**Guide to…**

**Jönköping University**

**Sweden**

**Study Abroad**

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**Location…**

Located four hours south of Stockholm and two hours north of Gothenburg by bus. Jönköping is a small and beautiful town with approximately 85,000 inhabitants making it the 9th most populous city in Sweden. Jönköping is located on the second largest lake in Sweden known as Lake Vattern.

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**Things to do in Jönköping…**

- During the warmer months you can hangout at the lake where many university students gather to barbecue, swim, boat, and sit around the fire.

- Husqvarna is a town about 10 minutes away by public bus. They host a world renowned ice hockey team called Husqvarna 71 which play during the winter months.

- There are many clubs and bars that are frequented by the students of the university on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Most are within walking distance from the university. The university has their own club called Akademien which you will have access to with your student card.

- There is a community gym located in the city center called Friskis and Svetis that can be attended for a monthly fee.

- There is shopping located in the city center and a mall called A6 and an IKEA that is accessible by bus.

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**Travel Opportunities…**

The school’s International Association coordinates many trips including: a trip to Kiruna located in the north of Sweden to see the northern lights, go dog sledding, and to see the ice hotel. They also plan a trip to Norway to go ice climbing and go kayaking in the glacial runoff as well as many other trips. Trips may differ year to year, but they will provide you with ample opportunity to partake in these trips. You can also travel with your friends to places of your choice. Travel is relatively inexpensive because of budget airlines such as Ryanair and the availability of hostels. You can also take advantage of the bus, ferry, and train systems that service the area.
Before You Go…
You will need to complete the study abroad application for SUU. Once this is complete you will be submitted for acceptance at Jonkoping University. Once accepted you will choose classes from the provided class list and have them approved by the department heads at SUU. You will then receive a letter of acceptance which you will need to apply for a visa. Obtaining a visa can be a bit time consuming because you have to send your visa application and passport away to have a visa insert placed in your passport. You can get the printable application at http://www.migrationsverket.se/blanketter/bob/studier/stud_104031_en.pdf and at http://www.migrationsverket.se/english.jsp

After you have submitted your visa application you can get started on purchasing plane tickets to Sweden. Here are some options…

• Fly directly to Jonkoping. This is the easiest, but most expensive means of arrival.
• Fly to Gothenburg Sweden. You would fly into the Landvetter Airport and take the flygbussarna (a shuttle bus to the city bus station) and then catch a bus from Gothenburg city bus station to Jonkoping (about 2 hours)
• Fly into Stockholm. You would fly into the Arlanda airport and take the flygbussarna to the city bus station and then a bus from Stockholm city bus station to Jonkoping. (about 4 hours)
• Fly into Copenhagen Denmark. You would fly into the Kastrup airport and take a train or bus directly from the airport to Jonkoping. (about 3 hours)
• For more information see http://www.hj.se/doc/615

To book bus tickets check out…
http://www.swebusexpress.se or http://www.bus4you.se/

Look in the upper corner of the computer screen to change the language to English.

Flygbussarna tickets can be purchased right before departure. Buses leave about every half hour.

Applying for Housing…
This is done after you are accepted into the university. All international students are guaranteed accommodation, provided that they apply and announce their arrival on time. You will not find out your accommodation in advance, but instead will find out upon arrival. Costs range from 1350-1900 SEK per month ($170-$230 depending on the exchange rate). All housing will be within 25 minutes by public transport.

Raslatt: Is a huge block of community housing and one of the nicest student housing options. You have your own room and share a bathroom and kitchen with 3-5 other students. However because it is not within walking distance of the University you will be required to buy a monthly bus pass.
Delta/Alpha House: Includes very basic apartment living (comparable to SUU’s Juniper) with single rooms and a shared kitchen and bathroom for the floor (10-13 students). The location of these houses is amazing and keeps you right in the city center and the University is only a few minutes walk away!
Vilhelmsro: Is a converted assisted living center which provides single rooms and shared bathrooms and kitchen. Requires a monthly bus pass.

*Housing Includes twin bed, comforter, pillow, closet, access to laundry room and kitchen. Be sure to bring your own sheets and towels or you can purchase them at IKEA.

Arriving in Jonkoping….
You should have signed up for a pickup by a University staff member when you applied for housing. Be sure to print out the map of the pick up spot before leaving home. You can access the map at…
http://www.hj.se/doc/596

If you have applied for the pickup service on time, a driver will meet you at the checkpoint at the pickup time. The driver will take you to Jonkoping University where you will get information and sign a contract regarding your accommodation. You will then get the key to your apartment/room, where you will then be taken.

*Internet is available in the Library and in the student housing with an access code from the university

About the University…
The university is comprised of four schools: the International Business School, the School of Engineering, the School of Health Sciences, and the School of Education and Communication. 9,500 students are enrolled at the University 1,000 of which are international students.

Transportation…
Getting around Jonkoping is extremely easy and a personal car is not needed. The bus system is punctual and can get you anywhere you need to go. There are private bus companies that you can easily charter a ride with to get to places that are outside the public bus route. Cars can be rented for a very affordable price if you wish to take a road trip.

*monthly bus pass=480 SEK (purchased at Lanstrafiken)

Prices in Sweden…
Prices in Sweden are generally comparable to prices in the United States. Some things such as food and clothing tend to be slightly higher.

Weather…
The average yearly temperature is 6.33°C or 43.4°F. You will need warm clothes for the winter months which tend to be rather cold and dark. However Jonkoping’s springs and summers reward you for making it through the harsh winters by bringing warmth and long bright days for the rest of the year.