Stockholm is the capital of Sweden with approximately 1.9 million inhabitants and is the largest university city in the Nordic countries with over 80,000 students, 5,000 of them international. It is located between the lake Mälaren and the Baltic Sea in the middle of the country.

Furthermore Stockholm is the center of Sweden’s political, cultural and business world and the financial center of Scandinavia. Many multinational companies are found here, side by side with the headquarters of a whole range of Swedish organizations, authorities and cultural institutions.

Stockholm provides an international milieu where you can meet people from all over the world and like other large cities of the world; Stockholm is especially open to outside influences. The city has a broad ethnic spectrum and trends within fashion, culture, art and music quickly take root.

Restaurants with cuisine from every corner of the world jostle with pubs, clubs, cafés, galleries, museums, large shopping centers, and small quaint shops. There is also an array of large theaters, sports arenas and a vibrant music scene with many of the most prominent names in Music performing throughout the year.

While you can easily access a throbbing big city, you have an extreme contrast in the closeness to nature Stockholm boasts. The city is made up of water, green areas and built-up areas in three equal parts and it is one of the cleanest cities in Europe. Parks and green areas are nestled amongst both the cityscapes and the heavily built-up suburbs. Several nature reserves are connected to the city, as is the Stockholm archipelago with its 24,000 islands. Every year many Stockholmers take the ferries to the outer archipelago, take their mountain bikes to the forests, swim in the lakes or at one of the many city beaches, ski, go hiking along trails, or go long distance ice-skating. Stockholm has a low ranking in the world’s crime statistics and is considered to be a safe place.

Nearest airport: Arlanda International Airport (Stockholm)
| University Info | **KTH, Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan**  
The Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden  
www.kth.se  
Metro station: T= Tekniska högskolan |
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| International Office | Visiting address: Drottning Kristinas väg 6, Campus KTH  
E-mail: international@kth.se  
www.kth.se/om/internationellt?l=en_UK |
| Language of Instruction | The main language of instruction at KTH is Swedish; however, a large number of courses are given in English, particularly on the higher levels in specialization courses. The teaching staff has a very good command of English. |
| Introduction | The University is the largest, oldest and highest ranked technical university in Sweden and for 180 years Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan, The Royal Institute of Technology, has earned a reputation (since 1827) the university has been distinguished by a tradition of pioneering research, engineering genius and cutting edge science.  
KTH accounts for one-third of Sweden’s technical research and engineering education capacity at University level. The Education and Research covers a broad spectrum – from natural sciences to all branches of engineering s well as architecture, industrial engineering and management, urban planning, work science and environmental engineering. In addition to the research carried out by the schools at KTH, a large number of both national and local Competence Centers are located at KTH. Various research foundations also finance a number of research programs.  
There are a total of just over 12 000 full-year equivalent undergraduate students, more than 1 400 active postgraduate students and 2 800 full time equivalent employees.  
Furthermore KTH is a popular university for international students with over 1 300 exchange students and 1 100 master students annually. KTH has extensive international research and educational exchange programs with universities and colleges, mainly in Europe, Australia and the U.S., but also increasingly in Asia. The university participates actively in various EU research programs. |
### Terms of Exchange

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<th>Study Level</th>
<th>Students must have completed at least 3 years at their home university before exchange studies at KTH.</th>
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<td>Academic calendar</td>
<td>The academic year consists of 40 weeks divided into two semesters, each consisting of two study periods. Students are welcome to come for one or two semesters of studies.</td>
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<td>Accommodation</td>
<td>The KTH Accommodation Office secures housing for all incoming exchange students and the rooms can only be rented for full calendar months. Rental agreements can be signed for a minimum of three months and a maximum of twelve months. <a href="http://www.kth.se/studies/exchange/accommodation?l=en_UK">www.kth.se/studies/exchange/accommodation?l=en_UK</a></td>
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### Application Deadline

| Deadline for Applications | Fall semester:  
April 15th for studies/projects starting in August or later in the fall.  
Spring semester:  
October 15th for studies/project work starting in January or later in the spring.  
Due to a severe housing shortage in Stockholm, applications received after the deadline has expired will not be accepted. |

### Application Procedures

| Application Procedure | KTH uses a web-based application form for exchange students, which also is compulsory for students applying through a network. The form includes application for accommodation and Swedish language courses at KTH. www.kth.se/studies/exchange?l=en_UK  
1. Study the KTH study handbook for course information  
2. Complete the web-based application form and submit it online.  
3. Print and sign the application form.  
4. Collect the required documents.  
5. Send the complete application to the international coordinator of your subject area at KTH; their contact information is found at the first page of the printed application form. |
Documents to be enclosed with an application

- Transcript of records, i.e. a list of courses completed at home university.
- Additional information (if any).
- Photo.

