The Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) is a private business school founded in 1909 on the initiative of Swedish business leaders. SSE has a good reputation and in 2008 the Financial Times ranked the SSE Master program number 1 among the Nordic countries and number 12 in the world. All education relies on relevant and current research, and the high quality of SSE’s programs can be maintained because of its collaboration with Swedish and international corporations and its dedicated professors and researchers.

To ensure that SSE will continue to attract the best Swedish and foreign students and faculty a new curriculum was introduced in 2007. SSE’s curriculum and degree structure are now compatible with the highly competitive international market for higher education. Further evidence of SSE’s high quality is the School’s EQUIS (European Quality Improvement System) accreditation, which warrants that education programs and research are of top international standard.

SSE works with the international business community as well as highly ranked universities and business schools around the world. Every year SSE welcomes about 150 exchange students, many of whom study within the framework of PIM (Partnership in International Management), a network of business schools from all over the world.

SSE is the only Swedish university that is a member of CEMS (The Global Alliance of Management Education), a community of leading business schools and multinational corporations. In 2008 the Financial Times ranked the CEMS Master degree as number 3 in the world. SSE is also the only Nordic representative in ICEDR (International Consortium for Executive Development Research).
Studying at SSE

Semester dates
At SSE the semester is divided into two study periods, each of them concluded by a two-week exam period. For incoming exchange students the semester starts three days earlier with a mandatory introduction to SSE, Stockholm and Sweden.

Preliminary dates for the academic year 09/10:

Fall 2009: August 24 – December 22, 2009
Mandatory Orientation Days for incoming students: August 19-21

Spring 2010: January 18 – June 13, 2010
Mandatory Orientation Days for incoming students: January 13-15

Application deadline
Nomination deadline for our Partner University is April 1 for the fall semester 2009 and October 1 for the spring semester 2010.

Courses
Courses within the following fields are offered:
- Management
- Finance
- Economics
- Marketing
- Accounting

In addition courses in Entrepreneurship, International Business and Law will be offered.

Learning expectations
Exchange students study under the same conditions as the Swedish students and they need to fluent in English to follow the courses at SSE. They are required to take four courses during the semester and full-time studies correspond to 30 ECTS; i.e. 15 ECTS per period. In general two courses per period will require at least 40 hours of study per week (classes included).

Some courses are characterized by traditional teaching, with lectures, written course assignments and seminars. In other courses the teaching is to a great extent based on cases; active participation in class is expected and contributes to the final grade. Many of the courses require substantial preparatory reading.

SSE has two parallel grading systems due to the transformation to a new curriculum. On BSc-level the courses are graded A-E and on MSc-level (where we still have the old system) 0-100 where 50 is pass. The final grade is based upon written examination, presentations, term papers, individual and group projects, class participation or some combinations of these.

Practical information

Housing
SSE’s housing office assists in finding accommodation for incoming exchange students. We can offer students rooms and apartments situated in or near the city center.

Living expenses
The following is a feasible monthly budget (September 2008):

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Note that insurance, clothing, hobbies and leisure etc. is to be added to the total cost.

* (if you buy a student card for the whole semester)
Career Services
The SSE Career and Alumni office assists students (including the exchange students) entering the job market by offering career choice guidance. The Career and Alumni office also offers counseling and advising, workshops, skills training, recruitment information and placement reports.

Investment Banking, Management Consulting and other Finance/Banking are the three main areas attracting SSE students. Our students have a global perspective. Thirty-two percent of the graduates of 2006 went abroad for their first job. The most common destination was the U.K.

Student Association
The Student Association at the Stockholm School of Economics (SASSE) is unique in that virtually all SSE students are active in the association at some point during their studies. SASSE offers a wide range of clubs and societies covering a variety of interests. Students at SSE are attractive to companies and organizations in the private and public sectors.

The student association organizes seminars and meetings to build and nurture relations with interested organizations; a career fair is organized every year in January/February, for example, and every week three to four company presentations are arranged on campus. Companies like Boston Consulting Group, Goldman Sachs & Co, McKinsey & Co, Modern Times Group (MTG) and Procter & Gamble, just to mention a few, regularly recruit from SSE. The companies can also choose to interview at the School.

The Exchange Committee (EC) is a part of the Student Association. Every semester they work hard to help our exchange students to feel welcome and to adjust to the Swedish society. The EC arranges trips, visits to museums and other social activities throughout the semester. One of ECs main tasks is to arrange the student buddy program. Each exchange student is assigned a buddy group, who will assist the student on arrival and also in practical matters during the stay at SSE. You can find more information at the student association’s website www.hhss.se.

More information
Please note that detailed information material for incoming exchange students is available on our homepage www.hhs.se/iso.

Programs

Bachelor
3 years - 180 ECTS
- Bachelor of Science in Business & Economics, Stockholm (in Swedish)
- Bachelor of Science in Business & Economics, Riga – Latvia (in English)
- Bachelor of Science in Retail Management, Norrtälje (in Swedish)

Master
2 years – 120 ECTS
- Master of Science in Business & Economics, Stockholm (in English) (Accounting, Economics, Finance, Management or Marketing)
- Master of Science in General Management, Stockholm (in English)

Doctoral Programs
In Stockholm SSE offers PhD Programs in Business Administration, Economics and Finance.

Post Experience Programs
Programs for professional seeking development, competence enhancement or further education with an MBA (executive education) are offered in Stockholm, Riga and St Petersburg.