



Exchange studies at KTH Royal Institute of Technology



KTH in QS World University Rankings

74 among all universities

- 37 in Engineering and Technology
- 30 in Architecture/Built Environment
- 23 in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- 20 in Mechanical Engineering
- 23 in Materials Science
- 45 in Mathematics
- 48 in Physics
- 57 in Chemical Engineering
- 60 in Computer Science



KTH welcomes 1,000 new exchange students each year that choose from the more than 1,000 master's level courses taught in English.

Innovate yourself at KTH

KTH is Sweden's largest and most respected technical university. Being a KTH student involves more than just engaging in studies. By choosing KTH, you will gain access to vibrant student life and a prestigious academic environment.

KTH Royal Institute of Technology conducts world-class research in an array of technology and engineering fields. Its strong research reputation has reinforced the university's position as one of the highest-ranked technical universities in Europe and a force to be reckoned with globally. KTH was placed number 74 in the world among all universities in QS World University Ranking 2025. To meet tomorrow's challenges, KTH offers education and research that attracts talent from all over the world.

International at the core

KTH is truly an international university where different perspectives from around the world meet. Sweden in general, and KTH in particular, has a long-standing tradition of welcoming students from all corners of the world. A large number of the 13 500 full-time students have come to KTH from outside of Sweden for degree or exchange studies. At KTH, you will have the opportunity to meet a diversity of people with different experiences, who will widen your horizons and challenge you to excel.



Nearly 200 years of excellence

Since its start in 1827, KTH has been at the centre of many technological advances in Sweden. In the early 1950s, the country's first nuclear reactor was installed on campus, while Sweden's first TV station went on air across the street. Over the last centuries, KTH has become one of Europe's most prominent technical universities.

Fit for a king

In 1917, the main KTH campus with its courtyard building was constructed in the northern part of central Stockholm. It is located on the edge of the Royal National Park, which has been at the disposal of the Swedish monarch since the 15th century. The reigning king Carl XVI Gustaf is the guardian of KTH, and the royal crown has been a part of the university seal since 1827.

The mother of invention

Sweden is a nation known for its advances and innovations, from the lifesaving seatbelt and the pacemaker to modern services like Spotify and Skype. The father of Swedish innovation was the inventor of dynamite, chemist Alfred Nobel. His legacy of contributions to humanity can be seen in the Noble Prize awards and is the same spirit that drives KTH forward. Following in the footsteps of Nobel and other Swedish innovators, KTH inspires students to look for invention in real-world problems, contributing to a brighter tomorrow.

Schools and subject areas

KTH is organised into five schools. Exchange students make an individual course selection with around 1,000 courses to choose from. Students within Architecture have a set study plan.

Architecture and the Built Environment

Subject areas include Architecture, Urban Planning, Real Estate and Construction Management, Environmental Engineering and Sustainable Infrastructure, Sustainable Technology, Civil and Architectural Engineering, and Transport and Geoinformation Technology.

Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Subject areas include Machine Learning, Computer Science, ICT Innovation, Cybersecurity, Communication Systems, Interactive Media Technology, Software Engineering of Distributed Systems, Electromagnetics, Fusion and Space Engineering, Electric Power Engineering, Energy Innovation, System, Control and Robotics, Embedded Systems, Nanotechnology, and Information and Network Engineering.

Engineering Sciences in Chemistry, Biotechnology and Health

Subject areas include Chemical Engineering, Molecular Science and Technology, Macromolecular Materials, Medical Biotechnology, Industrial and Environmental Biotechnology, Medical Engineering, Sport Technology, Innovative Technology for Healthy Living, and Technology, Work and Health.

Industrial Engineering and Management

Subject areas include Energy Technology, Engineering Materials Science, Industrial Management, Integrated Product Design, Machine Design, Mechatronics, Production Engineering and Management, Sustainable Energy Engineering, Sustainable Production Development, and Technology-based Entrepreneurship.

Engineering Sciences

Subject areas include Aerospace Engineering, Engineering Mechanics, Naval Architecture, Vehicle Engineering, Engineering Physics, Nuclear Energy Engineering, Applied and Computational Mathematics, and Engineering Mathematics.

Selecting courses and applying

All exchange students must be nominated by their home university for studies at KTH. Once nominated, you are ready to apply to KTH. There are two deadlines for applicants depending on which semester you will begin your studies at KTH.

Selecting courses

Students select courses of 30 ECTS credits per semester. You must meet the admission requirements for each course. Course descriptions for all courses are found at kth.se/exchange as well as the fixed study plans for exchange studies within Architecture.

Double degree studies

Exchange studies usually entail studying a selection of individual courses, not leading to a KTH degree. However, if you are a student from a double degree partner university, you have the opportunity to complete a double degree exchange. This way, you will receive degrees from KTH and your home university.

Academic year

The academic year is divided into two semesters. The autumn semester starts in late August and runs until mid-January. The spring semester follows and runs until early June.

Application

Students who have been nominated by their home university for exchange studies at KTH should complete the online application on the KTH website. Please begin preparing your application as soon as you are nominated, so you have time to acquire the required documents. The application deadline for studies starting in the autumn semester is 15 April, and the application opens in mid-March. The application deadline for studies starting in the spring semester is 15 October, and the application opens mid-September.

Contact

If you have questions or need guidance before or during your exchange studies at KTH, please email us at exchangestudies@kth.se.

Application deadlines

Autumn semester, full academic year and double degree: 15 April

Spring semester: 15 October



Sweden and Stockholm

Sweden is a modern and multicultural country in northern Europe with a long-standing tradition of welcoming students from all over the world.

Sweden in brief

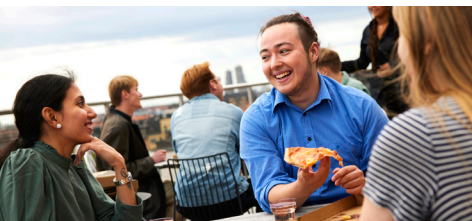
Sweden is often described in terms of contrasts: groundbreaking innovation and historical traditions; individual ambition and a strong sense of community; magnificent countryside and modern cities. Even though Sweden is a small country, home to just 0.15 per cent of the global population, it is a world leader in innovation, ranked number 2 in the Global Innovation Index 2024.

Stockholm

Stockholm is the beautiful capital of Sweden and the home of KTH. The city was founded in the 13th century and is situated on the east coast of Sweden, bordering the Baltic Sea. With 2.4 million inhabitants, it is the heart of Swedish trade and business life, known for its rich cultural history and its closeness to nature.

Accommodation

Stockholm offers a range of housing opportunities. KTH may assist exchange students in finding accommodation during their studies at KTH. Student rooms are located on and around the main campus as well as in the suburbs.



Cost of living

A student budget for one month in Stockholm is somewhere between SEK 10,584-14,950, equivalent to USD 1050-1 500 or EUR 950-1 400. This sum includes accommodation, food, medical care, insurance, travel, phone, internet, hobbies and leisure.

Swedish language courses

Swedish language courses are offered for free and are a great way to get an introduction to Swedish society and culture. Intensive courses are held in August, whereas part-time courses run throughout each semester.



Learn more at kth.se/exchange