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Swedish Higher Education System

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Swedish Higher Education in Figures

- Funding : 1,7 % of GDP to postsecondary education (OECD average 1,6 %).
- Proportion of population with postsecondary qualifications: 34 % (OECD average: 30 %).
- About 345 500 students enrolled in 1st and 2nd cycle programmes (2013).
- Median age for university entrants: 22,1 (OECD average 20.5).
- The percentage of women in HE is about 60 %.
 2/3 of all qualifications are awarded to women.





Institutions



- Sweden's first university was established in Uppsala in 1477.
- 14 state universities and 17 state university colleges. 16 non-state institutions (2013).
- Universities are research-oriented, whereas university colleges focus on undergraduate programs.
- Qualifications from all recognised HEIs have equal value.
- Recognised HEIs at www.uhr.se



The students: What do they study?



Figure 16. FTEs per subject area for the academic year 2012/13.



Tuition fees, student grants and loans

- No tuition fees for Swedish and EU/EES nationals.
- Students in Sweden can obtain state support consisting of a combination of study grants and loans.
- Student aid is payable for a maximum of 6 academic years.
- Per academic year (9 months):
 €3,098+€6,795 = €9,893 (2014)
- The debt is expected to be repaid in 25 years, or before the individual reaches the age of 60.





Incoming and outgoing students



Incoming HE entrants during academic years 2003/04-2012/13



- Tuition fees introduced for non-EU/EES students 2011, led to a decline of one-third in the number of HE entrants from abroad.
- 2012/13 21 600 new incoming students. Almost 70% were exchange students.
- 2012/13 28 300 Swedish students studying in other countries

www.studyinsweden.se www.universityadmissions.se



Quality Assurance System

QAS 2011-2014

- Achieved learning outcomes assessed in relation to intended learning outcomes as stipulated in the legislation.
- Increased autonomy and institutional responsibility for quality (self-evalutions).
- Outcome should effect funding to the HEIs.
- Investigation new QA 2016?

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Bologna reform in Sweden from 2007





- Degree structure
- Credit system (40 weeks, 60 HE credits)
- Swedish students receive a Diploma Supplement automatically and free of charge upon graduation
- National Qualifications framework based on learning outcomes
- http://www.uhr.se/Glo bal/In%20English/12-5202-10-nationalqualificationsframework.pdf