

Exchange studies at KTH presentation guide

KTH students on exchange are expected to hold a presentation about KTH at their host university, for instance at study abroad fairs or similar events. For support, we have created the “Exchange studies at KTH” presentation and this related guide which we encourage all students to use. The black bullets are fixed talking points for each of the slides and the blue bullets are parts in the presentation where you are encouraged to tell the participants more about your experiences. Feel free to go off script where you find it appropriate. To make it feel more natural you might want to change some words or sentences to fit the way you normally speak. One great way of getting a better flow in the presentation is to talk about specific photos; what you did during the Obama visit or where you like to hang out on campus. Don’t forget that preparation is the key to a successful presentation so rehearse a lot and bring this guide if you need the extra support. We wish you the best of luck with your presentation!

1. Exchange studies at KTH Royal Institute of Technology

2. Sweden

- Sweden is an open, multicultural society with a tradition of welcoming students from all over the world
- 10 million inhabitants but third largest country in the EU by area, so not that crowded. 18.5 % of Swedes were born in another country.
- Sweden is known for being a progressive society. For example, Sweden is ranked 5 in the world when it comes to gender equality, according to Global Gender Gap Report.
- As you can see from the pictures, the climate in Sweden varies a lot from summer to winter. The average temperature in January when it is winter is minus 5°C and in July when it is summer the temperature is above 22°C.
- Sweden is the home of many multinational companies like IKEA, Ericsson, H&M, AstraZeneca and Electrolux.
- Sweden is also ranked 2nd in the world when it comes to innovation (Global Innovation Index).
- A couple of examples of Swedish inventions are Skype, Spotify, Bluetooth, the modern seat-belt and pacemaker.

3. Stockholm

- This is Stockholm, the capital of Sweden and heart of Swedish trade, business and

innovation, and around 2.3 million people.

- Stockholm is known for its rich cultural history and closeness to nature with 26 city parks.
- It is ranked 12th most liveable city in the world (Monocle Magazine: Quality of life survey).
- Stockholm is built on 14 islands with an archipelago of 24.000 islands stretching out into the Baltic Sea.

4. KTH

- KTH was established 1827. The reigning Swedish King Carl XVI (sixteenth) Gustaf is the guardian of the university.
- KTH is ranked number 89 in the world in the latest QS World university ranking. Within Engineering and Technology KTH is often ranked top 50.
- KTH has over 13,000 full-time students from all over the world. Of them around 1,000 are exchange students and 1,500 international Master’s students. KTH also attract around 1600 PhD students, many of them from outside of Sweden. KTH has over 300 professors and a staff of around 5,000.

5. Campus map

- KTH has 5 campuses in and around Stockholm. The main campus is located at edge of central Stockholm, in the Royal National Park.
- The campuses are strategically placed to promote cooperation with industry in defined areas. For example, our campus

for ICT education is located in the largest ICT cluster in Europe with companies like IBM, Ericsson and Microsoft as neighbours.

- In Stockholm you are always close to transportation so getting between the campuses and your home is easy.

6. Courses for exchange students

- As an exchange student you can choose from over 1000 courses in English on Master's level from over 60 Master's programmes.
- KTH offer courses through 5 different schools and you have to choose the majority of courses from the same school. The schools you can see here; so you have for example courses in *Architecture and the Built Environment*.

7. Studies at KTH

- Courses consist of lectures, seminars, laboratory work and individual studies. Generally, you will study one or two courses at a time, giving you the possibility to focus better on one subject at a time. If there are written exams, these are done at the end of each course.
- What sets KTH apart from other universities is the personal approach to education; Classes and seminars are held in smaller groups and students are encouraged to solve problems together.
- KTH encourages innovative ideas and entrepreneurial spirit amongst students. Both as a part of the courses and through services like KTH Innovation and the student business incubator Student Inc.
- Education at KTH is often done in collaboration with industry, giving students practical knowledge and contacts for their future careers. If you for example are a student within mechanical engineering the chances are high you will come in contact with big Swedish companies like Saab and Scania during your studies.

8. Housing

- As an exchange student you will get support from KTH in finding housing. Generally all admitted student get housing.

9. Budget

- The monthly cost of living as a student in Stockholm is around 840-1300 USD. That sum includes everything you need to have a great time in Stockholm. The amount depends largely on what type of accommodation you require, but regardless if you get an apartment in central Stockholm or outside the city centre, the standard is very high and transport is always close.

10. Support and introduction

- All exchange students are invited to an introduction before the semester starts. KTH also offer free Swedish language classes for all exchange students. This can be useful even if you don't take courses taught in Swedish, since it's a way to get into Swedish society.
- Your number one contact person at KTH will be one of the International coordinators. There is also other support for those who need it, like counselling, support for disabilities and health service.
- The student union THS has an international branch, THS International, and offers many activities for exchange students

11. Application

- All exchange students must be selected by their home university. You will probably receive information from your university on how the selection process is done.
- Once you are selected by your university you apply online to KTH. Apply before April 15 for studies starting in late August, and October 15 for studies starting in January.

12. Virtual campus Tour and KTH on Youtube, Facebook and Instagram

- Let our students guide you through the KTH campuses and explore student life at Sweden's largest and highest ranked technical university.
- Click on the symbols and access KTH's social media channels

13. Welcome to KTH

- All information you need about exchange studies at KTH and course descriptions for all 1,000 courses taught in English can be found on www.kth.se/studies