

## 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 14-18 on campus; May 19-June 4 overseas**

**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 expectati0sn 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.

	Frequency		Frequency
<b>ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS</b>	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional	<b>STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT</b>	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 (temperatures and weather varies throughout the day)
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	11:00pm

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<b>PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS</b>	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	<b>HEALTH &amp; DIET</b>	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
<b>LIVING ARRANGEMENTS</b>	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	<b>WATER ACTIVITIES</b>	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	Never	Other	
Cell phone signal available	Always		
Internet signal available	Always		
Refrigerator Access	Always		
Air Conditioning	No		
Other	Access to laundry facilities		

Center for Disease Control Recommendations:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/sweden>