Welcome to Linköping university

This is a student handbook created specifically for you as an international student and made by your Student Union, LinTek and contains information about LinTek, our operations and much more.

Linköping University is the home of 27 000 students and now you are one of them! Linköping University has always worked with innovation in both education and research. In 1975 Linköping University, or LiU for short, was founded and has since then expanded considerably. Linköping University has four different campuses located in three different Swedish cities; Campus Valla and Campus US in Linköping, Campus Norrköping in Norrköping and Campus Lidingö outside of Stockholm.

Linköping University has four faculties; the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the Faculty of Educational Sciences, the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Faculty of Science and Engineering, sometimes known as the Institute of Technology, LiTH). Formally, Educational Sciences is an “area”, but in most cases it functions as a faculty. A faculty is responsible for education and research within its area, and at LiU it commissions services from the departments. It is run by a faculty board led by a dean.
The Faculty of Science and Technology

If you are reading this you probably belong to the Faculty of Science and Engineering, welcome! With a body of more than 10 000 students, the Faculty of Science and Engineering is one of Sweden’s largest engineering education institutions, with an international reputation for high-quality and border crossing education.

In Sweden, programmes and courses leading to a Bachelor's and Master's degree are defined as undergraduate studies. Programmes leading up to a doctoral degree are defined as postgraduate studies.

The Institute of Technology has five main areas that contribute to all educational levels:

- Computer Science, Information Technology, Media Technology and Visualisation
- Electrical Engineering, Applied Physics and Computational Sciences
- Mechanical Engineering and Design
- Industrial Engineering and Management
- Biology, Chemistry, Biotechnology and Biomedical Engineering
The Institute of Technology offers a range of master’s programmes with instruction in the English language. All of the courses in the international master’s programmes are also electives for students in the Swedish-language study programmes. So if you want to get to know some swedes this might be your chance! Although you might have to take the first step since we can be a bit shy in the beginning.
Welcome to Linköping and Norrköping

Linköping is the 7th biggest town in Sweden located approximately two hours from Stockholm, the capital of Sweden. Linköping does not only have a great student life but also many sights worth seeing. Take a walk through Gamla Linköping, visit the big cathedral in the middle of town, bike out to Bergs Slussar (Bergs Locks)) and experience the famous boat locks or take a swim in Lake Roxen. If you need a brake from Campus Valla, the city library in town is a good place for a change of scenery.

Norrköping is the neighbouring city to Linköping and is about 40 minutes away by public transport. Through the city flows the Motala River which together with the old industrial buildings make Norrköping a very beautiful city to visit. If you are tired of the sitting in the same R-corridor in the C-house at Campus Valla we strongly recommend going to Campus Norrköping for studying where you have the view over the river.

Tips: During weekdays you can go for free between Norrköping and Linköping with Campusbussen, bus number 72, if you have a valid LiU-card.
What is a Student Union?
A student union is a lot like a workers union, but for students. It is a student union’s job to make sure that your time at the university is the best it can be with our main focus being high quality courses and a good working environment. We audit the university’s work and help students in all matters regarding their time here. In addition we are in charge of the welcome period and organize events throughout the year, from commerce and industry events to parties.

The different Student Unions at LiU
Here at Linköping University, or LiU, there are three student unions: Consensus, StuFF and LinTek. Consensus represents the students of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. StuFF represents the students of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences as well as the Faculty of Educational Sciences. Last but not least we've got LinTek who represents the students of the Faculty of Science and Engineering which, if you are holding this handbook, means you!
LinTek, The Union of Technology and Science Students at Linköping University

LinTek is your student union! That means we are here to help you make the most of your time at LiU! The first thing you experience here is probably the welcome period, which we in LinTek are in charge of, but you can read more about this later. Most of the people who work at LinTek are voluntary students who come together to make our time at LiU as good as possible. We represent all students at the Faculty of Science and Engineering, as comes our slogan ”Together we are LinTek”. LinTek has three key values; Education, community and future.

