

University of Gothenburg School of Business, Economics, and Law
Student Exchange Program Guidelines for 2026

1. School Profile

The University of Gothenburg is located in the city of Gothenburg, Sweden. It is a historic university, founded in 1891 and with more than 50,000 students studying in 10 faculties. Building on the undergraduate partnership between Doshisha University and University of Gothenburg, Doshisha Business School signed a student exchange agreement with the School of Business, Economics and Law in April 2009 and initiated student exchange in 2010.

2. Location

Gothenburg, Sweden

3. Term Period

Autumn Semester Q1&Q2: August 31, 2026 – Nov 3, 2026

OR

Autumn Semester Q1-Q4: August 31, 2026 – January 17, 2027

Students are encouraged to arrive early to secure suitable housing or dormitory arrangements.

Note:

Students who study abroad during the period above will be unable to attend required tutorials for Master's Thesis and Research Project II and may be unable to participate in one or more of the required workshops. Before applying for the exchange program, students should consult their supervisor and the faculty member in charge of international affairs about the period they wish to study abroad and how it will affect their progress in Master's Thesis and Research Project II.

Please note that in order to receive two credits for Master's Thesis and Research Project II, students will need to meet with their supervisor before or after returning from the exchange program to compensate for missed sessions. (90 minutes x 15 face-to-face sessions are required to earn two credits.) Students who are unable to attend a mandatory workshop due to study abroad will be required to give a presentation on the progress of their Master's Thesis/ Research Project to DBS professors upon return to Kyoto. These tutorial sessions and/or make-up presentations must be completed within the DBS fall semester.

4. Application Procedures

- a. Application Deadline: March 16 (Monday)
- b. Application Form: Please download the application form from the Current Students page.
- c. The DBS office will only accept one exchange program application per person.

5. Course Registration

This exchange program will take place in fall semester (quarter 1 or both quarters) of the DBS calendar. Students will remain enrolled at Doshisha during their time at the partner university. In order to receive credits for coursework completed abroad, students must first complete registration procedures for DBS and the partner university **before** going abroad. The DBS office will contact successful applicants to guide them through the registration process.

Credit Conversion Chart

University of Gothenburg		DBS
MBA Course (7.5 ECTS credits)	=	4 credits

One course at Gothenburg will count as 4 credits.

Students may register up to 3 courses at Gothenburg for 1 quarter and up to 5 courses for 1 semester.

Note that only 10 credits from courses outside of the Global MBA curriculum (such as courses in the Japanese MBA program and/or at a partner university) can be counted toward graduation.

6. Program Eligibility

- a. This exchange program is open to currently enrolled DBS students.
- b. University of Gothenburg does not require any official test record of English, but they expect non-native English speakers to demonstrate proficiency in writing and communicating in the classroom in order to be able to fulfill the course assignments. Students should have the equivalent of one of the following scores:
 - TOEFL iBT® 79 or above
 - IELTS™ 6.5 or above
 - TOEIC® Listening and Reading Test 800 or above
- c. MEXT scholarship recipients and JICA scholarship recipients are not eligible to participate in the student exchange program due to the scholarship terms and conditions and/or the program regulations.
- d. Students receiving other scholarships should verify the scholarship program's rules regarding prolonged study outside of Japan.
- e. All students wishing to apply to the exchange program should consult with their supervisor and the faculty member in charge of international affairs before submitting the application form.

7. Maximum Number of Participants

3 students

8. Nomination Process

Successful students will act as representatives of Doshisha Business School at the partner university and, therefore, will be nominated via a careful selection process. Please note that an interview may be required. The DBS faculty will select up to the maximum number of participants from the list of applicants and will finalize the nominees at the faculty meeting. The DBS office will notify applicants of the results after the faculty meeting. It is important to note that a nomination from the DBS faculty is not a formal acceptance. Nominated students will be required to submit a formal application to the partner university.

9. Content of the Exchange Program

The University of Gothenburg School of Business, Economics, and Law course offerings for exchange students can be found at the link below. (See “Courses at Master Level” section.)

The course offerings for Autumn 2026 will be published in mid-March 2026.

<https://www.gu.se/en/school-business-economics-law/course-offer>

10. Costs

Students who participate in this student exchange program will be responsible for tuition fees, living expenses, travel and transportation cost plus any associated costs for rent or bills in Japan.

a. Students will pay the same tuition and facilities fees to Doshisha University as if they were on campus. There will be no additional tuition fees required at the partner university.

b. Estimated Monthly Living Expenses in Sweden: 10,525-17,525 Krona (171,000 – 285,000 JPY)

- ♦ Dorms/Housing (4000 – 10,000 Krona)
- ♦ Food & misc. costs (3,000 – 4,000 Krona)
- ♦ Internet/Telephone Service (400 Krona)
- ♦ Travel cost (Monthly commuter pass for bus or tram is approx. 625 Krona)
- ♦ Estimated additional costs: (2,500 Krona)

[Living costs | Welcome Services, University of Gothenburg](#)

c. Airfare and Travel:

Students will be responsible for arrangements and costs related to flights to and from the partner university.

d. Student Visa:

Students will be responsible for arrangements and costs related to obtaining a valid visa when a visa is required. Note that the visa application process and requirements may be costly and require considerable time, please verify the visa requirements for your nationality before applying for the exchange program.

Practical Information for Exchange Students:

<https://www.gu.se/en/school-business-economics-law/study-here/exchange-studies>

<https://www.gu.se/en/study-in-gothenburg/when-you-are-here/student-housing>

11. Withdrawal Policy

Students should understand that they should not withdraw from the student exchange program after submitting

the application form. Students should secure permission and agreement from their financial supporter and prepare sufficient financial resources for all the estimated expenses before submitting the application form.