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

- Most of your classes will be in this building (building 10).
- Lecture halls, group rooms etc. on floor 1.
- Computer halls on floor -1.
- Administration on floor 3.
- Teaching staff on floors 4-6.
- Lots of student spaces on all floors!
Understanding room numbers

- Ångström room numbers have one of the forms: \(bbfnnn\)  \(bfnnn\)  \(bfnn\)

- \(b\) is the building number
- \(f\) is the floor number
  - \(f = 0\) means ground floor
  - \(f = K1\) means first basement level
- \(n\) is a sequence number
- Example: 105154 is in building 10, on floor 5
- Example: 6K1101 is in building 6, in the basement
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)
Course registration process for subsequent semesters

You apply for courses on universityadmissions.se (around the middle of the preceding semester)

You are admitted to courses (if you meet prerequisites etc.)

You accept the admissions

Feemaster assigns tuition fee to courses (for fee-paying students)

You register for the course

Course starts!
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.

Sign up!

Bring ID/passport
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
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 deadlines (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! The have English-speaking operators.
Some upcoming events in Uppsala

- Swedish Defense Force's **major air show** and exhibition at Uppsala airbase.

- Tomorrow (Saturday 27th) 08:00-18:00.
- Free bus transfer from the central station stop A2 beginning at 06:00.
- Programme and information (in Swedish, no English information seem to have been published):
  https://www.forsvarsmakten.se/sv/aktuellt/uppvisningarar-och-evenemang/flygdagen/
Some upcoming events in Uppsala

- **Culture night** festival Saturday September 10.
- Music, performances, exhibitions all over the town all day.
- Programme and information (in English) https://www.kulturnattenuppsala.se/en/