



Exchange Report

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Part I – Monthly Activity Log

January 2020

I arrived at the Copenhagen Airport before Arrival Day as I would like to settle down early and explore Lund with my friend. Throughout the month, I walked around the main city center of Lund, visited IKEA in Malmo, travelled to Copenhagen and Vienna alone for four days each. The IKEA store is enormous when comparing with those in Hong Kong or even with shopping malls, especially the warehouse that includes rows of shelves. Besides, the food and the museums in both Copenhagen and Vienna were splendid, especially the music-related museums in Vienna, so I enjoyed them very much.



February 2020

I visited Helsinki and Rovaniemi in mid-February. It was the first time that I saw snow, so I was very excited. During the trip, the most impressive place was the Santa Claus Village, where the whole area was covered by snow and a variety of activities were provided, including meeting the Santa Claus, having the reindeer & husky ride, and feeding domestic animals. Although it was a pity that I did not see the Northern Night, this trip was the most memorable one in my life. For the rest of the month, I attended lectures and did cooking in my spare time.



March 2020

I mainly stayed in Lund to prepare for the final exam of Period 3. Unfortunately, because of the outbreak of COVID-19, I left Lund in mid-March and continued the study through online lectures.

April 2020 – June 2020

Not much information can be provided due to COVID-19

Part II – General Exchange Information

Visa Procedures

It is recommended to apply the visa as soon as possible because it took around two to three months to process the visa application. Students are required to provide personal bank statement (to prove that students can afford the living expenses during the studies), health insurance (offered by Lund University), Letter of Acceptance from Lund University and copy of the passport (including the page with signature) via the online application. Since the Consulate General of Sweden in Hong Kong no longer provides services regarding resident permits for study, students will receive the decision letter in Hong Kong and take the fingerprint and photo in Sweden (Malmo). It will be better to reserve a time slot for application in mid-December since the time slots are limited.

Orientation Activities

The orientation week lasted for around two weeks, with some activities provided, such as Swedish Introductory Course, guided tours and welcome party. Tickets were available for sale online before the start of the orientation weeks and students could also prepay a bed package and collect it on Arrival Day. Besides, there were a mandatory activity, the Pre-registration Day which students could gain more information about the study in Lund and the facilities available.

International Services & Activities

International services and activities were mainly offered by the International Desk. Details of the services or activities can be found either on its Facebook page (*item 2* in Part IV) or through a visit to the AF building.

Accommodations

Students could apply accommodation either through LU Accommodation or AF Bostader. It was quite difficult to get a housing from LU Accommodation, especially those that are near to the academic building of LUSEM. Nevertheless, students are recommended to apply through both LU Accommodation and AF Bostader (*item 1* in

Part IV). For me, I lived in a corridor room in Sparta, which only takes a 5-minute walk to LUSEM.

Course Registration

Students were recommended to take two courses per period, with a maximum of five courses per semester, and include one to two alternative courses for enrollment. Students had only one month to prepare for course registration and exchange application to Lund University, which was in October this semester. Therefore, it is suggested to submit the preliminary assessment of credit transfer earlier. Around one month before the exchange, a confirmation email would be sent to Students and students need to check whether there are any schedule clashes from TimeEdit, particularly introductory lectures/seminars. If any, students could make course changes one week before the Orientation week via the online pre-registration form. For any problems after the final course confirmation, students could contact the course coordinator to seek approval for course changes. One remainder is that Lund University no longer allows non-final year students to apply graduate-level courses. The courses I took were as follow:

Course Title	Period	Transfer Credit	Workload
NEKA63: Financial Economics	Jan – Mar	Pending	Normal - lectures, exercise sessions, computer lab session - one group project, one written examination
INFC65: Information Architecture	Jan – Mar	ISOM3000IS: 3000-level Course in Information Systems, Business Statistics and Operations Management	Light - lectures - one group project, one written examination
FEKG95: From Barter to Bitcoin and beyond: Re-Imagining Money for a Sustainable Future	Mar – Jun	FINA3000LEVEL: 3000-level Course in Finance	Relatively heavy - lectures, readings - a few short presentations, one mid-term exam, one individual report

IBUA41: Organization & Leadership	Mar – Jun	MGMT1120: Developing the Leader in You	Normal - seminars, videos, readings - 6 learning journals, one take-home exam
IBUG41: Business Ethics and Sustainability	Mar – Jun	MGMT2130: Business Ethics and Social Responsibility	Normal - lectures, seminars, readings - one group project & presentation, one take-home exam

Teaching & Assessment Methods

In general, introductory lectures and seminars were compulsory while no attendance taken for other lectures. The means of examination would be either proctored on-campus examination or take-home exam. Due to COVID-19, all courses in Period 4 switched to online classes so some professors may take attendance during lectures or request additional assignment for compensation. Besides, all the examinations became take-home exam, with a time limit of one to three days.

