Kristianstad University Sweden

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Where knowledge meets real life

We offer Bachelor's programmes and Master's programmes taught in English.

Kristianstad University

Find your programme

Kristianstad University offers two Bachelor's programmes and four Master's programmes for international students. Find all the information you need about studying at Kristianstad University at **hkr.se/study**

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Kristianstad University is part of the COLOURS European University Alliance, a partnership with eight other European universities. The goal is to strengthen connections across Europe, increase global visibility, and make it easier for students to study in different European countries.

COLOURS

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Welcome to Kristianstad University Sweden

Kristianstad University builds on a long tradition of higher education, starting with training programmes for teachers and nurses in the 1800s. Today we offer a wide range of programmes and courses to meet the needs and challenges of our surrounding society and job market.

In this era of globalisation our world is expanding, and internationalisation has become an integral part of high-quality education and research. Collaborating, sharing and networking across borders and boundaries are our main tools for broadening perspectives and bringing new ideas to light. At Kristianstad University, international collaboration and mobility are second nature.

It is our mission to give you a great academic experience that prepares you for your professional life. Our education has a close connection between academia and business. Our campus is concentrated in one location, always facilitating access to your lecturers. By the time you leave, you will be well prepared for a professional career and your future.

If your academic curiosity brings you to Sweden and our university, you will certainly learn about our culture and way of life. While gaining knowledge and thriving through your studies, you will most likely also grow as a person and create memories and friends for life.

Håkan Pihl
Vice-Chancellor
Kristianstad University

A high-quality education with a focus on your career

Our education is tailored to the real world and developed with a close connection between academia and business. We are proud to be the only university in Sweden to offer work-integrated education in all our undergraduate programmes.

Education and your future career

Kristianstad University offers a broad range of programmes and courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

We focus on integrating theory and practice, ensuring that throughout your studies, you are preparing for working life. By the time you graduate, you will be well prepared for your professional career.

Work-integrated education and innovation

We educate for the future and attach great importance to preparing you for your professional career.

We are the only Swedish university that offers work-integrated education in all our undergraduate programmes.

At Kristianstad University, the accredited innovation training *Imagine* equips students with the tools and mindset for future challenges. Integrated into many programmes, it strengthens ties between students, local businesses, and organisations, enhancing career readiness and collaboration between academia and industry.

Part of a European University Alliance

We have partnered with eight other European universities to establish the COLOURS Alliance. The alliance plan to develop both virtual and physical mobility programmes. These initiatives will provide new opportunities for students to engage with other institutions, cultures, and regions. Additionally, the alliance will launch joint study and teaching activities, encouraging interdisciplinary learning and collaboration across the participating universities.

Guaranteed accommodation

Accommodation is guaranteed to all students. The university offers the possibility of private student dorms. All dorm rooms are furnished and have internet access.

We are here for you

Openness, curiosity, and respect guide our work and support for your studies, career and health. You'll have access to your teachers and faculty throughout your time here. We also provide pick-up service, introduction week and organise social activities and trips, offering plenty of opportunities to explore Sweden.

Student City of the Year

Kristianstad was selected as the Student City of the Year 2024 by the Swedish National Union of Students (SFS), notably for the city's ability to provide a nurturing and rewarding environment for students to grow, contribute, and thrive.

Read more at hkr.se/study

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Get to know Sweden, Kristianstad and our campus

Welcome to Sweden – ranked among the world leaders in higher education. Our university is located in the city of Kristianstad in the southernmost region. The campus is concentrated in one location, close to both nature and the city centre.

Sweden

There are about 10 million people in Sweden. By area, it is the fourth-largest country in Europe. Half of the land area is covered by forests, and less than ten per cent consists of farmland. The distance from north to south is 1,600 kilometres. We have four seasons that range from warm summer days to winters with sparkling snow.

Sweden is governed as a democracy and is known for its openness. Many large international companies were founded by Swedes, such as IKEA, Volvo and Spotify. The Swedish music industry includes many well-known artists such as ABBA, Avicii and Icona Pop.

Kristianstad

Kristianstad is located in the southernmost region of Sweden, Skåne (Scania). Skåne's history goes back to the Viking Age and is therefore full of historic buildings, castles, museums and landmarks for you to explore. Along the coast you will find wide beaches and picturesque villages and inland you can discover wild nature, forests, lakes and open landscapes.

Kristianstad dates back to the 1600s. The surrounding area is home to 85,000 people and the city itself has 40,000 inhabitants. Together with Danish Zealand, Kristianstad is part of the Greater Copenhagen – one of the fastest expanding areas in northern Europe.

Kristianstad is renowned for its Vattenriket – the wetlands and grasslands designated as a biosphere reserve by UNESCO. Therefore you are also in close proximity to nature.

Campus

At Kristianstad University the campus is concentrated in one location. Here you can find everything you need within a short walking distance. There is a library, a café, food trucks, the student union, health centre and student dormitories all in one place.