Influence the university

To help us influence the university you can become a member of LinTek! Go to our website www.lintek.liu.se and become a member online. If you have any questions or otherwise want to contact us you can either send us an e-mail at international@lintek.liu.se or stop by our offices on the third floor of Kårallen.
Your Student Union

Education
LinTek has influence within the governing bodies of the university, making sure that the perspective of students, including the international ones, is represented. We look after your interests by making sure that your lecturers are helpful and competent and ensuring that your examinations are legally secure. Together with the sections we conduct course evaluations where students have the opportunity to give their thoughts about what has been good or bad with the course. This helps the teachers to continuously develop their courses to make the education at LiU the best it can be. We also work with individual students if they feel they have been treated unfairly, never hesitate to contact us.

If you need help with a study related question come up to our office on the third floor in Kårallen or send an e-mail to:
international@lintek.liu.se
Community
LinTek wants to ensure that your time at Linköping’s University is as memorable as possible. This means getting involved in matters as small as making sure that there are enough microwave ovens for you to heat your food and as serious matters as making sure that you are not bullied or treated badly during your time at university. We want to fill your time at LiU with good experiences and memories. Your life as a student is wide open with opportunities and could become a very sociable time. Throughout the year, LinTek organizes several events focusing on student community and an overall awesome student life: the welcoming of new students (also called Nolle-P), München Hoben and Utediscot just to mention a few. You can read more about them under the headline Our events.

Future
Part of LinTek’s mission is to market technology and science students to the industry and commerce, as well as showing our students the width of their career options. The student union creates a channel for networking between students and companies, all this through lectures, field trips, case competitions, job advertisements and informal meetings.
During the year LinTek arranges several big events, be sure not to miss them! Be there or be square.

**LARM**

One of our larger events we organize is a career fair: LARM. It usually takes place every year in the middle of February and during this day students get a chance to meet and connect with representatives from large and small, local and international companies. Maybe you will meet a potential employer or future boss there!

LARM2020 will take place 11th of February on Campus Valla. Check out their website for more information

https://larm.lintek.liu.se/student/en/

Tip: As an international student you can apply to become a host at LARM!
**SOF**
Once every two years we arrange the Student Orchestra Festival, also called SOF. The next SOF is in May year of 2021.

**München Hoben**
An Oktoberfest in August, does it sound crazy? It is! München Hoben is one of the biggest events during the welcome weeks, a beer festival with around 6000 visitors where you can socialize, listen to live music and drink beverage from specially ordered beer tankards from Germany. This year München Hoben takes place on the 28th of August.

**Utediscot**
Utediscot roughly translates to “the Outside Disco” which describes it pretty well, with DJs and dance floors you can dance til’ you drop! LinTek organizes Utediscot in cooperation with the student association Forte!
Utediscot takes place on the 7th of September and you need to buy a ticket in order to attend.
Every study program has a corresponding student section. The section is
an association that works to make student life as good as possible for the
sections members. Therefore, the sections arrange a welcome period for
the new students in collaboration with LinTek, parties and pubs for the
section members, industry and commerce events but also monitor the
study environment and programs the sections represent. Membership in
the sections is voluntary but is a good opportunity to get to know
students that study the same subjects as you and learn a lot thought the
engagement in the section. In Linköping there are seven different
sections of the faculty of science and engineering. Further in the book
you will find descriptions and contact information about each sections
so you can get the chance to know your peers and be involved in your
section. The seven sections are the D-section, I-section, M-section, Ling-
section, Matnat-section, TBi-section, Y-section.
The Overalls - The suit of the student

