



Exchange studies at KTH Royal Institute of Technology

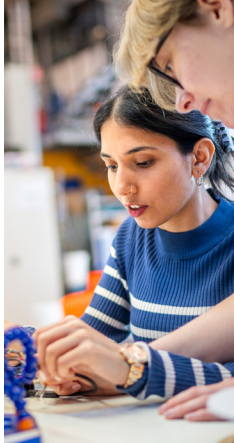
Stockholm, Sweden



KTH in QS World University Rankings 2026

78 among all universities

- 37 in Engineering and Technology
- 42 in Architecture and the Built Environment
- 33 in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- 25 in Mechanical Engineering
- 29 in Materials Science
- 70 in Mathematics
- 43 in Civil and Structural
- 60 in Chemical Engineering
- 69 in Computer Science & Information Systems



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. Our 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 is ranked 78th in the world among all universities in QS World University Ranking 2026. 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.



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



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 Nobel 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 gain the knowledge and skills to create real impact — both for themselves and society.

Schools, programmes and study areas

KTH is organised into five schools with their own study areas and programmes. Most exchange students at KTH will make individual course selections with around 1,000 courses to choose from.

As an exchange student you apply to the KTH school where you will study most or all of your courses. You should select courses of 30 ECTS per semester, of which the majority of the credits should come from the study area that you are selected within through your university's agreement with KTH. You must also meet the admission requirements for each course.

Please note:

- Exchange students within Architecture have a set study plan, tailored for students to make the most out of their exchange.
- Double degree and dual master's students have an individual or fixed study plan within a programme at KTH that needs to be approved by the responsible programme director.

Some courses are limited in the number of places offered and there is no guarantee that you can take these courses.

When applying to KTH, you will choose the KTH school and programme most relevant to your study area.

Architecture and the Built Environment

Programmes include Architecture, and Civil Engineering and Urban Management.

Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Programmes include Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Information and Communication Technology, and Media Technology.

Engineering Sciences

Programmes include Engineering Mathematics, Engineering Physics, and Vehicle Engineering.

Engineering Sciences in Chemistry, Biotechnology and Health

Programmes include Engineering Chemistry, Biotechnology, and Medical Engineering.

Industrial Engineering and Management

Programmes include Design and Product Realisation, Energy and Environment, Industrial Engineering and Management, Industrial Technology and Production Maintenance, Industrial Technology and Sustainability, and Materials Design and Engineering.

Applying and selecting courses

To become an exchange student at KTH, your home university must have an exchange agreement with KTH and select you for studies at KTH. Once selected, you are ready to apply to KTH. There are two deadlines, depending on which semester you will begin your studies at KTH.

Application

If your home university has selected you for exchange studies at KTH, you should complete KTH's online application. The application for studies starting in the autumn semester is open from mid-March to 15 April. The application for studies beginning in the spring semester is open from mid-September to 15 October. Please start preparing your application as soon as you are selected, so that you have time to acquire the required documents.

Application deadlines

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

Spring semester: **15 October**.



Double degree and dual master's studies

Exchange studies usually entail studying individual courses, not leading to a KTH degree. However, if you are a student from a double degree or dual master's partner university, you can complete a double degree or dual master's exchange. This way, you will receive degrees from KTH and your home university.

Academic year

The academic year is divided into four study periods spread over two semesters. The autumn semester starts in late August and runs until mid-January. The spring semester follows and runs until early June. Normal study load is 15 ECTS credits per study period and 30 ECTS per semester.

Selecting courses

As an exchange student, you must create an individual study plan in preparation for your arrival at KTH. You should make your study plan after being admitted to KTH. Your home university should approve your study plan, which consists of the courses you intend to take during your exchange. KTH's schedules for the upcoming semesters are ready each year in early May and November. Having the schedules will help you avoid too many schedule conflicts when selecting courses.

Contact

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

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: ground-breaking 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 2025.

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 closeness to nature.

Housing

KTH may assist exchange students in finding housing during their studies at KTH. Student rooms are located on campus or nearby. KTH also offers tips on how to find a place to stay on your own in and around Stockholm. For queries regarding housing, please email housing@kth.se.



Cost of living

A student budget for one month in Stockholm is somewhere between SEK 10,584-14,950, equivalent to USD 1100-1,600 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.



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