The campus is just 10 minutes from Kristianstad's city centre. In the heart of Kristianstad there are theatres, nightclubs, shops and restaurants amid old houses and cobbled streets. You can enjoy locally produced food and a range of sporting and cultural activities.

Wide beaches and blue sea are only 20 minutes from campus. By train, you can easily reach the capital of Denmark, Copenhagen, and from there travel onwards to the rest of the world.

A perfect blend of theory and real-world experience

Experience the ultimate fusion of theory and hands-on practice with our IT programmes. We immerse you in a dynamic learning environment that prepares you for the professional realm. Our approach ensures that you not only gain in-depth knowledge but also can apply that knowledge in real-world scenarios.

BACHELOR'S PROGRAMME IN

Software Development

Are you passionate about computers and technology? Would you like to create secure, sustainable and innovative software solutions that make a difference in people's everyday lives?

The Bachelor Programme in Software Development provides a broad education in computer science, preparing you for a career in a rapidly evolving international industry. You will learn to analyse problems and develop modern software systems.

Software development expertise is in high demand in both the private and public sectors. After graduation, you can work in software and systems development, web development, cloud solutions or data engineering.

A broad and up-to-date education

The programme combines theory with practical application. You will study programming, databases, computer networks, operating systems, algorithms, cybersecurity and mathematics, as well as frontend and backend development, AI, data engineering, DevOps and cloud-based development.

Project-based courses help you apply your knowledge, develop your problem-solving abilities and gain experience of working independently and in teams.

Preparing you for your future career

The programme has close links with the regional tech industry. Through guest lectures, industry-related projects and a work placement, you will gain practical experience and valuable professional contacts.

During the final year, you will complete an independent degree project that allows you to deepen your knowledge within an area of software development. The degree also prepares you for further studies at master's level.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS General requirements for university studies in Sweden. Specific requirements: intermediate level Mathematics.

DEGREE Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, 180 credits.

Read more at hkr.se/softwaredevelopment

BACHELOR'S PROGRAMME IN

Computer Science and Engineering, specialising in intelligent systems

Would you like to develop intelligent systems that can make decisions, communicate, process information and sense their surroundings? Are you interested in combining software, hardware and artificial intelligence?

The Bachelor Programme in Computer Science and Engineering, specialising in Intelligent Systems, prepares you to develop the connected and intelligent technologies of the future. As a computer engineer, you can help create systems in which sensors, embedded devices, communication networks, cloud and edge resources, and AI-based components work together. These technologies are used in fields ranging from industry and energy to healthcare and sustainable development.

From sensors to intelligent solutions

The programme combines mathematics and engineering science with programming and computer engineering. You will study electronics, sensors, computer architecture, embedded systems, operating systems, computer networks, cybersecurity, algorithms and data structures. You will also learn about machine learning, distributed and connected systems, cloud and edge computing, and the design of intelligent systems.

Through laboratory work and projects, you will integrate hardware and software into secure and functional engineering solutions.

Preparing you for your future career

Theoretical studies are combined with practical experience and links to the regional tech industry. Guest lectures, industry-related projects and a work placement allow you to apply your knowledge and build professional contacts.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS General requirements for university studies in Sweden. Specific requirements: intermediate level Physics, basic level Chemistry or intermediate level Natural Sciences, advanced+ level Mathematics.

DEGREE Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Computer Science and Engineering, 180 credits.

Read more at hkr.se/computerscience

MASTER´S PROGRAMME IN

Computer Science, specialisation in Machine Learning

Are you ready to take your expertise in Computer Science to the next level and become an expert in machine learning? Study the Master's programme in Computer Science and develop your skills and knowledge in this exciting field.

The programme is designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in the field of machine learning. With a focus on research and development of complex computer systems, we empower you to become a critical thinker with a comprehensive understanding of the subject.

Advanced skills in computer science and AI

The programme offers a unique opportunity to develop your skills and advanced expertise in computer science and gain deep insights into the latest technologies and methods related to artificial intelligence and machine learning. The education provides you with a solid foundation and extensive knowledge in the field, enabling you to analyse complex problems and provide innovative solutions.

Ethics at the core

Ethics and responsible practices are the core of our programme. We believe in promoting fairness, transparency and accountability in the development and deployment of machine learning systems. You will develop the ability to make informed decisions, considering the scientific, societal and ethical aspects of machine learning.

Study our Master's programme in Computer Science and take the first step towards an exciting and rewarding career. Discover the endless possibilities that await you in the world of machine learning and this remarkable journey of knowledge and innovation.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or other equivalent field, alternatively Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Engineering. Minimum 22.5 credits in Programming and minimum 22.5 credits in Mathematics including minimum 3.5 credits in Statistics. English 6 or equivalent.

DEGREE Master of Science in Computer Science, specialisation in Machine Learning, 60 credits.

Read more at hkr.se/computerscience-master

Hello!

Rosita Hamidi Iran
Bachelor's programme in Computer Science and Engineering

After the pandemic, I felt the need to explore new paths. I decided to pursue an education in programming and wanted to do this in a place where I could see myself living. A place where I would be judged based on my competence, not my gender. I knew that the Scandinavian countries ranked highly for gender equality.

