

Program Highlights 2007

- ▶ The EducationUSA Center of the Swedish Fulbright Commission offered several in-house orientation sessions for guidance counselors.
- ▶ Advisers in Sweden were invited to participate in the SACO annual fair, which attracted about 22,000 visitors (mainly high school students) from in and outside the Stockholm region.
- ▶ The Center in Stockholm assisted US universities visiting Sweden by hosting information sessions about studying in the US.

EducationUSA Students Who Made it

*“There is no hiding the fact that the application process is as intense as it is long, and without Fulbright, I don’t think I’d be here (sunny California) today. They helped me with everything: the SAT, ACT, application papers, essays, and visas. Months later, on a cold February night, I got the call of my life. I was accepted to Stanford University. That was almost four years ago, and I’m now a senior majoring in computer science. I earned a full-ride scholarship on the football team. I’ve had the greatest four years of my life.”*

Gustav Rydstedt, Stanford University



Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ US Embassy, Public Affairs Section
- ▶ Swedish National Board of Student Aid and other governmental offices
- ▶ Swedish Confederation of Professional Associations
- ▶ Swedish Golf Association and other athletic associations
- ▶ Educational Testing Service
- ▶ Principal Nicola Sarac, a visionary for Malmö Borgarskola

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	3,212	2,920
Total number of inquiries:	2,500	2,500

# Sweden

## Advising Center Network

Swedish students are served by the EducationUSA Advising Center of the Fulbright Commission in Stockholm and the newly established Malmö Borgarskola Center in the south of Sweden. Both centers provide individual counseling, group advising, library access, outreach presentations, and participate in large scale student fairs and other information events. The Malmö center is located in an international high school with advanced computer facilities, which can be used for virtual higher education fairs and presentations.

## Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -9.1%

- ▶ The downward trend of Sweden-US student mobility has stabilized. Students are showing renewed interest in the US as a study destination. The Swedish National Board of Student Aid (CSN) provides substantial funding for US study to Swedish nationals.
- ▶ Popular fields of study: business, international relations, communications, LLM.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: golf, ice-hockey, soccer, and track-and-field.

## Resource Links

Swedish Fulbright Commission: [www.fulbright.se](http://www.fulbright.se)  
 Malmö Borgarskola – EducationUSA Advising Center: [www.malmoborgarskola.se](http://www.malmoborgarskola.se)  
 The Swedish National Agency for Education: [www.skolverket.se](http://www.skolverket.se) (secondary education)  
 Swedish National Agency for Higher Education: [www.hsv.se](http://www.hsv.se)

## Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor’s Degree)
Language of instruction:	Swedish and English	Swedish (some courses in English)
Years of study required:	3 years	3 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	Grades are set by the teacher, and include one of the following possible grades: Pass (G), Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass with Special Distinction (MVG). Maximum GPA is 20.0	Varies: Godkänd/Icke Godkänd (Pass/Fail) Väl Godkänd/Godkänd (Pass with Distinction/Pass) Law: AB/Ba/B/U Engineering and related fields: 5/4/3
Scholarship for US studies:	Scholarships are only available in a very limited number	Scholarships are available in a very limited number at the undergraduate level. Study grants and loans are available from the Swedish National Board of Student Aid ( <a href="http://www.csn.se">www.csn.se</a> )

## Upcoming Events 2008-2009

- ▶ EducationUSA Regional Workshop and Student Fair, April 3-6, 2008: “Best Practices in Student Outreach and Virtual Advising” hosted by Malmö Borgarskola, Sweden. To join the virtual fair or full event, contact: [mb.educationusa@pub.malmo.se](mailto:mb.educationusa@pub.malmo.se).
- ▶ US College Fair 2008, Malmö (September 25, 2008): Malmö Borgarskola and EducationUSA’s annual fair for highly competitive Swedish and international students. Contact EducationUSA.

## Partnering with EducationUSA Sweden

US international education experts are welcome to contact the educational advisers in Stockholm and Malmö. Malmö Borgarskola has an outstanding talent pool of international high school students and welcomes virtual outreach by US institutions.

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