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Outbound Exchange Students

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Unit (team) for International Mobility

5 International Officers

2 Administrators

Outbound exchange students per year: Approx: 450-500

Inbound exchange students per year: Approx 500

Approx. 150 University wide agreements in 35 countries

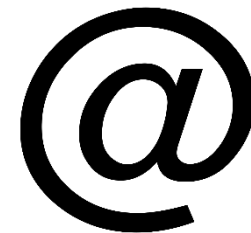




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Our tools

- The database MoveOn (applications, exchange reports, agreements, documents)
- Website: <http://www.uu.se/en/students/study-abroad/>
- E-mail: mobility@uu.se
- Drop-in hours twice a week via Zoom
- Presentations
- Campus tours
- Study Abroad Ambassadors
- Former exchange students
- Social media





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Different options

- Departments and subject specific departmental agreements
- Faculties and faculty agreements
- The Division for Internationalisation and university wide agreements





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Application rounds

15 October - 15 November

(for studies commencing the next autumn).

Focus: Asia, Europe, Middle East, North America,
Some additional places to other regions as well

15 April – 15 May

(for studies commencing the next spring).

Focus: Africa, Oceania, Latin Amerika
Some additional places to other regions as well

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Eligible to apply

- Must have the intention to take the degree at Uppsala University.
- Must have 30 registered higher education credits at Uppsala University at the time of application. (Being an active full time student!)
- Have attained at least 30 higher education credits at Uppsala University one semester before departure.
- Have attained at least 60 registered higher education credits at Uppsala University by the time of departure.
- Study results are checked in February, June and September. If these requirements are not met, the exchange study offer may be withdrawn



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The online application in Moveon

- **Certificate of registration** showing you current enrolments
- **Transcript of records** from Uppsala University + from any other Swedish university.
- **Language test scores** (if applicable)
- **Certificates** showing your participation in welcoming arrangements for new students (Buddy/fadder/mentor) + University wide councils and committees and advisory committees or special posts at a student nation



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The online application in Moveon

- **Course proposals** for 1-6 universities
- **Academic Purpose Statement**
- **Top grades**





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Exemples on valid student representation posts

- University Board (5 student representatives)
- Disciplinary Board (4 student representatives)
- Board for Investigation of Misconduct in Research (2 student representatives)
- Advisory Board for Internationalisation (3 student representatives)
- Reference Group for Student Health Centre (5 student representatives)
- Equality Representative
- Alumni Coordinator
- Archivists Committee



The Selection Process

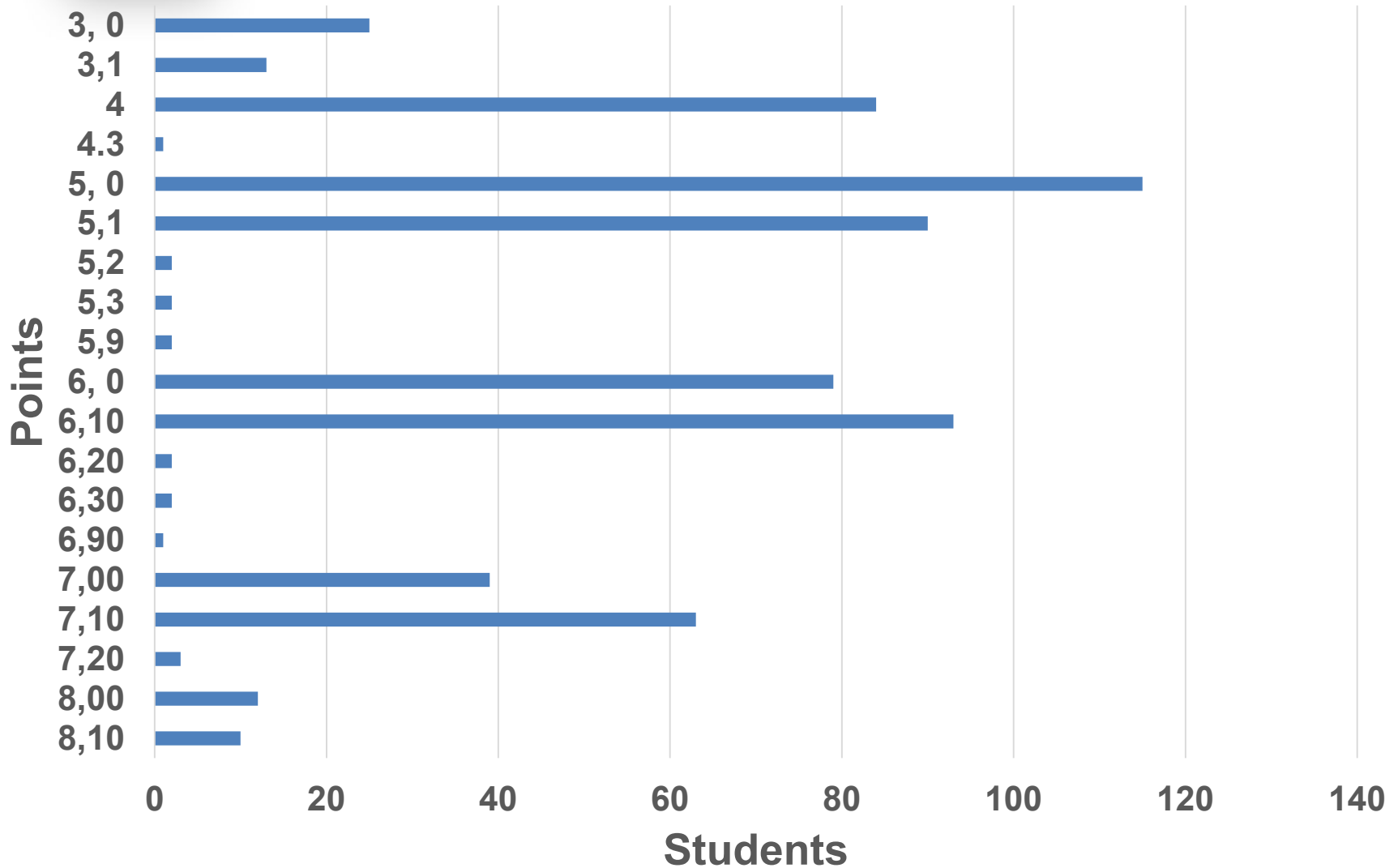
- Academic Purpose Statement – 50%
- Top grades – 50%
(1-4 points on each)
- Student participation in welcoming arrangements: + 0,1
- Student participation in University wide councils/ committees/ advisory committees and Student Nations: +0,2
- Underrepresented study area in the current round: +0,1
- Previous exchange from Uppsala university: -0,1
- Further Selection methods: Interviews and Lottery