Letter of acceptance

If you are accepted as an exchange student at KTH, you will receive a “Letter of acceptance” a few weeks after the deadline. This is the formal decision and it is very important to bring with when entering Sweden.

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### Course Registration and Academic Information

| Semester Dates | The academic year consists of 40 weeks divided into two semesters, each consisting of two study periods. Each study period comprises seven weeks of scheduled tuition, such as lectures and laboratory work, followed by one week of examinations.  
Autumn semester: end August – end December  
Spring semester: early/mid January – end May |
| Academic Calendar | Details concerning the start and stop of each term can be found at the KTH website for incoming exchange students. |
| Course Contents | Course descriptions can be found in the course and programme directory:  
www.kth.se/student/kurser/?l=en_UK  
Carefully study the course requirements (eligibility), language of instruction and period of instruction.  

**Course level**  
First cycle = year 1 – 3 (Bachelor’s level)  
Second cycle = year 4 – 5 (Master’s level)  
Third cycle = PhD level  

**Period of instructions:**  
Period 1 and 2 = autumn semester  
Period 3 and 4 = spring semester |
<p>| Workload per semester | The number of credits which corresponds full-time studies is 30 ECTS per semester, i.e. 60 per academic year. |
| Grading system | KTH uses the ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) grading scale and credits. Grades are assigned among students with a passing |</p>
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A distinction is made between the grades FX and F which are used for unsuccessful study results. FX: means: “fail – some more work required to pass and F means: “fail – considerable more work required.

### Academic Transcripts

One transcript certificate will be mailed to the student’s home address and one transcript will be mailed to student’s home University advisor approximately one month after the end of the exchange period.

### Accommodations

**Is on-campus accommodation available to exchange students?**

Yes. Exchange students are guaranteed housing if they meet the housing deadline. KTH Accommodation provides accommodation for Exchange students for a maximum of one year. The rooms are located in the main campus as well as in the suburbs of Stockholm.

**When can exchange students move-in?**

Housing information is available on the KTH Accommodation website: [www.kth.se/studies/exchange/accommodation?l=en_UK](http://www.kth.se/studies/exchange/accommodation?l=en_UK)

### Visa

**Entry Visa**

Students from countries outside EU/EEA must apply for a residence permit for studies at the Swedish Embassy/Consulate in their country of residence, directly after receiving the admissions letter. Applications for a residence permit can under no circumstances be submitted after entering Sweden.

**Health Insurance**

All international students must have complete insurance coverage for their entire stay in Sweden. Consequently, KTH strongly advise you to buy a travel/study abroad insurance policy in your home country to cover; personal injury, dental care, accidents, personal belongings, liability coverage (in the event that a student is subject to a damage claim), legal expenses coverage and home transportation. It is possibly to purchase insurance in Sweden. Information about insurance options is available on the KTH website: [www.kth.se/studies/master/admitted-students/1.8775?l=en](http://www.kth.se/studies/master/admitted-students/1.8775?l=en)
Banking information

Students studying at KTH for a shorter period of time are recommended to handle all financial matters from the banks in their home country, if possible bring a VISA/MasterCard or equivalent. A student staying at KTH for one academic year is recommended to open a bank account and will then have access to internet banking and can also apply for an Electron Debit card at a cost of 36 SEK/month.

Arrival/Orientation

When should I arrive?
When you arrive, the first thing you probably want to do is access your accommodation. Please note that you can pick up the key to your room during the opening hours of the KTH Accommodation service and if you arrive during the weekend or in the evening, you might have to arrange alternative accommodation. In order to facilitate matters – students are encouraged to arrive in Stockholm on what we call “Arrival Day”, usually August 1st, or on a weekday during office hours. Students should also contact their international coordinator and let him/her know that they have arrived.

KTH does not provide a pickup-service from the airport. The Arlanda train reaches central Stockholm in 20 minutes. There is also an air coach service to central Stockholm, which takes approx 40 minutes. From the Central Station you take the Metro to the stop “Tekniska Högskolan” (red line).

Estimated Cost of Living

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<td>Food/meals</td>
<td>Meals at a bar or self-service restaurant is approximately SEK 60-80 and the student restaurants at KTH offer meals at reasonable prices, approximately SEK 55. Many students bring their own food that they can heat in microwave ovens provided by the Student Union. Total monthly cost for food is approximately: 2 000 SEK.</td>
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<td>Local transportation</td>
<td>Public transportation is easy to use in Stockholm and in Sweden in general. The Stockholm Local Transport System, SL, provides travel by commuter trains, subway, buses and boats throughout the greater Stockholm area. A 30-day card for SEK 690 (students can also purchase a season card at a reduced price, approximately 35% discount) will provide unlimited travel within the greater Stockholm area and this is by far the easiest and least expensive way to get around.</td>
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<td>Course literature, phone, insurance, hygiene articles etc.</td>
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