



Studying Abroad: Regional Comparison

A summary of the main differences between studying in the UK, US and Sweden:

	Sweden	UK	USA
Length of study (Undergraduate)	3 years	3 years / 4 years (Scotland)	4 years
Cost	Free for all EU and international students inclusive, with some limited exceptions	£9,250 tuition p/year, home students and EU settlement £20,000+ p/year for international students, free in Scotland* *NB still subject to post-Brexit change, stay updated with changes to fees for Swedish citizens	≈ \$30,000 tuition p/year for US locals ≈ \$6000 (public) and \$50,000 (private) for international students (≈50,000 - 500,000 SEK)
Curriculum	Apply to a specific degree course, e.g., Mathematics, Politics, Engineering, English Literature, etc.	Apply to a specific course, e.g., Mathematics, Politics, Engineering, English Literature, etc.	Liberal arts: study subjects from all areas. Declare a major later on in your degree.
Application components	Grades	Grades, Personal Statement, Language Test, Teacher Reference, Subject-related Extracurricular Activities Specific courses and universities (e.g., Oxbridge + Medicine/Dentistry) Entrance Tests	Grades, Personal Essay, Supplemental essays, 2+ Letters of Recommendation, SAT/ACT scores, Extracurricular Activities
Interviews	N/A	Formal: test your academic knowledge and interest in the subject you have applied for	Informal: get to know you on the basis of your interests, goals, and qualities as a person
Nature of application process	Academic: entry based solely on your grades	Academic: grades, but also demonstrated motivation to study your chosen subject	Holistic: take into consideration what you do inside and outside of the classroom
Application deadline	January/April (Non-Swedish or Swedish)	January (October for Oxbridge/Medicine)	January (December for Early Action/Decision)

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