



Fact sheet

Academic year 2026/27

For partner universities, prospective and
nominated incoming exchange students





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Practical information before you apply

Language proficiency

All courses on master level at Chalmers are taught in English. You must be able to communicate (orally and in writing), understand lectures, participate in workgroups, and complete reports and exams in English. No official language proficiency certificate is required for exchange students; however, we recommend a minimum English level of B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), an international standard for describing language ability. More information can be found here: [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages \(CEFR\)](#)

Chalmers does not offer Swedish language classes. If you wish to learn Swedish, we have compiled some resources on [our website](#).

Visa requirements and residence permit

Citizens from countries outside the EU should check with the Swedish Migration Agency to determine whether they need a visa. Incoming students are responsible for obtaining the visa on time and covering any associated costs. Information about The Swedish Migration Agency can be found [here](#). Please check well in advance what applies to you, which documents are required, and any relevant deadlines.

If you are a citizen of a country outside the EU but hold a residence permit in another EU country, you should carefully verify with The Swedish Migration Agency whether you need to apply for a residence permit in Sweden, and, if so, which type of permit is required.

For spring semester exchange students: Students who need a visa or residence permit in Sweden are recommended to apply before the application deadline. If the application is submitted before 15 October, the Letter of Acceptance will be sent shortly thereafter. This early submission is especially recommended for students coming from outside Europe, to allow sufficient time to start the visa application process.

Accommodation

Gothenburg is a popular city for studying, which means there is very high demand for rooms and apartments. Please read the housing information [on our website](#) carefully.

Exchange students coming from partner universities outside Europe are guaranteed housing. These students will receive further information after admission.

Living expenses

Information about living in Sweden and estimated living expenses can be found on [this page](#) of our website. The page also includes guidance on opening a bank account in Sweden.

Insurance

All incoming exchange students are fully insured during their studies at Chalmers. The insurance is valid 24 hours a day in Sweden for the duration of the agreed insurance period and covers two weeks before the studies begin and two weeks after they end (provided the student remains in Sweden). The insurance is called “**Kammarkollegiet Student In**”. For more details, please visit [Kammarkollegiet](#) and Chalmers’ website: [Insurance for students](#).

Citizens of Nordic countries, EU/EEA countries, Switzerland, or other countries with a medical benefits agreement must bring an EU Health Insurance Card or equivalent from their home country for the insurance to apply.



Information regarding application

How to apply

The application for exchange studies at Chalmers is submitted online via the following link:

<https://cth.moveon4.de/form/54d8c9710f9d308b01000005/eng>

In your application, you will select the courses you wish to take during your stay. The minimum requirement is 20 credits per semester to be accepted, while 30 credits per semester are considered full-time studies. Course selections can be modified after arrival at Chalmers if seats are available. For more information on how to select courses, see “Course search” on the next page.

Master thesis or project

Exchange students are encouraged to take courses while studying at Chalmers. Opportunities for project work or writing a master’s thesis are limited. Students interested in pursuing project work or a master’s thesis should contact Chalmers International Mobility at studentexchange@chalmers.se.

Academic information

Academic calendar: Study periods and Examinations

Each semester at Chalmers is divided into two study periods (quarters), each concluding with an examination week. Study periods 1 and 2 comprise the autumn semester, while study periods 3 and 4 comprise the spring semester. The academic calendar can be viewed on Chalmers’ website: [The academic year](#). The examination schedule is also available here: [Find examination dates | Chalmers](#)

Examination dates for the first exam, re-sit exam 1, and re-sit exam 2 for courses in study periods 1 and 2 (autumn semester) are published in June. Examination dates for courses in study periods 3 and 4 (spring semester) are published in December.

Credits and grading

At Chalmers, 1 credit corresponds to 1 ECTS credit, and full-time studies correspond to 30 credits per semester. Exchange students are expected to study full time. Please note that some courses may use assessment methods other than written exams, and some courses may span more than one study period.

Chalmers uses **two different grading scales**, which are indicated on each course’s information page:

1. **U, 3, 4, 5** (U = fail, 5 = highest grade)
2. **U or G** (U = fail “underkänd”, G = pass “godkänd”)

It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that the grading scale for a selected course matches the requirements of their home university for credit recognition. No exceptions are granted; courses assessed only on a Pass/Fail basis cannot be converted to numerical grades. Please check the grading scale carefully before selecting courses.

ECTS grades are not used at Chalmers.

Learning Agreement (for Erasmus+ students only)

The Learning Agreement must include the same courses that the student has been assigned during the course selection process. Assigned courses become visible once the student has received their Chalmers computer account credentials.

Chalmers coordinators will not sign the Learning Agreement until the student’s course selection has been confirmed. The Chalmers International Mobility Team begins signing Learning Agreements from mid-June for exchanges starting in the autumn semester, and from mid-December for exchanges starting in the spring semester.

Students must list the Chalmers coordinator responsible for the country of their home university as the contact person on their Learning Agreement.

A list of coordinators can be found here: [Contacts for student mobility](#)



Transcript of records

Chalmers is committed to sustainability, and therefore Transcripts of Records are not provided in paper format. Once all courses have been reported, students should generate an official electronic Transcript of Records from the Ladok system. Each transcript includes a verification code and a link to the system where the transcript can be validated. More information can be found here: [Accepted incoming exchange student](#).

Course search

Complete course and programme catalogues in Swedish and English are available online in the course syllabus: [Find course syllabus](#).