At LiU, it is a tradition among students to wear overalls during the welcome periods and on parties such as Kravaller. Kravaller means “overalls obligatory” or in Swedish “Krav på overall”. Of course, there is no real obligation but it is a fun opportunity for students to wear their overall. Each section has a specific color on their overall but there is also an international overall that ESN provides. The mission of the overall is to personalize it as much as you can. You should therefore have your name on one of the legs and patches from the different events and parties you attend on the other leg. You can buy patches in the bar of the event or the ticket sale, your section should have patches for sale and you can also get a LinTek patch from us at LinTek! Here is a picture guide of the how the different sections and ESN overall looks.
I-sektionen is the association of Industrial Economics, Industrial Engineering and Management. The Master’s Program Industrial Engineering and Management is divided into two profiles, Operations Management and Environmental Innovation Management. All students studying a master within these profiles are members of the I-section and you are welcome to participate in the fun events hosted by the committees and associations of the section such as two of Linköpings greatest parties Dra’t i spat (a tug of war competition) and Utekravallen (a big party outdoors).

InterU- The International Committee of the I-section works to integrate the master students with the sections Swedish students through the Peer-program that stretches during the whole year as well as language cafes hosted together with other international committees and some other fun activities.

Make sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages to don’t miss out on any of the fun!

Facebook-page: Industriell ekonomi Linköping
Webpage: www.i-portalen.se
International Committee Facebook page: @InterUIndustriellekonomi
International Committee Instagram: Interu_liu
Maskinteknologsektionen: MTS is the association of mechanical engineering includes the masters in science Mechanical Engineering, Design and Product Development and Energy-Sustainability-Management, as well as our independent master’s degree programs Sustainability Engineering and Management, Mechanical Engineering, Aeronautical Engineering and Design. The association founded in 1969 and since that have been working for student interests and fellowship.

One of the committees in MTS that organizes fun events is M-IntU. M-IntU takes care of the master students’ interests at the association. By organizing dinners, language exchanges and other events the international committee aims to widen the views for everyone, both international as well as Swedish students.

A strong recommendation is to follow our two Facebook pages: “Maskinteknologsektionen” and “M-IntU”, where you will be updated on what’s happening at the association.

If you want to read more you can visit our website: www.maskinteknologsektionen.se. For further questions you can contact us by mail at: styret@maskinteknologsektionen.se
Lingsektionen is the student organisation, the section, for students studying Bachelor of Science here at Linköping University. Unlike the Master of Science, a bachelor is 3 years and have more focus on practical subjects. The possibility exists to add up to a master after. Ling stands for engineers of Linköping.

Lingsektionen has four different programmes: Mechanical engineering. Subjects like thermodynamics, strength of materials, structural engineering and CAD (computer aided design).

Example of job after exam: System engineer, machine designer. Computer engineering. Many courses within hardware and programming. Example of job after exam: system administration or hardware programming. Chemical analysis engineering. Provides a wide chemical base with focus on analysis, metrology, quality technology. Example of job after exam: Chemical analyst, environmental technician, legal medicine.

Engineering Electronics. Courses in digital and analog electronics, programming, and information transfer. Example of job after exam: Electronic design, programming, computer technician. For more questions and information contact us by mail at: info@lingsektionen.se
TBi-section is the section for students studying the engineering programs for Technological Biology and Chemical Biology, the candidate program for Chemical Biology, as well as the international Master’s Program in Protein Science.

The section was founded in 1996 and consists of around 350 members. With its many committees, the section of TBi offers a variety of events that any member of the section can participate in, all to further enhance the student life at the university.

If you want to know more about us, feel free to check out our Facebook page and our website! If you want to get directly in contact with us, feel free to send an email to our chairman: ordf@tbi.lintek.liu.se.
Facebook page: TBi-sektionen
Website: www.tbisektionen.se
Hello!
We are the student section for Natural and Mathematical Science. In Swedish Matematisk- och Naturvetenskapliga sektionen, hence the shorter everyday name on our logo, MatNat.
Our section consists of three bachelor programs, respectively in biology, chemistry and mathematics. You can also deepen your knowledge by studying a masters degree in the same subject as the bachelors, though focusing on a specific branch in the sciences.
Our section is one of the smaller ones but with a great communion. You can easily recognize us with the maroon colored overalls our section members use.
Our party committee 4-verkeriet is responsible for the great party “Schlaget” in late November. It is a great song contest with the famous songs “gückel” that are popular here at Liu. Gückel means that you take a famous song and make your own lyrics to it. Great fun!

