

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: Sex Goes to School: Sex Education in the US and Sweden

Locations: Stockholm, Sweden

Dates: May 10-31

Program Description: The course is designed to introduce Furman students both to how sex education is conducted in the U.S. and to Sweden's radically different approach. Students will study sex education in the U.S. through sessions conducted on Furman's campus. The group will then travel to Stockholm to spend two and a half weeks studying sex education in the Swedish school system. Students will reflect critically upon how sex education is practiced in the U.S. and the cultural assumptions that underlie this approach. Students will be introduced to leaders, defenders, and participants in the Swedish system, and to people who oppose and criticize it as well. In general, the aim is for students to understand that the American approach is culturally particular, and that (possibly better) alternatives exist. The program will also provide students with knowledge they can use to advocate for improvements in the American approach to sex education.

Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectations and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS		STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	
	Frequency		Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional		Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Course work in a foreign language	Never	Foreign Language Environment	English and Swedish
Course work in English	Always	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Cobblestone and brick streets, hilly, near the water
Laptop Required	Required	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Required	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Cooler temperatures, some rain
Traditional Classroom	Always	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	No
Group Work	Yes	Is tap water safe to drink	Safe to drink
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Journals, other assessments	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Slight risk of pickpocketing
Interactions with local residents	Yes	Cultural Dress Code	No
Field Work/Research	Some	Curfew	No
Internship/ Volunteer Work	Never	Motion Sickness	Plane and ferry travel
Other	Required readings	Other	Daylight in May is typically from 4:00am until 11:00pm

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS		Frequency	HEALTH & DIET		Frequency
		Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional			Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage		Sometimes	Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals		Always
Carrying equipment or program supplies		Never	Food Allergy Accommodations		Always
Standing 60+ minutes		Sometimes	Group Meals		Seven group meals
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)		Sometimes/elevators are typically available	Cooking for oneself		Kitchens available; meal delivery available
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)		No	Host family prepares meals		Never
Walking 3+ miles per day		Always	Healthcare easily accessible		Always
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)		Always	Quality of Healthcare		Excellent
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS		Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	WATER ACTIVITIES		Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Host Family			Swimming		Optional
Roommate		Always	Snorkeling		No
Shared Apartment		Housing will be dormitory or shared apartments	SCUBA		No
Dormitory		Housing will be dormitory or shared apartments	Boat, canoes or other water activities		Ferries, optional
Camping			Sea sickness		Possible ferry ride
Hotel		One night	Other		
Cell phone signal available		Always	Center for Disease Control Recommendations: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/sweden		
Internet signal available		Always			
Refrigerator Access		Always			
Air Conditioning		No			
Other		Access to laundry facilities			