

NPU Group Program: Södra Vätterbygdens Folkhögskola (SVF) Jönköping, Sweden

Specifics of North Park's Group Program

Dates

- Fall semester

Eligibility

- 30+ credit hours by start of program
- Completion of SWED 1020 by start of program
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Swedish Language GPA of 2.5
- GPA of 2.5 in semester preceding program
- Attendance at NPU for at least two semesters by start of program
- 18 years of age



Chance of Placement

Program is limited to 15 students each year. Change of placement may be limited depending on the number of qualified applicants.

Courses Offered

While at SVF, students will take a set curriculum of 16 credits. Two classes are taught in English and two are taught in Swedish. Additional classroom and extracurricular activities are also an expected part of the *folkhögskola* experience.

SWED 2010: Intermediate Swedish I Counts toward Scandinavian Studies major/minor	SCAN 2130: Scandinavian History and Culture Counts toward Scandinavian Studies major/minor
HIST 2230: The Mediterranean World Counts toward Culture & Society GE requirement	POGO 2250: Issues in International Politics

If a North Park student has already completed one or more of the courses listed above, she or he must arrange an independent study with a NPU professor in order to maintain a full load of 16 credits.

Costs

Student pays North Park the current rate for full-time tuition, shared dorm room, and 15 meal plan. All financial aid applies. A "Swedish Studies Fee" of approximately \$1300 covers textbooks and European excursions while in Sweden.

Additional Fees

Airfare	Passport Fees	Residence Permit/ Visa Fees	International Student ID Card
Textbooks	Health Insurance	Meals on weekends and school breaks	Discretionary Spending

Student Residence Permit for Sweden

All participants in North Park's group program to Södra Vätterbygdens Folkhögskola are required to obtain a Student Residence Permit through the Swedish Embassy. The International Office will assist students with their application, but students are ultimately responsible for the timely submission of documents. The application for a Student Residence Permit requires several pieces of documentation, including:

- Proof of funding (approximately \$1100 per month of stay). Students will not actually need to spend this money, as their program fees are paid to North Park, but will have to show proof of this amount during the residence permit application process.
- Proof of adequate health insurance. A letter from the student's health insurance company must indicate that she or he is covered for the duration of the stay in Sweden, that the policy will work in Sweden, and that it provides at least \$100,000 of coverage.

More information will be provided to accepted students as part of their orientation activities.

About SVF, Jönköping, and Sweden

- Södra Vätterbygdens Folkhögskola is located in Jönköping, one of the ten largest cities in Sweden. Jönköping is a charming city, situated at the southern end of Vättern, Sweden's second largest lake. SVF, with about 300 students, has ten buildings, including four dormitories with commanding views of the lake.
- The North Park exchange with Södra Vätterbygdens Folkhögskola is unique in that students build relationships in Sweden during the fall semester and continue those relationships during the spring, when the North Park group plus 15 Swedish students come to North Park's Chicago campus. The entire group of 30 students live and learn together, taking several classes in common and participating in a week-long European study tour during the fall. Throughout the semester in Sweden, students also participate in regular fika gatherings, campus sports, in-country field trips, a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner, and a Sankta Lucia pageant.
- In the city of Jönköping, students have access to a number of cultural events, including the Jönköping Film Festival, the traditional Market Day, Children's Culture Days and the annual Dance Festival. Jönköping also offers a wide selection of music performances given by both amateurs and professionals, often at the Jönköping Concert Hall. There are also a number of theatrical societies and stages, some 15 libraries, and 120 cultural societies.
- Additionally, Stockholm, Göteborg, Malmö and Copenhagen are all easily accessible in a few hours by car, bus, train or plane from Jönköping.

<http://www.jonkoping.se>

Please consult the Study Abroad Handbook for information on how to apply for this program.