Our comittee responsible for welcoming new students is called Gudfadderiet. They are mighty gods of nature patrolling Campus Valla, don’t forget to greet them.

Welcome to Liu and we hope you will have a wonderful time here! Any specific questions about our bachelor or master programs? Contact studievagledare.kb@liu.se
Do you want to know more about our community or events? Visit our site matnat.se or contact our board at styrv@matnat.se.
The Y-section (Y-sektionen) is the home for students studying applied Physics & Electrical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering. There is also an international version of the applied physics and electrical engineering which includes exchange studies. There are four masters for international master students: Biomedical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Communication Systems, and Material Science and Nanotechnology. The easiest way to recognize a Y-student is by their black & yellow overalls. During the first weeks of the semester our fadderi which is dressed in the traditional Scottish clothing kilt is here to arrange activities for all new students at the section so everyone can get to know each other and welcome new students to the university. The biggest event that the Y-section holds each year is VSR which is a competition where teams compete in building their own “snowracers” and racing them down a hill, afterwards there is a party at Kårallen. This event is held in februari each year. If you have any further questions you can reach the Y-section at our website, facebook page or email us.

Email to the Section Board: ordforande@ysektionen.se
Activity commite: https://www.facebook.com/AktU-145611552155517/
Facebook y-sektionen: www.facebook.com/ysektionen
Website: www.ysektionen.se
Datateknologsektionen is the section for most of the programmes related to computer science and engineering.

We represent the bachelor’s programme IP (Innovative Programming), the Master of Science in Engineering programmes IT (Information Technology), D (Computer Science and Engineering) and U (Computer Science and Software). We also represent the Master’s programme in Computer Science.

We have many members and arrange a lot of activities for our students such as parties, football, LAN-party and once a month we have our own pub.

You can visit our website to see our upcoming activities and find contact information if you have any questions about anything: https://d-sektionen.se/
ISA Linköping consists of student volunteers from all around the world, all studying at LiU! We have, over our history, consistently worked for the inclusion and representation of international students, and love as much cultural diversity as we can get. We aim to ease your transition to Swedish society with our introductory activities and introduce you to new friends from all over the world! We hope to provide you with fun, fulfilling and educational activities throughout your time here. So, whether you’re Swedish, or from anywhere else come along to our activities and have the time of your life!
Find us at any of the below:
Facebook: @ISA.Linkoping
Instagram: isalinkoping
Email: isa.linkoping@gmail.com
ESN Linköping is a local section within the organization ESN (Erasmus Student Network) who work in the interest of international students. The board of ESN Linköping consists of a group of dedicated board members working on volunteer basis, all looking forward to meeting you!

We work after the principle ”Students helping Students”, for example we organize trips and events to give you a great time during your exchange period here in Linköping.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us!
Find more information about our organization on our website:
www.esnlinkoping.org
Remember to follow us on Facebook and Instagram so you don’t miss out on any events or information!
Welcome Period

When new students arrive at Linköping University for the first time they are greeted with a welcome period, also known as "Nolle-p" filled activities of all kinds, from gamenights to parties.

During the welcome period you may see strange figures in costumes walking around campus. These are the Reception Period Committees, or as we say in swedish, “fadderier”. They are in charge of the welcome period for the studyprograms in swedish. Although it is in swedish, you can of course always contact your section if you would like to participate!

