

Exchange Report

LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

**School of Economics and
Management**

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Part 1 Monthly Activity Log

August



I arrived Copenhagen Airport with other buddies on 20th August and there are Lund University student helpers kindly to pick us up at the airport and led us to Lund by taking trains. Lund is close to Copenhagen airport, after around 30-minutes, we arrived Lund. We went directly to the registration venue and our accommodation then. At the beginning of the exchange journey, I spent my first few days in Lund to settle down and familiar with the environment in Lund. We joined different orientation activities like the Ikea trip. Moreover, I attended the Swedish Introductory Course in the first three weeks and it was a fun and fantastic course for me. Knowing some simple Swedish definitely helped me a lot in the rest of the exchange journey.

September



I explored Copenhagen and Greece at the beginning of September when the workload was relatively light in Lund. It is a good chance for me to explore other places's landscape and views. After that, I have to spend some time to handle assignments and presentations.

October



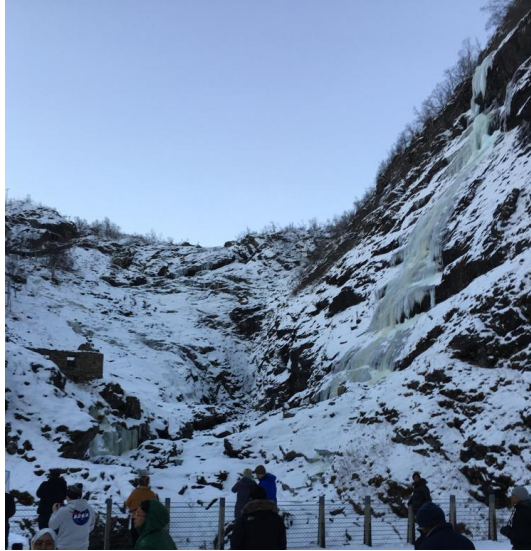
The pace of the courses was getting faster and faster and the workload greatly increased in October, so I spent some time on dealing with the examinations. After the examinations and during the break, I went to couples of European countries like Budapest, Prague, Austria and etc. Those are really beautiful and attractive cities with tasty food and amazing landscapes.

November



Due to the increased workload, I only spent little time on travelling. I started to devote my time to library for studying and preparing the compulsory seminar assignments. At the end of the November, I visited Switzerland for relaxation and learning skiing. But finally, I still could not handle the skills of skiing and felt down many times. However, it was a great time for me.

December



Since all the examinations and assignments have been done, so I spent over half of my time on exploring other countries and relieving my stress. I have been to Bergen, Oslo, Stockholm, London, Bristol and Finland. I stayed in Finland during the Christmas and the most exciting thing is that I visited the Santa Claus which I want to do for many years. It was an unforgettable journey

January



The Fall semester had nearly been finished and I started my last trip with my friends. We visited Madrid and Lisbon and then back to Hong Kong. I will miss those places and the exchange journey so much after I back to Hong Kong.

Part 2 General exchange information

1) Visa Procedures

Compulsory to apply a residence permit if you stay more than three months in Sweden. You are better to apply it as soon as possible once you get the Letter of Acceptance since the application process may take a long time.

2) Orientation Activities

They will last for two weeks. Some of them are free of charge and on a first come first served basis while some activities have to be paid yourselves.

3) International Services & Activities

International desk organizes activities for all international students and most of the activities are free of charge.

4) Accommodations

It is not a guarantee for any housing place, so it is better to apply it as soon as possible. You can also find AF Bostäder if you cannot find a housing space in the first

round of application. Also, you can also find accommodation from other private housing agencies.

5) Courses Registration

Exchange students can at most take up to four courses at Lund University, and there are two periods in one semester, so you can take two courses in the first period and another two in the second period at maximum. Remember to check the database of credit transfer list. Moreover, you can enroll in the Swedish introductory course at the beginning of the semester, but it is not a must.

I had taken the following courses: SUSA 11 Swedish: Introductory Course for Exchange Students 1, FEKH 11 Business Administration: Business Policy, FEKH 13 Business Administration: Project Management - A Business Perspective, SASH 56 Modern Design in Scandinavia, IBUA61 Financial Accounting

6) Teaching & Assessment Methods

Attendance are compulsory for the first/introductory lesson of each course. Lund University adapts absolute grading. Examinations can be oral, written and take-home exam. Most importantly, the schedule of courses at Lund University are usually irregular and subject to change, so you have to check the schedule regularly.

7) Sports & Recreation Facilities

If you want to do sports, you can just go to Victoria Stadium.

8) Finance & Banking (including currency / expenses)

Sweden Krona is the official currency of Sweden. Credit card is common and convenient in Sweden.

Expenses (in HKD)	
Flight ticket (Back and forth Hong Kong and Copenhagen)	\$6160
Residence permit	\$1000
Accommodation	\$15500
Living expenses	\$10000
Travel expenses	\$38000
Total	\$70660

9) Social Clubs & Networking Opportunities

You should join a nation. There are many nations in Lund University and each of them has their own features and focus. You can join activities organized by other

clubs even though you are not their club member.

10) Health & Safety

HKUST and Lund University will purchase insurance for exchange students respectively. However, it will be better to purchase an extra international insurance to further protect yourself.

11) Food

Eating outside is relatively expensive in Lund so I usually cooked myself.

12) Transportation

Cycling is very common in Lund. Other option will be taking the public transportations which cost SEK18.75 per trip, monthly tickets are also available. You can pay for the transportation by using a 'Jojo card' or buying tickets through an online application called 'Skanetrafiken'.

13) Climate

From August to October, the weather in Lund is around 4°C to 18°C, and it is quite warm and sunny at that moment. Lund starts to be cooler in November to January, and the temperature starts to fall below 0°C. There will be snowfall and hailstone occasionally. The humidity in Lund is quite low so it is recommended to bring face and skin moisturizers.

14) Communication

Most of the people can speak fluent English and they are welcome to use English to communicate. You can also speak simple Swedish with them after you join the Swedish Introductory course.

15) Cautionary measures

Lund is a safe city and no need to worry even you go out at night.

Part 3 Items to bring

- Passport and ID card (also the copies)
- Letter of Acceptance
- Residence permit (also the copies)
- Laptop
- Router

- Credit card (MasterCard/VISA)
- ATM card (PLUS/Cirrus)
- Cash (Euro/Swedish Krona)
- Stationery
- Adaptor
- Umbrella
- Medicine
- SIM card needle

Part 4 Useful links and contacts

-Lund University website

<https://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/>

-Housing application

<https://www.luaccommodation.lu.se/>

-Flixbus

https://www.flixbus.se/?wt_mc=earnese.FlixBus.coop.customeradvantage.Studentkoret.landingpage.ad

-Skyscanner

https://www.skyscanner.com.hk/?ksh_id=k_Cj0KCQIAkMDiBRDNARIsACKP1FEjbSA_dwofhLAaOML1DINezkLT76yh8OLJM_3ueSQ6px8uCSiMQcUaAmf7EALw_wcB_k_&asociateID=SEM_GGT_00065_00015&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=HK-Travel-Search-Brand-Skyscanner%20Extended-Exact&utm_term=skyscanner%20hk&kpId=google_418326182_19313873702_176556464815_aud-326758276938:kwd-44183422411_c_&gclid=Cj0KCQIAkMDiBRDNARIsACKP1FEjbSA_dwofhLAaOML1DINezkLT76yh8OLJM_3ueSQ6px8uCSiMQcUaAmf7EALw_wcB