Sports & Recreation Facilities

There is a gym near Sparta which students can register as member to use the facilities.

Finance and Banking

Most of the European countries are nearly cashless, so bringing two to three credit cards is enough for most of the purchases. However, there may be some countries/cities that receive cash for small-amount transaction, such as Vienna. Therefore, it is better to bring some Euro and Swedish Krona. Expenses (around three months) were as following:

Items	Amount (in HKD)
Flight Ticket (Round-trip + Extra Flight)	15,957
Accommodation	10,558
Student Visa	1,000
Living Expense	5,034
Travel Expense	14,488
Total	47,037

Social Clubs and Networking Opportunities

There were some nations and other societies which recruited new member during the orientation week. Once students join one of the nations, they can join the activities held by other nations.

Health and Safety

It is not easy to find a medical or dental clinic in Sweden, so it is better to bring enough medicine to Sweden. In case of emergency, students can call the medical help line (phone number 1177) for assistance. It is open 24/7, and the service is free of charge. Besides, students also contact the International Desk for the information of Swedish health care.

Food

It is quite expensive to dine outside, with the price over 100 SEK, so it is suggested to cook in the dormitory. Although the food price in the supermarket near my accommodation (ICA) is relatively expensive than other supermarkets, it is still cheaper than eating outside. One tip is that most of the water sold in the supermarkets are sparkling water. For distilled water, the word “Still” is printed on the water bottle.

Transportation

Students in Sweden usually ride bicycle as the mean of transportation. However, I did not know how to ride bicycle, so I often travelled to the main city center of Lund by bus, and sometimes on foot if I have a lot of spare time. The price ticket for an adult and a student was 27 SEK and 20.25 SEK respectively. Since I registered as a member of Studentlund (*item 5* in part IV) and a nation, I could enjoy the student discount. Therefore, for those who usually travel by bus, it is advised to download the student app (*item 4* in Part IV) and join the nation to receive the discount.

Climate

The weather was cold and rainy for the period I stayed in Lund (from January to March), with an average of 1 – 5 degree Celsius. Therefore, it is recommended to wear water-proof coat and/or bring umbrella. Some cities in EU countries had snowy days so snow boots are essential to prevent from falling.

Communication

Swedish and English are the major language used by Swedish. It was fine to use English in stores and restaurants, so communication is not a problem in Sweden.

Cautionary Measures

When travelling by bus or train, there might be some staff who request passengers to show the ticket and/or the document of identification, including passport (for train) or digital Studentlund card (for student ticket), so remember to purchase the ticket and bring along the required document.

Part III – Items to Bring

- ✓ Passport (including copies)
- ✓ HKID
- ✓ Visa Acceptance Letter
- ✓ Letter of Acceptance from Lund University
- ✓ Medicine
- ✓ Credit Card (Master, Visa, American Express)
- ✓ Cash (Euro, Swedish Krona)
- ✓ Adaptor
- ✓ Laptop
- ✓ Router
- ✓ Charger
- ✓ Stationery
- ✓ Gloves
- ✓ Water-proof coat
- ✓ Boots
- ✓ Umbrella
- ✓ Summer clothes
- ✓ Neck pouch/Travel belt

Part IV – Useful Links and Contacts

1. AF Bostader

<https://www.afbostader.se/en/>

2. Lund International Desk

Email: studentreception@lu.se

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/internationaldesk>

3. LUSEM exchange students information page

<https://www.lusem.lu.se/study/international-opportunities/exchange/incoming>

4. Studentkortet (Swedish only)

<https://www.studentkortet.se/>

5. Studentlund

<https://www.studentlund.se/>

6. The Swedish Migration Agency

<https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Startpage.html>