

Bachelor's Programme in Business and Economics

As a student in the Bachelor's program in Business and Economics, you have the opportunity to study abroad during your fifth semester. We highly recommend that you take advantage of this opportunity for exchange studies. It provides you with international experience, gives your education a unique profile, and qualifies you for interesting jobs.

If you have chosen Business Administration or Economics, you can take elective courses during your semester abroad. This allows you to choose to broaden your studies or delve deeper into a subject that interests you. If you have chosen Financial Economics, you will continue to deepen your knowledge in this field.

Eligibility requirements

In order to be eligible to apply for exchange studies at one of the School of Business, Economics, and Law's partner universities, you must be registered at the School both at the time of application and at the time of the planned exchange. You should have completed 60 credits at the time of application, and the planned exchange studies should be full-time and count towards your future degree.

When the first application round closes on February 1st, the results and grades from the last course of the third semester, Commercial Law (12 credits), have not been reported yet. The eligibility assessment is conducted only after the reporting has taken place.

What can I study?

If you have chosen Business Administration or Economics as your major, you can take elective courses equivalent to 30 credits during the fifth semester. You cannot take courses that are equivalent to or similar to courses you have previously been registered for or that you will take after your exchange semester.

If you have chosen Financial Economics as your major, during your exchange studies, you must complete at least 15 credits in finance and 15 credits in finance/economics/business administration. If you study less than 30 credits in finance, you meet the degree requirement of 90 credits in the major by including the introductory courses in financial accounting, microeconomics, and financial economics during the first and second semesters.

Where can I study?

Start early by researching the institutions you are interested in and their course offerings. Pay close attention to the academic calendar. There are several attractive institutions with academic calendars that may not work for students who intend to graduate on time and, therefore, take their specialization courses and write their bachelor's thesis in the following spring semester. The semester starts in mid-January, and you must be back at the School at the start of the semester.

Special provisions for students with a specialization in international business (business administration)

To facilitate exchanges with institutions whose academic calendars do not align with our rules, the specialization allows for late arrival in the sixth semester. This makes it possible to study at institutions in Tokyo, Siena, Innsbruck, and others. Please note that you will be studying concurrently: the bachelor's courses start in mid-January, but hybrid teaching begins and lasts until the first week of February.

You have the opportunity to apply for an exchange study placement at the School of Business, Economics, and Law's partner universities and at institutions covered by the agreements of the University of Gothenburg. The School's agreements are subject-specific, while the agreements of the University of Gothenburg cover a wide range of subjects. This only applies to students taking elective courses during the fifth semester who wish to go outside our subject areas.

Specific information for finance students

Students with a major in Financial Economics need to be very careful when choosing which institutions to apply to.

The page listing the School's partner universities indicates the subject area covered by the partnership agreement. At many institutions, financial economics is part of the field of economics

Australia	Macquaire University
Austria	Vienna University of Economics and Business
Belgium	University of Antwerp (you only bring 27 ECTS from here) Solvay Brussels School of Econ & Mgmt (you only bring 27 ECTS from here)
Canada	Brock University HEC Monreal University of Victoria
China	Beijing Jiaotong University City University of Hongkong Southwestern University of Finance and Economics Hongkong Polytechnic University
Finland	Hanken Svenska Handelshögskolan
France	EDHEC Business School (Nice, you apply to Lille but you location for studying finance will be Nice)
Germany	EBS University

	University of Mannheim
Hungary	Corvinus University of Budapest
Ireland	University of Limerick
Italy	Bocconi University
Malaysia	UKM National University of Malaysia
Mexico	EBS, Escuela Bancaria y Comercial
Netherlands	Erasmus School of Economics (you only bring 24 ECTS from here) Maastricht University
Portugal	Católica-Lisbon School of Business and Economics Nova School of Business and Economics
Singapore	Singapore Management University
Spain	ICADE, Universidad Pontificia de Comillas University of Barcelona
Switzerland	University of St Gallen University of Zurich
USA	University of South Carolina, Darla More Business School
Vietnam	Foreign Trade University

University wide exchange agreements. Examples of where students, majoring in Finance, has previously studied abroad:

Australia	Edith Cowan University
China	The University of Hongkong
South Korea	Seoul National University
USA	Northeastern University

Selection process

Students applying for an exchange study placement are ranked based on their academic performance within the framework of their program studies.

Periods of approved study breaks do not affect the calculation of merit points. Courses taken outside the program are not included in the assessment, but courses credited within the program (based on the obtained grade) are considered. Only full-course grades are counted, not individual course components.

For students in the Bachelor's program in Economics, the academic performance during terms 1-3 forms the basis for the calculation of merit points. The number of credit points for each course is multiplied by the grade according to the following scale: A & B are multiplied by 1.5, C by 1.25, and D & E by 1. The total sum is divided by the number of terms the student has been registered in the program. The calculation of merit points is done when grades are reported in Ladok for the last course of the autumn term- Commercial Law. Students who have applied should not supplement their application. In the second application round, the merit value is updated in case new results have been reported.

Learning Agreement /Study Plan

Once you know which institution you have been accepted to, you should prepare a Learning Agreement (Erasmus agreement within Europe) or a Study Plan (for agreements outside Europe) well in advance of your departure.

This applies to all students regardless of their major. Your Learning Agreement/Study Plan specifies the courses you can take and that will be credited towards your bachelor's degree. The courses must not overlap with previously completed courses. The credits earned during your study abroad will be recognized in your degree provided that the agreement has been signed before departure and the studies have been completed. You should prepare your Learning Agreement/Study Plan only when you know which institution you have been accepted to. For questions regarding course selection, your contact person for the Bachelor's program in Business and Economics will provide guidance and approve your course choices. Contact us by sending an email to: study.be@handels.gu.se

Upon your return - credit transfer

Students majoring in Business Administration or Economics should contact the [Degree Section](#). You should attach an *Application for Credit Transfer* along with your transcript from your exchange studies. Students majoring in Financial Economics should contact their assigned contact person via email. Attach an *Application for Credit Transfer* along with your transcript from your exchange studies.

Share your experiences and inspire others

Our goal is for all students in the Bachelor's program in Economics who are able and willing to do so, to study their fifth term abroad.

To facilitate the decision to go abroad, we, as the faculty working with the program, need to communicate the opportunities for studying abroad early and clearly in the curriculum, as well as provide support throughout the process. This is where you play a crucial role. With your experiences, you can contribute significantly to the development of the program and inspire students to apply for exchange studies. Your involvement can range

from a quick reflection via email on how we can improve, to offering to be present when we welcome the new students to the program.