

**Health, Wellness, and Social Welfare in Sweden**

This program will focus on experiential learning as students explore the state of healthcare in rural and urban cities in Sweden.

**PROGRAM LEADERS**

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**COURSES**

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HCA 347 (3 Hours): International Health Care

HCA 572 (3 Hours): Topics in Health Service: Comparison of International Healthcare Systems

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

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Hotels/Dormitories

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

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Students will visit historical sites and health care institutions in three cities where they will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare providers and local consumers of healthcare while learning about healthcare access as well as the diverse roles of healthcare providers. Students will explore the healthcare of vulnerable, invisible populations while comparing and contrasting the universal healthcare model in Sweden to the emerging Affordable Care (ACA) found in the U.S. today.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Describe the distinguishing components of a universal healthcare system.
- Articulate how Sweden's culture, education, and the physical environment are impacted by policies that focus on health promotion and disease prevention.
- Describe how universal access to healthcare impacts the health status of Sweden's population.
- Identify major differences in healthcare delivery systems in the United States and other countries.
- Demonstrate meaningful use of health-related data in making reasonable comparisons of the determinants of health and access to healthcare systems.

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

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**LOCATION:** Sweden: Munkfors-Ransäter Community, Stockholm and Vaxjö

**ACADEMIC TERM:** Summer 2015: May 20 – June 10, 2015

**ITINERARY** (subject to change) for full itinerary see syllabus

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, the vagaries of weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Depart USA	Arrive Copenhagen	Day in Copenhagen. Little Mermaid, Shopping on the Walking street.  Tivoli Evening activity	Depart for Vaxjo. Linneaus University Castle stop in the province of Skane and visit to the city of Malmo
						Train to Vaxjo
Vaxjo-  Class – welcome and Orientation Speaker to be announced -	Vaxjo –  Class –  Guest speaker	Vaxjo-Kalmar  Activities Depart for Kalmar Activities to area attractions such as the Crystal Kingdom, Emigrant Trail.	Kalmar-  Class –  Guest speaker  Friday night's activities to be announced.	Kalmar-  Activities and trips to be announced to area attractions such as the Crystal Kingdom, Emigrant Trail.	Kalmar-Stockholm  Depart for Stockholm	Stockholm-  Gamla Stan (Old Town)
Local Bus to Linnaeus University		Bus or Train to Kalmar			Train to Stockholm	Local Transportation
Stockholm –  Free Day to explore	Stockholm-  Karolinska Institute and Hospital  -Speaker here	Stockholm-  Classes-  Visit to a private clinic	Stockholm–  Visit to a Stockholm Hospital - Later Skansen outdoor museum and concert and Grona Lund park	Stockholm – Uppsala  Trip to Sigtuna one of Sweden's oldest cities. Church ruins and old Main Street.	Uppsala- Munkfors  Visit Linneaus home gardens and cathedral  Arrive at Munkfors/Ransater, Sweden to Geijerskolan	Munkfors-  Raft Building and floating on river Klaralven.
Local Transportation				Motorcoach		
Munkfors-  Speaker - Health Care Delivery System in Rural Sweden	Munkfors-  Classes - Vardcentral visit in Munkfors including Alderdomshem and Assisted Living Facility Early Evening Speaker	Munkfors-  Classes –  Torsby Indoor Ski- Center Depart for Oslo	Overnight or depart for USA			
Motorcoach						

**Tentative Itinerary – contact Dr. English for more information and details.**

## ELIGIBILITY

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- Graduate student in good standing (Graduate Catalog p.30).
- Undergraduate students with 3.2 cumulative GPA or good standing in the Honors College.
- Permission of instructor(s) is required.
- Current WKU student eligible to register for WKU courses may apply. Students from outside WKU may participate as [visiting students](#).
- Students must be 18 years of age or older at time of departure (parent/guardian permission for anyone under 18 at time of departure).
- Students must possess passport valid for at least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must be free of active disciplinary sanctions as verified by Judicial Affairs.
- Students must complete all pre-departure orientations.
- Full payment prior to departure is required.
- Students must complete the [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. We suggest you start this application process immediately and respond to all emails promptly

## BASE PACKAGE

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**Estimated Cost: \$3975**

### Included in Base Package

- Undergraduate tuition for 3 credit hours (\$1,090 value)
- All lodging accommodations during program in Sweden
- Entrance fees for all program related excursions
- Course-related ground transportation in Sweden
- Breakfast and Dinners during program
- International medical insurance

### Excluded from Base Package

- Round-trip flight between Nashville, TN and Sweden
- Transportation to and from home airport (Nashville, TN)
- Independent travel (non-program travel) or optional excursions
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access.
- Tips for guides and drivers not included in program-related activity.
- Travel cancellation/interruption insurance. *Highly recommended.*
- Meals, services, and beverages not mentioned in the program, ask program leaders
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight / program changes
- SAGL Study Abroad Application fee of \$150.00

**Study Abroad courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts. Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements.**

**Green Sheet subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.**

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

<p><b>Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:</b></p> <p>December 1, 2014 – Program Fee will be charged to student's TopNet account (minus \$250 non-refundable deposit). Balance must be paid prior to program departure. Students applying after this date will be billed on a rolling basis.</p> <p>* Deposit paid by student directly with a credit card – NOT billed to student account.</p>	<p><b>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:</b></p> <p>Before March 1: 25% of program cost  After March 1: 50% of program cost  After April 1: 75% of program cost  After May 1: 100% of program cost (No refund)</p> <p><b>If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU's Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.</b></p>
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The total amount due in your semester invoice may reflect the combined charges for multiple terms (i.e. Fall and Winter or Spring and Summer) and includes program fees for your Faculty-Led Study Abroad program. Please see your TopNet account for a breakdown of amounts due per term. Refer to your Faculty-Led Study Abroad program's Green Sheet for final payment due dates and billing information. If you have any questions, please email [facultyled.abroad@wku.edu](mailto:facultyled.abroad@wku.edu).

## LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the voyage. The expiration must be beyond July 20, 2015.

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