

Semester Abroad at Högskolan Kristianstad Autumn 2016/2017



UNIVERSITY
of Applied Sciences

FACULTY
Business Administration



Kristianstad
University
Sweden

Home University	Host University
https://www.haw-landshut.de/en.html	http://www.hkr.se/en/
Master of Arts International Business	Master of Science Business Administration specialising in International Business and Marketing
https://www.haw-landshut.de/hochschule/fakultaeten/betriebswirtschaft/studiengaenge/internationale-betriebswirtschaft-master.html	http://www.hkr.se/en/program/saib2/programme-syllabus
1. and 3. Semester at HAW-La	2. Semester at HKR
60 ECTS	30 ECTS

Before the stay in Sweden at HKR I strongly recommend to organize the necessary **literature** for the courses by applying for the “**Oskar-Karl-Forster-Stipendium**” which can be found at the homepage of the University of Landshut. If you receive Bafög usually they’ll transfer you the whole amount of the ordered books by sending them the respective invoice.

<https://www.haw-landshut.de/studium/im-studium/finanzierungsmoeglichkeiten/stipendien-und-hochschulpreise.html>

The literature at HKR is mandatory during all courses and even exams. The library at HKR only holds a few books which is insufficient having a class with around 20 members.

The **application** at HKR is separated in 7 steps (<http://www.hkr.se/en/study-at-hkr/exchange-student/application-and-admission/>) and the **introduction week** is important for getting to know the IT system, regulations, sport activities and procedures at examinations. One of the most important issues concerning the use of computers is to save documents only on the **device (H:)**. For using the **printers** you have to charge money on your green HKR card. Charging is possible on the front desk of building 7 or online. <http://www.hkr.se/en/study-at-hkr/service-and-support/it-support-for-students/printing/>

The named Master program contains **4 different courses**. Each course lasts **5 weeks** and incorporates an intense work with articles and the course literature in order to write several partial papers, one final paper and optional as well an exam.

The communication platform with all class members and the teachers is carried out on “**ItsLearning**”. There you see course information, lecture material and which tasks have to be fulfilled until the next lesson. It serves as well for seeing your grades and uploading your papers which are written in group or in individually. Connecting to itsLearning is possible online (<http://www.hkr.se/student-pa-hkr/it-och-mediastod/itslearning/>) or via the downloaded App on your smartphone.

It is crucial to **respect the dates** for the “Three-week-control”, signing in for the course examination and registering for the next course.

For your stay in Kristianstad you absolutely need a credit card as Swedes barely use cash money. At the campus you need the **green/white HKR card** for printing and entering into the buildings. This card is handed to you in the beginning of your stay at the International Office at HKR Building 15, where you have to **choose a four digit code**. The code will serve you to enter in the buildings on campus which are usually closed after 4pm.

For participating at the numerous sports activities on and off campus (Soccer, badminton, swimming, volleyball etc.) there is another card from **HKIF Sport** which can be acquired in Building 13. <http://en.hkif.se/>

For **borrowing books** at the campus library you can get a third card at the front desk of the library in Building 7. The opening hours are very limited compared to the 24h library in Landshut. But there exist five **computer rooms (Datorsal)** available unless they are booked for teaching. You can find them in 7-3/23, 14-4/27, 15,2/23,18-4/20, 21-2/25. (building-floor/room). Into some rooms you can't enter anymore after 10pm even with your green/white HKR card.

Using the public transports, buses or trains, is cheaper by using the JOJO card which can be acquired and charged at the central station in Kristianstad.

The **accommodation** for exchange students is managed by the International Office at HKR. There are different possibilities which have both advantage and disadvantage depending on your personal preferences.

Åhus is like a holiday residence at the beachside, 20 minutes by car to HKR but at least 1h by public transports. Fängelset is an ancient prison which is very recently renovated and in the city center of Kristianstad. I personally contacted a private landlord at lived in a house 2 minutes from the campus, situated 15min by bus from the city center.

This was a brief summary of the necessary information I would have been happy to have before applying for the studies at HKR. The time in Sweden, travelling around in Scandinavia (before the classes began), learning a different culture was extremely enriching for my personal and professional development. Even though hard working is demanded (if you want good grades or sometimes only pass) on a regular basis, there are a lot of positive things which makes the time in Kristianstad an awesome experience. I strongly recommend to try to take part at the activities the International Office is organizing, especially the trip to Kiruna. Kiruna's temperatures can be at minus 60 degree but the view, huskies, driving snow scooter, seeing polar lights are a 100 times compensating for that.

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