We ask you to show respect to the Reception Period Committees, as they are very strictly in character throughout the period and are unable to answer questions. Instead you can always ask a Student-mentor, also called ”Fadder”, wearing an overall from any section if you have any questions. They have studied here for at least a year and can probably answer your questions or point you in the right direction. During the welcome period LinTek arranges “München Hoben” and “Utediscot” which both are open to everyone!
Kårservice
Kårservice is a company collectively owned by the Student Unions. Their mission is to provide administrative assistance to the student unions as well as cost-effective and professional service to the about 32,000 students in Linköping and Norrköping. Kårservice are also the ones running the five Student Unions Houses, four are located in Linköping and one in Norrköping.

Can you visit all five Student Union Houses during your time here at LiU?

Kårallen
The Student Union building Kårallen is located in the middle of the campus. Here you find the Student Unions StuFF and LinTek, many student associations, conference rooms, café Baljan, restaurant and other services. Kårallen transforms into a party venue in the evening and night, where many of the student life’s biggest parties are arranged every year.
**The Student Union Buildings**

**Kårhuset Kollektivet**
The Student Union building Kårhuset Kollektivet or KK in short, located in central Linköping has study places, restaurant, pub, outdoor seating and space for various student parties, events and conferences.

![Kårhuset Kollektivet logo](image)

**Trappan**
Trappan is the Student Union building at Campus Norrköping. Here you find study places and, among other things, pub nights, night clubs, live shows, quizzes and catering of food, coffee and fika.

![Trappan logo](image)

**Örat**
In the Student Union building Örat at Campus US you will find the Student Union Consensus. At the entrance level you can enjoy Café Örat which is open Monday to Friday during the term.
Ryds Herrgård (HG)
In the middle of Ryd, you find a classical mansion, Ryds herrgård, or shortened Hg. Hg has been a Student Union building for 50 years. Hg has been closed due to a large and long-awaited renovation, but is expected to open again during the welcome period 2019. Here you can later find studyplaces during the day that in the evening converts to a pub or party. Since many of the students at LiU live in Ryd, Hg is always close to home.

For more information on all this and more check out Kårservice’s webpage: www.karservice.se/english!
Other places to go

**Baljan**
Sektionscafé Baljan is a student-driven non-profit organization that aims to provide students with coffee, snacks and food (mostly “fika”) at reasonable prices. Any student is welcome to work for Baljan and will receive free coffee, a surprise gift as well as two lavish and heavily subsidized parties in exchange for their work. We are open for business between 8.am and 4.15.pm on weekdays and are located in Kårallen and Studenthus Valla, feel free to swing by!

**Flamman**
Flamman Pub och Disco is a pub and nightclub open for students at Linköping University on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Wednesdays offer live music, stand-up or quizzes while you can devour a spectacular hamburger. On Fridays and Saturdays, “The underground” turns into a nightclub where students come together to dance and sing their hearts out to “Angels” by Robbie Williams.

**VilleVallala**
We are one of the student pubs in Linköping located in the student housing area Irrblosset, more precisely at Vallavägen 4C. At VilleValla you can enjoy a pleasant evening with food, board games and an amazing variety of beer. We have more than 100 types of beer and a tap system with 20 ever changing beer taps. The pub is completely run by students and we’re almost always looking for more people to join the family and share with us the fantastic culture of beer.
Student Support at LiU
At LiU there are multiple different student support operations. Some of them are driven by LiU and some by the student unions’ own service organization Kårservice. If you are unsure about where to turn or need help with anything, do not hesitate to contact international@lintek.liu.se.

Student Health Care center
The Student Health Care is a center owned by LiU that offers support and advice on mental or physical health problems. They offer counseling on both health and lifestyles matters. The focus is on preventive health work with promotion of studies as a base. If you have a disability, for example dyslexia, they can help with extra support.

Be sure to notice that The Student Health Care is not a health center for medical advice. For medical advice please call 1177 for a free healthservice provided by the Swedish state, or visit their website 1177 Vårdguiden.