To search for courses, click “Show filter”, select the correct academic year, and choose courses open for exchange students. Make sure to also check the language of instruction.

Entry requirements describe the previous knowledge needed for a course and are listed in each course syllabus.

If the exchange agreement with Chalmers includes both bachelor’s and master’s level courses, bachelor students may apply for master’s level courses. However, it is essential to ensure that you meet the course prerequisites before applying. Bachelor students are strongly recommended to choose master’s courses offered in the first year of a master’s programme, as second-year master’s courses may be too advanced.

Credits and workload:

- 30 ECTS per semester is considered full-time.
- Typically, students take 15 ECTS in each study period.
- Exchange students may take up to 45 ECTS in one semester. Anything above 30 ECTS is considered an extra workload.

Please note that not all courses are available to exchange students, and courses in the Field of Architecture are only open to Architecture students.

Courses in architecture

Autumn semester:

- **Study period 1:** One compulsory course (5 credits) and one elective course (10 credits)
- **Study period 2:** One elective design studio (15 credits)

Spring semester:

- **Study period 3:** Two elective courses (5 credits + 10 credits)
- **Study period 4:** One elective design studio (15 credits)

All elective courses and design studios have a limited number of places. A place on a specific course or studio cannot be guaranteed.

Important update from the Architecture department: starting from the academic year 2025/26, advanced studios in the second year of the master’s programs at Chalmers will be available for exchange students in their final year of study. Nominations for Architecture students must indicate whether the student will attend first- or second-year master studios. Only students nominated for the second year may apply for the more advanced studios.

Tracks courses

Personalize your education with Tracks challenge-driven courses offered in close collaboration with research, industry, and society. Tracks provides interdisciplinary elective courses where participants work across program boundaries to explore societal and scientific challenges together. One of the main goals of Tracks is to allow students to create a more individualized study plan.

Courses are organized into thematic areas, all closely linked to Chalmers’ cutting-edge research and global societal challenges.

You apply for Tracks courses the same way you apply for regular courses; through the course selection in MoveOn. More information about available Tracks courses can be found here: [Select a Tracks course](#).



Schedule

The schedule for the autumn semester will be published in mid-June, and for the spring semester in early December. Please check the course schedules carefully to avoid clashes between courses. At Chalmers, schedules are organized in blocks, and all courses you choose should be in different blocks to prevent overlapping lectures. A block marked with a “+” indicates that teaching outside of that block may occur.

Detailed schedules, including lecture rooms, can be found here: [Chalmers \(timeedit.net\)](#). Search by course code(s) and click “Show schedule”. Please note that some courses are not scheduled in the system. For these courses, contact the examiner for further information.

Arrival and enrolment

Letter of Acceptance

Letter of Acceptance are sent in the middle of the month following the application period: mid-May for autumn-semester and full-year exchange students, and mid-November for spring-semester students.

For spring semester exchange only: If the application is submitted before 15 October, the Letter of Acceptance will be sent shortly thereafter. Early submission is recommended for students from outside Europe, allowing them to begin the visa application process earlier.

Arrival at Chalmers

Chalmers welcomes incoming exchange students with an official reception at the beginning of each semester. The reception provides an introduction to studying at Chalmers and in Sweden, opportunities to meet fellow exchange students, and a chance to get to know your international coordinators. Attendance is recommended to ensure a smooth start to your studies.

The exact date and time for the reception and student enrolment will be announced on the website: [Reception for new students](#)

Additionally, the Chalmers International Reception Committee (CIRC) organizes activities throughout the semester. More information about CIRC can be found on [their website](#).

Updated and important information for accepted incoming exchange students is available here: [Accepted incoming exchange student](#)

Confirm your presence at campus

Incoming exchange students without a Swedish identity number (personnummer) are required to attend an in-person passport and identity check. Your ID document must include your name, nationality, expiration date, and photo. Bring a valid passport and visit Chalmers Servicecenter during regular opening hours for the check. The last day to confirm your presence is available on the website: [Accepted incoming exchange student](#)

For location and opening hours, see: [Chalmers Servicecenter on campus Johanneberg](#)

Student union

As a student at Chalmers, membership in the Student Union is mandatory. The Student Union represents students and addresses issues related to education quality, social activities, and the labor market. They also organize parties, social events, music, and sports activities. The membership fee is paid per semester and can be settled upon arrival. For more information about the Student Union’s activities and membership, please visit their [homepage](#).

Student support

Study support for students with disabilities

Individual study support is available to all students with disabilities or special needs, which may be physical, psychological, neuropsychiatric, or related to dyslexia. Support is provided for permanent needs, and a certificate documenting your needs is required. For disabilities that require extensive resources or careful planning, please contact the disability coordinator well in advance of the start of your studies.

For more information, visit: [Disability study support](#)



Counsellors at Chalmers

If you are experiencing emotional or mental health challenges and need someone to talk to, Chalmers counsellors are available to provide support. Many students face difficult situations that can be managed with the right guidance. There are two counsellors at Chalmers, and you can contact them by email:

kurator@chalmers.se.

For more information about health-related support and wellbeing resources for students, visit: [Wellbeing during your studies](#)

Medical care in Sweden

For non-urgent medical care, we recommend contacting 1177, where trained staff can provide advice on managing your condition or direct you to the appropriate healthcare service. If a doctor's visit is necessary, you will pay a small fee, just like other residents in Sweden. Afterwards, you can apply for a refund from [Kammarkollegiet](#).



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