# Language and Politics

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This is a three-year course of studies leading to a Bachelor’s degree, with the possibility of continuing to a Master’s degree in Political Science or Translation Studies. An integral part of the course is a period of work experience in the country whose language is being studied.

The aim of the course is to combine good language competence with an understanding of the social and administrative systems in Sweden and countries where the students’ chosen language is spoken and thus prepare the students for careers in companies or organizations which have overseas contacts.

# ***Year 1: Language Studies***

The students spend their first year of the course studying the language of their choice. These studies aim to enhance the students’ oral and written proficiency as well as enable them to gain an insight into the culture, history, geography and social systems of the relevant language areas.

# ***Year 2: Political Science***

The courses in Political Science, in the second year, cover political systems and administration from a local to a global perspective.

# ***Year 3: Language Studies or Political Science and Overseas Work placement***

In the third year the students choose to study either their chosen language or political science in the first semester and defend a minor thesis. The final semester is spent on an unpaid internship in a company, organization or authority in the country whose language is being studied.

## ***Internship abroad***

This part of the course takes place in the sixth term.

The students are expected to arrange an *unpaid placement* for themselves in a company, organization or authority for this period.

The aims of this experience are to give them an insight into how the company, organization or authority is structured and how it functions and also to enable them to improve their command of the language they are studying.

During this period they will also be working on a minor thesis to be presented after their return to Sweden.

As the term is an obligatory part of the students’ education they will receive the standard student grant and loan for this time. It is possible to obtain some extra financing for travel expenses from the Swedish Student Grant Authority (CSN).

## ***Further Information***

The university would greatly appreciate your positive response to an application from our students.

A prompt reply would also be very much appreciated as the students have to do background work on the company, organization or authority they will be working with.

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