Course registration process for international students

- Individual meeting
- Arrival in Sweden
  - Courses assigned
  - Feemaster assigns tuition fee to courses
  - Registration possible
Sweden and Uppsala
In Uppsala

- You are your own bosses
  \(<==>\)
- You have the full responsibility for your results

Conclusions:
  - Ask questions
  - Be active
Finding your way on campus

We are here

New building.

We'll be here from 2022

Entrance to pick up card
Finding your way on campus

Anders’ office

New building. We move here early 2022

Lunch

Most exams (sign up!)

Student office (other side of building)

Ulrika’s office

Lars-Henrik’s office
Life at the department

- Life "is informal"
- Talk informally, but friendly to strangers (and to people at UU). Ask questions – take initiatives.
- If you do not understand ask again. Never leave a discussion without having understood the point.
- Use our given (first) names
- Send e-mails and knock on doors
  - We are frequently away teaching or in meetings, so booking a meeting could be a good idea.
  - Some people require you to book meetings
- Write proper and polite English (or Swedish ;-) in e-mails
- "Academic quarter hour" (15 minutes past the hour)
How to pass our courses

- Goals
  - Learning: knowledge, skills, …
    - The fun of making it work
  - Get credits, a degree
  - Make contacts, have a life

- Time management
  - Parallel courses
  - Having a life
Course ingredients, scheduled

❖ The first lecture of a course is obligatory
  ▪ Registration
  ▪ Important information: requirements, literature …
❖ Lectures – new material
  ▪ Last lecture = question time, old exams
❖ Lessons/Workshops etc. – active learning, smaller groups
❖ Labs – compile, run, and ask questions
❖ Projects – often in groups
❖ Written exams
Assignments

- Requirements
  - deadline
    - missed deadline, completion
  - group size, cooperation
  - quality – read the assignment carefully

- Different rules for each course!

- Information sources
  - the course web pages on Studium
  - the first lecture
  - otherwise: ask
Exams

- Look at exams from previous years
- Sitting an exam
  - check time (no +15) and location
  - often 5 hours, bring water and food
- If you fail your first exam
  - *don’t panic!*
    - allow yourself time to adapt
    - you can still write a good grade on the re-exam.
You are responsible

- For your learning
- For meeting the requirements to pass
- For knowing what those requirements are
- For being in the right place, on time
- For understanding, what is going on.
- For creating good conditions for learning
  - housing
  - health
    - getting enough sleep
    - eating well

This might be very complex
Your studies

- Studying in a foreign culture might be hard
- You have the responsibility for your studies – ask for help
- Follow rules, read instructions – avoid asking for exceptions
- You must check lab results, results on assignments and timing of exams/lectures yourself
- Respect dead-lines (to the minute)
Plagiarism vs. good use sources and collaboration

- Use sources (books, web, notes)
- Collaborate vs.
- Do not plagiarize (copy)
- The material you submit, including the actual words must be your creation.
- Do not collaborate in unfair ways (e.g. freeloading)

- Complex balance
- Key ideas: Transparency, originality
Time management

- Studies
  - Full time study 40 hrs/week, but "your milage may vary"
  - Lectures
  - Reading books
  - Reading notes
  - Working individually
  - Collaborating
  - Labs

- Life
  - Friends
  - Hobbies
Schedule collisions

- Don't worry
- Many course combinations – clashes unavoidable
  - Changing courses unlikely to help
- Prioritise
- Check for lecture notes, recordings etc.
- Check with the teachers
IT systems

- **Studium**
  - The main learning platform
  - `studium.uu.se`
  - Course info, schedule, etc. etc.

- **You will get a mailbox through the university**
  - `firstname.lastname.nnnn@student.uu.se`
  - *Extremely* important that you read this mailbox regularly OR forward it to another address that you read regularly.
  - From now on expect the university mailbox to be used for communication!
A life in Sweden
Getting along with the Swedes

- Be yourself and be proud of yourself, but it helps …
  - being on time
  - accepting rules
  - not asking for exceptions
  - avoid arguing (but state your opinion)
  - accept "no" as an answer
  - do not take the answer "no" personally
  - don't say "yes" unless you agree.
  - accepting silence
  - accepting queueing
  - not smoking (indoors)
Health

- Uppsala and Sweden is safe for walking.
- Do not expect any serious medical problems.
- Avoid getting colds.
- Do not eat antibiotics from "home".
- Eat well (lunches at restaurants are "cheap" – cook dinners at home).
- When days are short: Stay outdoors during day-light hours.
- Feeling ill? Call 1177 for medical advice! Then have English-speaking operators.
Safety Measures on Campus

- **STAY AT HOME AT THE SLIGHTEST SIGN OF COLD/FLU**
  - Get tested for COVID-19 and stay home if you have symptoms. Read the recommendations from the Public Health Agency of Sweden
    https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/the-public-health-agency-of-sweden

- **IF YOU ARE INFECTED**
  - Remain at home and follow recommendations from the Public Health Agency of Sweden
  - Report anonymously if you have tested positive for COVID-19.

- **ON CAMPUS**
  - Wash your hands and use hand sanitiser.
  - Avoid crowding when possible.

- **VACCINATION**
  - Protect yourself and others by getting vaccinated.
  - Book an appointment for vaccination on the website1177.se