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<https://www.umu.se/en/departments-of-language-studies/>



World's most satisfied international students

- International Student Barometer (ISB) survey from the Autumn 2023
- A total of over 120 000 students from 137 universities across the globe answered
- Umeå university had a 62% response rate with a total of 425 student responses and a very high score in several areas:
- Living # 1 (Campus, sports, social activities, accommodation, cost of living, making friends etc.)
- Support # 1 (Library, student health service, IT-support, International Office, study counselling etc.)
- Overall satisfaction # 1
- Overall happiness # 1 Globally
- Recommendation # 1 in Sweden
- Career Goal Preparation # 1 in Europe
- Face-to-face-Orientation # 1 in Sweden
- <https://www.umu.se/en/education/student-services--support/satisfiedstudents/>

Buddy Program – You are guaranteed to make friends

The Buddy Programme is a community at Umeå University that introduces international students to Sweden and helps them to settle in Umeå.

- A buddy group consists of approximately 8–10 buddies and 25–30 international students.
- The Buddy Programme involves the possibility to participate in a variety of fun social activities, for example sports, parties and travel, or just having a cup of coffee with your group members.
- The Buddy Programme starts at the beginning of the semester and lasts through the semester.

More than 250 courses in English available

- <https://www.umu.se/en/education/exchange-students/search-courses/>
- All though incoming students come to us within an agreement with the language department they are welcome to apply for courses in any subject as long as they meet the eligibility requirement for the particular course.
- If you have previous knowledge of Swedish you may also apply to courses taught in Swedish.

Swedish

We offer both part-time beginners courses in Swedish called *Swedish for international students* and intensive courses in Swedish.

For the intensive courses you need to have previous knowledge of Swedish to be eligible.

Svenska

- Students that have reached B2 level of Swedish knowledge meet the eligibility requirement for Swedish knowledge to apply for courses offered in Swedish at Umeå university.
- Students that have reached C1 level of Swedish knowledge meet the eligibility requirement for Swedish knowledge to apply for courses offered in Svenska/Nordiska språk in Swedish at Umeå university.

Courses that do not require knowledge of Swedish at our department

Single subject courses



English



Finnish



French



German



Spanish



Swedish/Nordic Languages



Scandinavian Studies

Get to know Sweden

- History of Sweden
- From Vikings to Welfare: An Introduction to the Archeology and History of Sweden and the Nordic Countries
- Introduction to Language and Culture in Northern Scandinavia
- Ancient Scandinavia
- Twentieth century Swedish Intellectual History
- Introduction to Swedish Law
- Social Work in Sweden
- Sweden's Social Geography
- Swedish Culinary Traditions
- Swedish Social Welfare in Comparative Perspective
- Exploring Sweden
- Nordic Outdoor Life
- Swedish Culture and Everyday Life

International Contact person

You are welcome to contact me if you have any questions concerning an exchange semester or year at Umeå university.

<https://www.umu.se/en/staff/gisela-taube-lyxzen/>



Gisela Taube-Lyxzen

I am the study advisor, the international coordinator and the contact person for students with pedagogical support. I am also study administrator for courses in English, German and Russian.

Contact

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Works as

🏠 Study counsellor at [Department of Language Studies](#)

Section: Swedish as second language, Russian, Linguistics, Swedish and Scandinavian Studies, German, Finnish, French, Italian, Meänkieli, Language Teaching and Learning, and Educational Work, Sámi studies, Spanish, English

Role: Student counsellor

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