

Dalhousie University

Exchange start semester	Autumn semester 2023
Study level	Undergraduate (Bachelor)
Home faculty at GU	School of Business, Economics and Law
Studies at GU	Samhällsvetenskapligt miljövetarprogram

Courses during exchange

- Environmental decision making
- Green finance & Environmental, social and governance investing
- Effective argument in sustainability
- The community as a living lab
- Geoscience Info Management

Main difference compared to studying at GU

The biggest difference of studying at Dalhousie compared to studying at GU is that there I was studying multiple courses at the same time. The minimum requirement for an exchange student from GU is to have 3 courses, and the maximum is 5, and I studied 5. The courses run for the entire semester which also meant that I had more examination moments per course, even though they counted for less of my final grade.

Arrival, orientation and housing

I found a roommate on the website places4students.com where students can upload a profile and reach out to each other. Tenants with rooms available can also contact students there. I rented a room in a house in the northwest of Halifax. I was very lucky to find such a good roommate who helped me navigate in the beginning and tell me about the bus system etc. The first week was a lot of information and I recommend trying to go to as many activities as possible because that made all the difference in me feeling so welcomed by the school and finding other exchange students.

Finances

The living costs in Canada are very high. Groceries are often comparable to Sweden but a lot of products are even more expensive. I found that buying food was very expensive. For rent I would say you will have to pay more for what you get in Sweden. Rent is typically from around 800-1500 CAD.

Life in a new country/culture

I had the most wonderful time in Halifax and I can't recommend it enough. Even though Halifax is a rather small city compared to other Canadian cities, there were some great places and a lot of fun stuff to do. They had ice hockey games, restaurants, bars, breweries, parks etc. What made the experience so good for me was all the people I met.

Overall exchange experience

Overall I had a fantastic semester. I was able to explore some of Canada and found some life long friends.