You can find the Student Health Care Center in the Zenit building at Campus Valla or on their website: https://www.student.liu.se/studentstod/studenthalsan
Study guidance at the Faculty of Science and Engineering
If you’re studying your master’s at LiU, the Study guidance can help you with study-related tasks for example change of courses or an individual study plan. Every master’s program has a specific study counsellor and you can find yours at their website:
https://www.lith.liu.se/studievagledning?l=en

Exchange students can contact incoming@lith.liu.se about study-related questions.

International Office and LiTH international
International Office works with international questions on the university level and is a resource for all incoming students, especially at the beginning of your time here at LiU. They have made a digital welcome package with information on everything from home insurance to where to eat. Find more at the website:
https://old.liu.se/utbildning/exchange-students/admitted-students/digital-welcome-package

There is also an event calendar where a lot of events for international students are listed. LiTH international is specifically for you, an international student at the Faculty of Science and Engineering. They are a resource and help during your entire study time at LiU. They can help exchange students with study-
Kombo
Kombo is Kårservice’s and the students’ own tenant association. It is free for all students at Linköping University. They help you negotiate rents and other conditions for the tenants with different student accommodation association, for example at Studentbostäder i Linköping AB, ByggVesta, Studentbostäder Heimstaden and Studentbo i Norrköping AB. This means that Kombo can represent you, as a student and tenant, with regard to the state of accommodation, rent, and much more.

More information can be found at www.bostad.karservice.se
10 tips for students

Here are some great tips’ for you!

1. Get a bike! Your bike will become your best friend. In Linköping we bike all year round. If it rains then the public transport Östgötatrafiken can be of assist, be sure to download their app or buy a bus card since they do not accept cash.

2. Furniture and other things you need in your new home can be expensive, even at our favorite store IKEA. Buying secondhand is both cheap and environmentally friendly. Try Myrorna in central Linköping or Erikshjälpen in Tornby.

3. Try the Student pub VilleValla and the pub and nightclub Flamman. VilleValla has over 50 types of beer and Flamman has nightclubs every Friday and Saturday.

4. Join one of the many associations and committees at LiU! It is a great way to get to know some Swedes. Visit https://www.student.liu.se/vid-sidan-av-studierna/studentorganisationer/foreningar?l=en for a complete list of the many organizations you can choose from.

5. Just because the information is in Swedish does not mean that you can’t attend the event. Sometimes we are bad at writing everything in English so ask the organizer and they will help you.

6. Eduroam is the best internet at campus but it’s also available all over the world! There is a lot of instructions how to connect to it on the world wide web.

7. Explore Linköping! There are a lot of beautiful things to see in Linköping, for example Bergs slussar – one of the locks in Göta Canal or Tinnerö oak landscape.

8. Cafe Baljan in the Kårallen has the cheapest coffee at Campus Valla. Go there and take a classic swedish fika break.

9. Visit the Visualization Center C near Campus Norrköping in Norrköping! They have media labs, interactive exhibitions and an immersive 3D fulldome theatre.

10. Like Lintek – Linköping teknologers studentkår, https://www.facebook.com/lintekvidliu/, and be up to date with all the things your student union LinTek does.
How many of these can you complete during your time at LiU?

- Visit all of the Student Union buildings at least once.
- Take a photo in all three of the campuses.
- Be sad by the Sad Girl in the A-building.
- Have some surströmming.
- Build a snowman.
- Attend Utediscot.
- Befriend a Swede.
- Try Djungelvrål.
- Pet the Campus Cat.
- Toast with a tankard at München Hoben.
- Fika with coffee and klägg in Baljan.
- Try an apple in Äppellunden.
Here is a short list of telephone numbers to call and email addresses in case you may need help with anything. And of course, feel free to step by our offices at the third floor in Kårallen if you wish to speak with us!

**Emergency:** 112

**Police (non emergencies):** 114 14

**Medical advice:** 1177

**Campus security:** 013-28 58 88

**LiU Information Center:** 013-28 10 00

**Contact LinTek:** international@lintek.liu.se

Your buddy in your study!