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Congratulations on your participation in the University of Michigan’s program through the Danish Institute for Study Abroad in Stockholm, Sweden. This information explains how the program will work for you as a U-M student and should be read in conjunction with DIS’s academic handbook and pre-departure information, given to you by DIS upon your admittance into the program.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DIS (Danish Institute for Study Abroad) is a Danish non-profit study abroad institution. Established in Copenhagen in 1959 with semester, academic year, and summer programs taught in English, DIS offers American students engaging and challenging coursework enriched by field studies, hands-on learning opportunities, and study tours.

Due to the success and reputation of the Copenhagen program, a second campus was opened in Stockholm, Sweden. While rich in history and culture, Sweden prides itself on progressive thinking, openness, diversity, and equality. As home to the Nobel Prize and a list of prestigious universities, institutions, and leading innovators, Stockholm offers the context of a capital led by forward-looking decision makers and scholars.

As a U-M student in Stockholm, you will take courses organized specifically for DIS students. Classes are made up primarily of students from highly selective U.S. universities.

More detailed information on courses, program dates, arrival and on-site orientation is available at the DIS website: [http://disabroad.org/](http://disabroad.org/)

Students choose a core class from a selection of 8 programs: Gender & Sexuality Studies, Global Economics, Literature, Medical Practice & Policy, Neuroscience, Psychology, Public Health, and Terrorism & Security. They also choose electives from various academically-rigorous courses. DIS offers Swedish Language & Culture courses emphasizing interaction with the local community (visit an island palace or participate in a festival of lights).

At the same term you are participating in classes in Sweden, you will be registered at U-M as a full time student. Please register for STDABRD 460 (15 credits) for the term you are abroad. CGIS will automatically receive a transcript for each U-M student upon completion of your coursework there and then we will update your transcript with the correct number of credits that you earned on the program.

Do NOT register for STDABRD 406, which is a summer DIS program.

Please note that it generally takes at least 2 months from the completion of your program until we receive your transcript from DIS. Then at least one more month is required for CGIS to process your transcript and get the credits/grades to appear on U-M transcripts.

LSA students will earn in-residence credit for your work in the program. The grades you received for your classes will appear on your U-M transcript and the grades will be calculated into your U-M cumulative GPA.

Non-LSA students must check with their college or school to determine its policy on CGIS credits, grades, and if these grades will be calculated into your cumulative U-M GPA.

IMPORTANT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION

DIS staff will great you at the Stockholm airport on the official start date of your program, and you will be transported to your housing.

At the beginning of each semester, DIS organizes an orientation for newly arrived students. The DIS Arrival Workshop is mandatory and all students must attend. Here is a link to the DIS website where you can find important dates for arrival, orientation, holidays, trips, exam schedules and other events.
Among other things, the orientation will explain the residence permit, DIS academic policies, services offered, and other useful information. It is also a good time to meet fellow international students.

Students are required to remain in Stockholm for their final exams, which may not be scheduled early.

**HOUSING**

DIS Stockholm students may take advantage of four diverse housing options (some with local residents and students), outlined here: [http://disabroad.org/stockholm/semester/housing-options/](http://disabroad.org/stockholm/semester/housing-options/)

Please note that the Residential Community option is not available to Michigan (CGIS) students during the Fall or Winter term.

DIS contacts students regarding the application process via email. You are advised to research housing options in advance.

**VISA**

**IMPORTANT-PLEASE READ:** Obtaining a visa and following the correct procedure is ultimately the responsibility of each student who is applying. DIS will provide assistance in the process, but the Swedish Consulates make the final decisions regarding the issuance of the visa and whether or not you have followed the proper procedure. You are encouraged to carefully review the official Consulate website (relevant to you) to be certain you are following the procedures and requirements that the Swedish government has given to applicants. CGIS is not responsible if the following information differs from the Swedish Consulate requirements.

**If you are an American citizen,** DIS will provide you information about the visa application (“Extended Visitor Permit”) after your admission to the program.

**NON-U.S. CITIZENS**

Please contact the Swedish embassy in your home country to ascertain whether a student visa is required for your citizenship. DIS is also be able to assist with this process.

We suggest that you make a copy of your visa application and all the documents for your records.

**CONTACT AND VISITING INFORMATION FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS**

**AMERICAN CITIZEN SERVICES**

When you arrive your host country, register with the nearest American consulate or embassy. It is important they know where to reach you in the event of an emergency. Check the U.S. Embassy website in your host country to see if it is possible to register before you leave. It helps if you know where you will be living ahead of time, although it may be possible to update this information later. Here is a link to the main website of the American Embassy in Sweden: [https://se.usembassy.gov/](https://se.usembassy.gov/)

Before going to the consulate or embassy, you may want to call ahead to check office hours devoted to providing services to U.S. citizens, usually limited to two or three hours a day. This information is often available from U.S. Embassy websites, which are accessible at [http://usembassy.state.gov](http://usembassy.state.gov), the State Department Embassy links page. Don’t forget to take your passport with you when you go.
HEALTH ISSUES

The DIS handbook contains information on local medical centers and procedures.

For information about recommended vaccinations and health measures, consult the Centers for Disease Control website: wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/

FEES AND BILLING

Although students are registered at U-M while participating in the program at DIS, tuition and other fees are paid directly to DIS. Students are responsible for paying the CGIS administrative fee; this is the only fee charged by the U-M to DIS program participants. For more information, please see current budget sheet on the DIS brochure page in Mcompass:

DIS provides students with information about program costs and payment in its acceptance materials.

WHO TAKES CARE OF WHAT

DIS is responsible for final acceptance decisions, all academic arrangements, on-site orientation, and for arranging housing. CGIS assists students in preparing to study in Stockholm, provides support services while abroad, and processes the academic results (grades) from study at DIS for the U-M academic records. Each student is responsible for obtaining a passport, applying for a student visa, making the travel reservations, and paying program fees to DIS.

A FINAL WORD

Enjoy your time abroad. You'll find you have more independence than at Michigan, and this can enable you to pursue interests and take advantage of opportunities that might not present themselves here. If there is anything our office can do to make your stay easier, please let us know.
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**EMERGENCY**

In the event of an emergency on-site, immediately call local emergency services. You should know your local address and the 911 equivalent number in your host country and carry that number with you at all times.

Contact your local program director/on-site staff immediately if you are the victim of crime or need emergency assistance. Please also contact the University of Michigan Department of Public Safety, which has the following 24 hour number: (734) 763-1131. They will then contact the necessary on-campus offices, including the Center for Global and Intercultural Study, to respond to your situation. You may provide this same 24 hour number to your parents should they experience an emergency and need to get a hold of you while you are abroad and are unable to contact you directly.

To contact HGeoBlue in the event of an emergency or regarding insurance questions call 1.800.257.4823 or collect +1.610.254.8771 or globalhealth@geo-blue.com