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Around the World—Sweden



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Instructions for Using the *Online Guide to Educational Systems Around the World*

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These documents are updates to those in the 1999 publication *A Guide to Educational Systems Around the World* (which was an update to *The Handbook on the Placement of Foreign Graduate Students*, published in 1990 and colloquially known as the "Graduate Handbook.")

It is important to note that these documents do not replace either of the earlier publications, which should be used for credentials issued prior to 1999, the period those publications cover.

Readers familiar with the original version of *A Guide to Educational Systems Around the World* will note that these updates use the same format:

1. Each of these publications provides lists of credentials and other data that can be used both for undergraduate and graduate admissions.
2. "Advice for admissions officers" is intentionally not provided. We have attempted to avoid all types of subjective interpretation, relying instead on objective data. Users of these updates should use the information provided in conjunction with other resources to determine their own placement recommendations and possibility of transfer credit. Questions about credentials can be posted on the Admission and Credential Evaluation discussion forum on the Recruitment, Admissions, and Preparation Knowledge Community: <http://www.nafsa.org/aceforums>. For information on how to subscribe to the network, please visit www.nafsa.org/networksubscribe.

Please note that these updates should be supplemented by additional written materials that describe complete foreign educational systems, including data on specific institutions, and by professional training in the theory and practice of credential evaluation. Many of these resources are available from NAFSA, either as printed publications or on-line. The need for institution support for budgetary resources and training for undergraduate and graduate admissions personnel remains important, regardless of the increased availability of resources on the Web.

These publications were compiled by many authors using a standardized template and style. Although minor variations among entries do occur, the basic guidelines are explained as follows:

Educational Ladder

1 - 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
A B B

The year or half-year at which a credential is awarded is the point at which the corresponding credential letter is placed. In the example above, credential A is awarded after the 9th year of education. Note that the corresponding letter is placed directly below the number 9.

All *normal* possibilities of the total number of years of education that a credential might require are indicated on the ladder. This occurs for credential B, in which the credential can be awarded after either 12 or 13 total years of education. An explanation is provided in the description of the credential whenever a letter appears on the ladder more than once. There are a few cases when this multiple-listing style was not used; in these cases, there are explanatory comments.

An arrow (→) is used after a credential letter in cases where no maximum length of study for a particular program is specified, or where the study time is open-ended. For example, a doctor of philosophy degree program may require a minimum of three years of enrollment. The corresponding credential letter with an arrow will appear under the minimum number of total years of education required to earn the Ph.D.

Explanations About Documents

Credentials are divided into two categories: secondary and postsecondary. The decision to include the credential under one or the other category is not a subjective one—a credential is determined to be either secondary or postsecondary according to its designation by the country of origin, regardless of how individual institutions might perceive the level (and recommend transfer credit).

Numerical endnotes, placed directly after the complete list of credentials, are used when a lengthy explanation about a credential is necessary.

Foreign Terms and Words

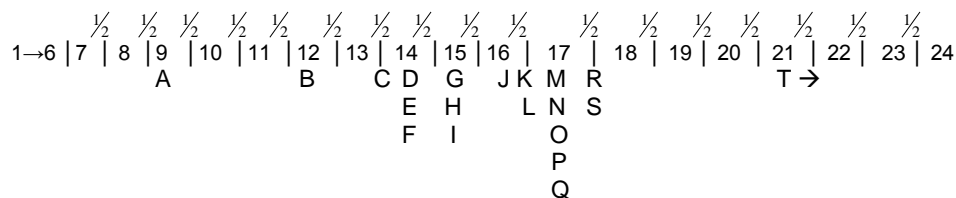
Foreign terms are used whenever possible, and are translated literally, in most cases. Literal translations are used to avoid subjectivity. We have attempted to be consistent with translations across languages, though readers may notice some differences between countries because of preferences indicated by the submitters. Credential evaluators and admissions personnel should always rely on official foreign language documents, using translations only as guides.

Grading Information

Only the most common grading scales used in each country are listed. Evaluators understand that variations in grading are common and that one should always consult the grading information that may be provided on official transcripts. Rather than making grade equivalency statements, the submitter(s) of the update provided information regarding grading practices within the countries.

