

International College Program

Södra Vätterbygdens Folkhögskola (SVF) has around 300 students attending courses in music, journalism, bible studies or graphical design. Other students study along with American students for a semester and finish their studies at North Park University in Chicago. Finally, around 110 students take courses in, e. g. Maths, English, Swedish, Civics and Religion, to get pass courses they need for being admitted by universities. Jönköping is one of the fastest growing cities in Sweden, an expansion based on entrepreneurial spirits and creative minds...

The aim of the course is to bring students from different countries together to discuss and learn more about international relations, peace- and conflict theories and global environment. In short: politics and attitudes can change the world! The participants attending the course in 2010 came from Russia, Palestine, Latvia, India and Sweden. In spring 2011, we had students from Russia, Palestine, India, the SUA, China and Sweden. The differences, but also similarities, between the participants of those countries will definitely increase the benefits of the course.

The course will take place between 7 January - 24 May 2013.



Swapnil Makasare, India:

My main goal was to learn new things and try to implement those things in my country. It was really good to be in the class with such liberal ideas, all students were free to share their opinions and thoughts. Teachers were not only teachers but also friends. I made really good friends, they are still in touch with me.



Anete Abele, Latvia:

I wanted to learn English, to get an experience of living and studying in a foreign country. I improved my English very much, the teacher taught not only the language but also about Swedish life.



Martins Lopacinskis, Latvia:

My goal was to learn Swedish and I wanted to get experience how things work in Sweden. I have learned a lot and I'm very satisfied. I like the attitude from teachers and it was very interesting to take part in Political Science, International Relations, Media and Global Environment lessons.

SÖDRA VÄTTERBYGDENS FOLKHÖGSKOLA

SVF is based on Christian values and we acknowledge everyone's individually irrespective of their social or ethnic group, faith, gender, disability or sexual orientation. SVF wants to be a meeting-place for people and ideas. In all, SVF has around 300 students participating in the long courses, ranging from one term to one year, and dormitories with room for around 150 people. The school and its premises are also adapted to the needs of participants in wheelchairs.

Owner of SVF: Swedish Covenant Church and its youth organization, SMU.

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Courses

International Relations

Four classes of 40 minutes per week. Understanding is always based on knowledge. This is also one of the foundations in IR. In IR you will study how the international society is composed today and which the dominating global issues are. The basic tools for peaceful co-existence and troubleshooting are other parts of this course as well as the relationship between rich and poor countries. (4 credits/semester hours)

Swedish

Five classes of 40 minutes per week. The aim of this course is to improve the skill in the Swedish language in general, but also to give a possibility to pass the TISUS-test, which evaluates the Swedish knowledge for those from other countries who plan to apply to a university in Sweden. If there is a wish to pass this test, the Swedish knowledge must be good before the course starts and extra Swedish classes may also be given. (4 credits/semester hour)

Scandinavian History and Culture

Four classes of 40 minutes per week. Why wasn't Sweden involved in the second world war? Was Sweden really neutral? How has Sweden being one of the powerful nations in Europe in the 17th and 18th century affected the relations in Scandinavia today? What has created the "Scandinavian model" with a well built-out social welfare system? (4 credits/semester hour)

Global Environment

Two classes of 40 minutes per week. The way we are polluting our world will not lead to a healthy earth in the long run, maybe not even in the short! The green house effect, the distribution of the resources of the world, the rapid decrease of rain forests. How is this dealt with in Sweden and in other countries? How must our lifestyle change to make the earth a good place for our grandchildren as well?

Political Science

Four classes of 40 minutes per week. Only through international agreements can we help to make the world a better place. How do all the international organisations work and what are they for, historically as well as today? How do we achieve peace and how can the conflicts, from which the world suffers tremendously, be solved? What impact do the ideologies of the 19th century have on global cooperation today?

Sports

60 minutes per week. In the school's gymnasium, or outside, all kinds of sports can be had: soccer, floor ball, badminton, table tennis - or even the Swedish Kubb!

English

Four classes of 40 minutes per week. You will also be given an opportunity to study at a suitable level. On the highest level, you will spend a lot of time practising written and oral communication.

Study trips

The study trips are not included in the course fee, and the destination of the trips will be decided upon communication with the students.

All classes are held in English, which means that your proficiency in English must be good. The participants should be prepared to have on average 4 classes of 40 minutes per weekday.

Diploma

After the course, each participant will receive a diploma from SVF containing the passed courses. For students from US colleges/universities, agreements should be made in advance between the US school and SVF about the credits/semester hours given for the courses listed above. A probable number of credits is 16: International Relations, Swedish, Scandinavian History and one more course.

Food and accommodation

All students stay in double rooms, where nationalities preferably are mixed. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served in the school restaurant every weekday, Monday to Thursday. On Fridays only breakfast and lunch is served. On Saturdays and Sundays the students provide for their own food. There are kitchens in all dormitories.

Course fee

The price for books, food, study trips and excursions, accommodation, internet and access to all services at SVF, is SEK 4 250 / four (4) weeks. The tuition fee for European students is SEK 10 000 for one semester. For students outside Europe, the price is SEK 20 000 for one semester.

Application

The application form is to be found at SVF:s web page and the application must be sent to

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"International College Program"
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We must have your application no later than 25 October 2012.

Further information can be given by Course Coordinator Patrik Luth, phone +46-36-30 69 00, e-mail patrik.luth@svf.fhsk.se.

Note: What is written above might be subject to changes. For the latest information, see SVF:s web page;
www.svf.fhsk.se