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Total points achieved





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The Selection Process

1. First selection round
2. Second selection round - **Reserve places**
3. Third selection round - **Still available places**

Once you've got an offer... be happy





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Academic Purpose Statement (APS)

- Written in the language of instruction you intend to conduct your studies. One (1) APS per language
- Max 600 words
- The score on your APS is based on how well you justify and discuss:

... "how your choice of countries, universities and courses will affect your development of academic and personal skills relevant to your education and future career".

Background..... From guessing to being informed



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Why write an Academic Purpose Statement?

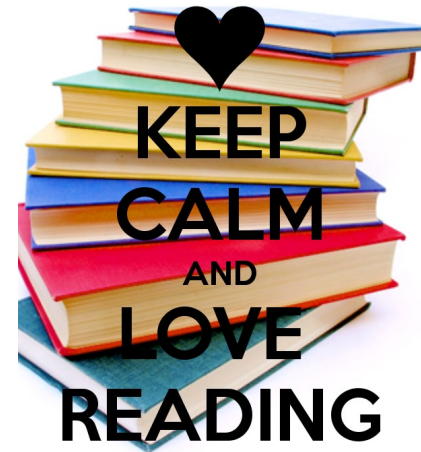
- Academic cooperation between universities where you are recruited as an exchange student. We need to know what you intend to study and why.
- It's the starting point for you in an important process, where you may reflect over and concretize your plans, goals and expected outcomes of your exchange studies. **Starting point of your international experience. You will learn from it.**
- To give students with less top grades a better chance.
- Request from several partner universities.



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How we process the APS

- The International Officers in the Mobility team reads and evaluates all Academic Purpose Statements in Moveon
- Re-readings if necessary as equal assessment is important
- Language expertise within the university
- Feedback





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APS Evaluation

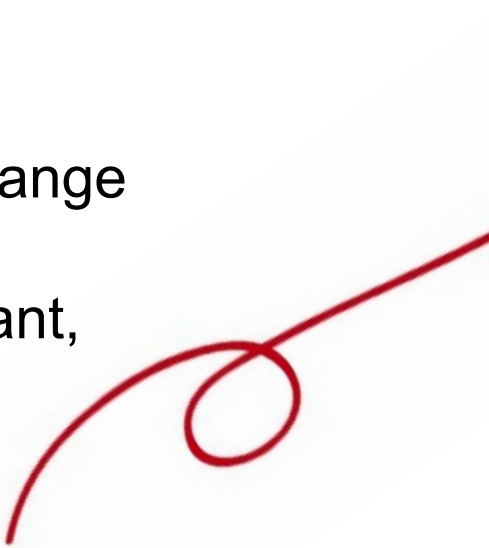
The points are distributed as follows:

0 points	Submitted, but not approved, due to poor quality, e.g. written in wrong language
1 points	Very weak academic and professional justification
2 point	Weak or meagre academic and professional justification
3 points	Strong academic and professional justification
4 points	Exceptionally strong academic and professional justification



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What to focus on...

- The first hand choice/ the main thread/ the common theme in all your choices
 - Academic connection (not vacation/job/staying with relatives)
 - Professional connection
 - Expected outcomes of your exchange
 - Explain why something is important, not just that it's important
 - Highlight some of your courses
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After the application round...

- We nominate the students to the host universities.
- We send the students information on practical matters: (how to apply, application workshops, grants/scholarships, send them Certificate of Insurance, e-mail addresses to other students who approved of sharing them, etc).
- Pre-departure meeting in November/December and in May.



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Pre-departure meeting

The format has been changing over the years...

This Corona year: Via Zoom, starting with one session for all outgoing students, general topics:

Insurance & If an emergency occurs

Swedish Foreign Ministry's recommendations and travel bans

CSN

Ladok

Exchange reports

What do do before/during/after the exchange & Checklists

Soft skills

Transfer of credits

Afterwards: Special zoom meetings for certain regions or universities where special topics can be discussed: Erasmus documentation, grants etc.

Good opportunity to invite guests eg from an Embassy and incoming exchange students so they can meet and exchange experiences!



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Application guide

- https://www.uu.se/digitalAssets/894/c_894352-l_1-k_produktblad-utbytesstudier-2020_21-eng.pdf



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Goals:

- Transparent selection process
- Quality assurance
- Increase the student mobility

Challenges:

- Increasing the student mobility
- Internationalisation at home
- Agreement reviews





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Time for questions...



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Thank you for your attention!