



Linnæus University

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Welcome to the Visual Communication + Change programme beginning this Autumn 2020. We are looking forward to meeting you all (digitally) quite soon!

For the fall semester, all + Change Programmes in the Department of Design will conduct online remote teaching. We are hoping to have in-person on campus teaching for the spring semester, as the university will be following the situation with COVID-19 closely. For those of you already in Sweden, or in the EU, and you would like to relocate to Kalmar, you would be able to use your classroom to work from, in accordance with social distancing guidelines.

The semester will start on **Monday, 31 August, 9.00 AM** with our Welcome Days (31 August - 1 September).

Day 1: August 31st

09:00-13:00

All 3 programmes

Zoom: <https://lnu-se.zoom.us/j/66803798876>

Including lunch mingle

Day 2: September 1st

09:00-12:00

Meeting for Visual Communication + Change students

Your first module *Sustainability and Creativity* will start on 9.30 on Wednesday, 2 September. Please expect the first two weeks to be very busy, with scheduled activities most weekdays between 9 AM - 5 PM. Your contact person for this module is Helga Steppan: helga.steppan@lnu.se. More information about this module will be sent out in August.

For the programme syllabi, please visit:

<https://kursplan.lnu.se/utbildningsplaner/syllabus-DGVIC-2.pdf>

It is your responsibility to obtain and read all of the required literature for each module. Your module coordinators will let you know which pages to read. For those of you on campus, the course literature is available in the university library. For lists of relevant course literature, please visit:

<https://kursplan.lnu.se/kursplaner/syllabus-1DI186-1.pdf>

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General information on studying in Sweden for international students:

<https://studyinsweden.se/?nab=0>

<https://sweden.se/>

For international students: scholarships, invoice, residency permits, insurance and accommodation please email the International Office: internationalstudents@lnu.se

Information about your student account, housing, the university and so on are sent out by the university. You can also find the information on the Linnaeus University webpage for new students: <https://lnu.se/en/education/during-your-studies/> Please also look at this “Checklist for new students” for helpful information on getting started with university life: <https://lnu.se/en/education/Before-your-studies/>

Finally, and most importantly, you are strongly encouraged to start preparing for your stay here in Sweden, especially the process of finding accommodation near campus. It can be difficult to get hold of a place if you leave this too late into the start of the term. The following link includes details relating to accommodation, obtaining residence permits, and other important information. <https://lnu.se/en/education/Before-your-studies/preparing-for-your-stay/>

Information regarding accommodation, for all students

Non-tuition fee paying students and all students accepted in the national application round have to look for accommodation themselves, please read the information below.

The best alternative is to contact the Student Union (called Linnéstudenterna) and to read the information about how to find accommodation on their website, for Växjö press [here](#), for Kalmar press [here](#). Please note that it is hard to find accommodation in Växjö and Kalmar you are advised to start looking for somewhere to live as early as possible to maximize the chances of finding accommodation.

<https://linnestudenterna.se/kalmar/>

<http://linnestudenterna.se/bostadsformedling/>

You are also welcome to contact Linnéstudenterna by phone, 0046-10-3303009 or email, bostad@linnestudenterna.se.

Blocket: <https://www.blocket.se/>

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The main Swedish website for posting apartment announcements. Most adverts will be in Swedish, but worth checking as a further resource with lots of postings. Note, you can also use this website to buy things like used furniture. Look in region "län" Kalmar, and select Kalmar as the city too.

Student life links

Linnaeus University student life page:

<https://lnu.se/en/student/new-student/>

<https://lnu.se/en/student/new-student/student-life/>

To get in touch with other international students at Linnaeus University, you can contact and join the Exchange Student Network. <https://www.facebook.com/ESNKalmar/>

If you have questions about the programme and life in Kalmar, current 3rd year student and ESN member, Natalie Waller nw222eh@student.lnu.se will be available to answer your questions via email this summer.

Visual Communication + Change social media

Finally, here are links to different social channels for the department, including

- the main Facebook page for the entire department:
<https://www.facebook.com/design.lnu/>
- a private Facebook group for students and staff in the department:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/176131819484208/>
- our Instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/design_lnu/

Cassandra Troyan, (cassandra.troyan@lnu.se) Senior Lecturer and Programme Coordinator for Visual Communication + Change, will be available from today to **July 17th** to answer your programme related questions, and then starting again **August 17th**. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

Best regards,

Cassandra Troyan and staff at the Department of Design