty of entertainment with plays, operas and ballets being performed at the beautiful old theatre. The city boasts a large library, several art galleries and museums; and there are, of course, cinemas, restaurants and places to dance. Karlstad has more restaurants per inhabitant than any other Swedish town.

### **Map**



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