



UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND LAW



Hej! (Hello!)

First week in Gothenburg, Sweden

University of Gothenburg will pick you up at the airport on the day before a semester starts, and they will bring you to pick up your keys and send you straight to your dormitory. I suggest you to buy a 90 days tram card at the airport, so the next day you will be ready to go to the university by yourself. In the first week, there is a welcome week offered by the university. There are many events and activities provides to international students with practical information about the university and living in Gothenburg. It is also a perfect opportunities to meet friends from all over the world, so don't miss this!

For Thai student, I believe that you will be very cold during your first few months here. Winters are cold and windy, the temperature is around -15 to 5 C, and snow mainly occurs from December to February. Even though, it is very cold, but the scenery in winter is also very beautiful. I'm sure you will miss winter when summer comes!



Study at Handelshögskolan (School of Business, Economics and Laws)

Class schedule at University of Gothenburg is different from BBA Thammasat, they divide a semester into 4 quarters and you will take 1 course each quarter. I love this arrangement because you can focus only 1 course at a time, you will have more time to study and prepare for the subject. Also, there is no midterm examination for all courses, only final examination and group works. The most excited thing for me here is that there is a re-sit exam! You can take the re-sit exam if you fail the first exam. Then, if you pass the re-sit exam, a new grade will be given to you without mentioning the first one.



Life Styles

Swedes always work and study hard but they also take their rest seriously. "Fika" or a coffee break is part of Sweden social culture. Around mid-afternoon, you can find so many people enjoy their coffee with friends and family. Just grab a cup of coffee and enjoy the time! Another thing you can't miss is Kanelbullar, it is a famous cinnamon rolls in Sweden and you can find this through out the year. Moreover, Swedes love to spend their free time in the park, especially in summer.



Activities



There are ranges of activities for you to choose during your stay in Gothenburg such as concert, art museums, and historical museum. Importantly, don't miss Gothenburg International Film Festival in February! Furthermore, Scandinavia's largest science center or "Universeum" is also located in Gothenburg. I do enjoy all of the activities there; it is a great place to children to learn about animals and sciences. In summer, you can also visit the island, the archipelago of Gothenburg. No cars are allowed in the southern part of the archipelago, which makes this the perfect destination for long walks, and bike rides.

"There is no bad weather, just bad clothes", said the Swedes.
