

Application Information – Interdisciplinary Magister Course in Demography

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Application Deadline

Applications received after the deadline, or incomplete applications, will not be considered. The deadline is:

- 2 May, 2007

The application form and supporting documents must be sent to the following address:

Department of Sociology
Stockholm University
SE-106 91 Stockholm, Sweden

Please, mark the envelope ‘Magister’s application’.

Educational Entry Requirements

To be enrolled into the Interdisciplinary Magister Course in Demography the applicant must hold an undergraduate degree (BA/BSc) of at least 3 years (180 ECTS credit points), before the course commences in late August 2007. Proof thereof must be shown before registration for the course.

Beside this general requirement, you must meet the specific requirements stated for the Interdisciplinary Magister Course in Demography in order to be considered for admission. This concerns the specific requirements in English.

To be evaluated the degree must be recognized by UNESCO and/or an official accrediting body of your home country.

We do not pre-evaluate your previous education/undergraduate studies. Once you have applied for the course, and the application deadline has expired, we make a full evaluation of your previous educational credentials..

Application Documentation

To support your application, the following documentation must be sent to Stockholm University Department of Sociology, according to the detailed instructions given in the application form.

1. A complete and personally signed application form
2. Certified copy of university degree diploma/certificate

3. Official transcript of Bachelor degree/equivalent, including courses and grades along with information on the grading scale plus translation to English or Swedish
4. Bachelor thesis or other evidence of scientific writing in English, Swedish, Danish or Norwegian
5. Proof of proficiency in English according to instruction
6. Personal information, including two academic references
7. Copy of passport or equivalent

An English translation, by an authorized translator, is required if your university diploma and transcript of records and other documents are written in a language other than Swedish, English, Danish or Norwegian.

The application can also include a concise “Statement of purpose” and Academic references (maximum 1 page).

Applications that are not complete or have missing documents will not be considered. It is your responsibility to ensure that all required documentation is submitted.

Please note that documents supporting your application will not be returned. Do not send the original of an academic record that can not be replaced.

Applications from international students that are not accompanied by official transcripts and certified copy of diploma/certificate will not be considered. The transcript and diploma/certificate should be delivered in sealed envelopes, directly from the issuing university/college, with the written signature of the issuing university's registrar across the seal on the envelope flap.

Documents that are not duly verified will not be considered as valid documents to support the admission requirements. Applicants who are admitted to the Interdisciplinary Magister Course in Demography must always show the original documents before they are formally admitted into the course.

Academic Records

As indicated above, the documents outlining your previous education should be the official transcript of records and a certified copy of your diploma/certificate from the university or college in question.

- Official transcripts are defined as original documents issued by the university, bearing the actual (not photocopied) signature of the registrar and the institutional seal. The document should be sent directly from the university.
- The transcript of records should include a list of all courses and grades that you have obtained in your Bachelor degree/equivalent.
- A certified copy of your university diploma/certificate must also be enclosed.

Original documents must be shown before the students are formally accepted into the course.

Documents in languages other than English, Swedish, Danish or Norwegian must be translated into one of these languages. The translation should be an official translation carried out by the issuing university, or by an authorized translator.

Certificate of Proficiency in English

As all the coursework will be conducted in English all students are required to have proficiency in English.

If you have a diploma from a Swedish Upper Secondary School you already have proven your English proficiency requirements if you have passed English level B. In this case you do not have to take any TOEFL or any other test in order to verify your language ability. If you have a diploma from a Nordic Upper Secondary School, please submit a copy. You should, however, be aware of the fact that all educational activities are carried out in English and you need to have considerable skills in speaking as well as in writing in English.

For foreign students whose first language is not English, we require one of the following:

- A TOEFL score of 550 points (213 computer based; 79 Internet based)
- IELTS minimum of 6.0 and no modules under 5.0
- University of Cambridge/Oxford Certificate in Advanced English (CAE), grade A or B or Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE).

The original of the TOEFL test must be sent directly to Stockholm University from the TOEFL Center in Princeton, NJ, USA (use the Score Report Request Form in the TOEFL Information Bulletin). Our institution code is 0008. A copy of the test must also be enclosed in your application.

Admission Process

In order to be eligible the applicant must meet the general educational requirements and the English proficiency requirement.

Admission is granted on a competitive basis. Candidates will be selected by the Admissions Committee (consisting of faculty members at the Demography Unit) primarily on the basis of quantity/number of academic credits and secondly of quality/grades of academic courses relevant for the course.

All applicants will be personally and officially notified by postal mail if they are accepted or not in late June.

Please note that the documents supporting your application will not be returned.

Scholarships, Tuition fees and Visa

Stockholm University does not offer any scholarships for visiting students.

It is possible to apply for scholarship at the Swedish Institute. Visit

http://www.sweden.se/templates/cs/Article_7471.aspx for more information.

Stockholm University has no tuition fees but you have to be a member of the student union for the duration of your stay in Sweden, at a cost of approximately 500 SEK per semester.

Living costs are estimated at 7300 SEK per month, equivalent to a Swedish student loan. You are required to provide proof that you are able to meet your own living expenses for the whole

study period in Sweden when you apply for a student visa. You can find information about residence permits for studies here: <http://www.migrationsverket.se/english.jsp>

Students with an EU/EEA passport apply for visa after arrival, but within a period of three months. Students from outside EU/EEA must have valid visas before leaving their home country. Questions concerning student visas should be addressed to the Swedish embassy in your home country or to the Swedish Migration Board who can provide all necessary information <http://www.migrationsverket.se> .

Housing

Visiting students can apply for student housing through the Stockholm Student Housing Foundation <http://sssb.se/english/default.asp> . Please be informed that student housing is scarce in Stockholm and may be difficult to obtain on short notice.

Address:

Stockholm Student Housing Foundation (SSSB)

Box 19 608

SE-104 32 Stockholm, Sweden

Telephone: +46 8 458 10 00

E-mail: kontakt@sssb.se

The Academic Year

The academic year is divided into two semesters of twenty weeks; the Autumn Semester from mid-August until mid-January, and the Spring Semester from mid-January to the beginning of June.

Acceptance

If you are admitted you will receive a letter of acceptance. Please confirm as soon as possible by e-mail after receiving your acceptance letter if you wish to keep your place.

If you are from outside the European Union you must apply for student visa as soon as possible on receiving your acceptance letter. Please note that Stockholm University will not make any inquiries to the Swedish Migration Board on behalf of students. Please also note that you cannot arrive later than a few days after the programme has started. You are requested to notify the Department of Sociology directly if you anticipate any delay.