SWEDEN

YEARS OF EDUCATION →



CREDENTIALS OR DOCUMENTATION

Secondary

- A** *Avgångsbetyg/Slutbetyg från Grundskola* (Leaving Certificate from Compulsory School): awarded after completion of 9 years of primary and secondary school
- B** *Avgångsbetyg/Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskola* (Leaving Certificate from Upper Secondary School requiring credential **A** for admission)

Postsecondary

- C** *Yresteknisk examen* (University Diploma in Applied Technology): 1.5 years of study requiring credential **B** for admission
- D** *Högskoleexamen i ...* (University Diploma in ...): 2 years of study (80+points) requiring credential **B** for admission
- E** *Högskoleingenjösexamen i (field of study)* (University Diploma in [field of study] Engineering): 2 years of study (80+ points) requiring credential **B** for admission
- F** *Konstnärlig Högskoleexamen i dans konst och design, musik or scen och medier* (University Diploma in dance, art and design, music and stage, or media studies): 2 years of study (80+ points) requiring credential **B** for admission
- G** *Kandidatexamen/Filosofie Kandidatexamen i .../Ekonomie Kandidatexamen/Technologie Kandidatexamen* (Bachelor of ...): 3 years of study (120+ points) requiring credential **B** for admission
- H** *Civilekonomexamen/Ekonomexamen* (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration): 3 years of study requiring credential **B** for admission
- I** *Receptarieexamen/Sjukgymnexamen/Sjuksköterskeexamen/Tandteknikerexamen* (Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy/Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy/Bachelor Science in Nursing/Bachelor in Dental Techniques): 3 years of study (120+ points) requiring credential **B** for admission
- J** *Teologie kandidatexamen* (Bachelor of Theology): 4 years of study (160 points) requiring credential **B** for admission
- K** *Juris kandidatexamen* (Bachelor of Law): 4.5 years of study (180 points) requiring credential **B** for admission
- L** *Arkitektexamen* (University Diploma in Architecture): 4.5 years of study (180 points) requiring credential **B** for admission
- M** *Magisterexamen med ämnesbredd* (Master's degree in a field different than the bachelor's degree): 2 years of study (80+ points) requiring credential **G** for admission
- N** *Magisterexamen med ämnesdjup* (Master's degree in a field related to the bachelor's degree): 2 years of study (80+ points) requiring credential **G** for admission
- O** *Apotekarexamen* (University Diploma in Pharmacy): 5 years of study (200 points)

- requiring credential **B** for admission
- P *Tandläkarexamen* (University Diploma in Dentistry): 5 years of study (200 points)
requiring credential **B** for admission
- Q *Licentiatexam* (Licentiate): 2 years of study (80+ points) and a thesis (40+ points)
requiring credential **G** for admission
- R *Veterinärexamen* (University Diploma in Veterinary Science): 5.5 years of study (220 points)
requiring credential **B** for admission
- S *Läkarexamen* (University Diploma in Medicine): 5.5 years of study (220 points)
requiring credential **B** for admission
- T *Doktorsexaman* (Doctorate): 4 years of study (160+ points) and a dissertation (80 points)
requiring credentials **M** or **N** for admission

***Please note that higher education in Sweden is organized on a points system with an academic year consisting of 40 points (poäng). The actual time to complete a program of study may be longer than the points indicated above.*

GRADING SCALES

Secondary

<i>Mycket Väl Godkänd (MVG)</i>	Pass with High Distinction
<i>Väl Godkänd (VG)</i>	Pass with Distinction
<i>Godkänd (G)</i>	Pass
<i>Icke Godkänd</i>	Fail (failures are not included on transcripts)

Postsecondary

<i>Väl Godkänd (VG)</i>	Pass with Distinction (very rare)
<i>Godkänd (G)</i>	Pass
<i>Underkänd</i>	Fail (failures are not included on transcripts)

POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION RECOGNITION BODY

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RESOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Print

Feagles, Shelley M., editor. *A Guide to Educational Systems Around the World*. Washington, DC: NAFSA, 1999.

Zanotti, Kathleen T. and Karlene N. Dickey. *Sweden: A Study of the Educational System of Sweden and Guide to the Academic Placement of Students in Educational Institutions in the United States*. Washington, DC: Projects in International Education Research (PIER), 1995.

On-line

AACRAO EDGE – Electronic Database of Global Education: <http://aacraoedge.aacrao.org/>

Deaf education in Sweden: <http://www.batod.org.uk/index.php?id=/publications/on-linemagazine/models/sweden.htm>

Education in Sweden: <http://www.sweden.se/eng/Home/Education/>

Eurydice entry on Sweden:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/documents/eurybase/eurybase_full_reports/SE_EN.pdf

Higher education institutions in Sweden:

<http://www.hsv.se/highereducationinsweden/highereducationinstitutionsheis.4.28afa2dc11bdcdc557480002290.html>

National Agency for Higher Education (*Högskolverket*): <http://www.hsv.se>

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility

http://grfx.cstv.com/photos/schools/okla/genrel/auto_pdf/20080905_04_int_acad_standards.pdf.

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