Is the education as you had imagined?
Yes, the education is pretty much what I expected. The programme aligns with my interests and the accessibility and helpfulness of the teachers are great. I particularly enjoy the programming courses for embedded systems. Over the past year, I've been working as a teaching assistant for lower-year students. Formulating good answers to students' questions allows me to see problems from new perspectives, which is highly educational.

What are your plans post- graduation?
I'm especially looking forward to making a difference in a team and creating products that are genuinely useful for people. I really like the idea of having a concept and being able to bring it to life.

Can you share any guidance for new students?
Try to ignore what everyone else thinks. It's about what you want to do in life. I discovered computer science, and working with it feels like having fun to me.

Hello!

Deema Aloom Syria
Master's programme in Computer Science

I chose the Master's programme in Computer Science for its up-to-date courses and strong industry connections. Kristianstad University stood out due to its international environment and appealing location. The city of Kristianstad offers a pleasant climate and provides easy access to various places in Skåne.

What did you value most in your studies?
The opportunity to collaborate with lecturers and meet students from various majors and diverse cultural backgrounds was invaluable.

What skills or knowledge have you found particularly useful in your professional life?
The professional contacts and network I developed during my studies have been incredibly useful in my career. In terms of IT, I gained knowledge in areas such as IoT, data mining, security and developing multidisciplinary applications. These experiences have helped me to advance in academia, and I am currently a lecturer in the Department of Computer Science at Kristianstad University.

Do you have any advice for prospective students?
Utilise the resources and people around you, network with companies, and take advantage of student privileges to learn about the industry and potential employers. Engaging with the university community and external partners will open many doors for your future career.

Cutting-edge research, case studies and collaboration

Powered by small class sizes, our Master's programmes provide in-depth theoretical insights, promote collaboration among students and industry partners, and integrate real-life cases into the curriculum to prepare you for becoming change agents in sustainable business management.

MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN

Marketing for Sustainable Business Management

Are you passionate about making a positive impact on the world? Do you want to learn how to create and implement marketing strategies that align with the principles of sustainability and ethics?

The Master of Science in Marketing for Sustainable Business Management has been carefully crafted to equip you with the knowledge, skills, and mindset to excel in the rapidly changing marketing landscape while promoting sustainability and ethical business practices. You will learn how to leverage the power of marketing to drive positive change, promote responsible consumption and build meaningful connections with stakeholders.

Hands-on-learning

Combined with in-depth theoretical insights, we believe in learning by doing. You will tackle hands-on challenges faced by real-world organisations with a sustainability and ethics lens and develop practical solutions in collaboration with our partnering organisations.

Global perspective

The programme embraces a global perspective. By developing an international mindset in the context of marketing and sustainability, you will become a valuable asset to organisations – public or private – anywhere in the world.

Join the programme and be part of a vibrant community of changemakers who are shaping the future of marketing and sustainable business. Together, we can drive positive change, create sustainable business models, and build a better world.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS Bachelor of Science equivalent to 180 credits including at least 90 credits in Business Administration. At least 15 credits must be in Marketing and at least 15 credits in Statistics/Business Methods and an independent project comprising 15 credits in Business Administration or equivalent. English 6 or equivalent.

DEGREE Master of Science (60 credits) in Business Administration, specialising in Marketing for Sustainable Business Management.

Read more at hkr.se/master-marketing

MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN

Accounting and Auditing for Sustainable Business Management

Do you want to gain specialised knowledge to support global sustainable business practices and make a positive impact on the world? Are you interested in international accounting and auditing?

The Master of Science in Accounting and Auditing for Sustainable Business Management is designed to equip you with the knowledge, skills and mindset to excel in the rapidly changing landscape of accounting and auditing, while promoting sustainability and ethical business practices.

We offer a high-level education, an intimate learning environment, collaboration with industry partners, and networking opportunities.

Embrace an international perspective

The programme embraces an international perspective in both accounting and auditing, and you will gain a holistic perspective that prepares you to critically assess and tackle real-world challenges.

Great career opportunities

By developing an international mindset within the context of accounting and auditing, and in relation to sustainability, you will become a valuable asset to organisations – public or private – anywhere in the world. Join the programme and embark on a transformative educational journey that combines your passion for accounting and auditing with the principles of sustainability. Together, we can drive positive change and build a better world.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS Bachelor of Science equivalent to 180 credits including at least 90 credits in Business Administration. At least 15 credits must be in Intermediate Accounting, Management Accounting, Corporate Governance, Auditing and at least 15 credits in Statistics/ Business Methods and an independent project comprising 15 credits in Business Administration or equivalent. English 6 or equivalent.

DEGREE Master of Science (60 credits) in Business Administration, specialising in Accounting and Auditing for Sustainable Business Management.

Read more at hkr.se/master-auditing

Hello!

Rinae Mauda South Africa
Master's programme in Accounting and Auditing

The programme stood out because it combined accounting and auditing with sustainability, which felt both relevant and forward-looking. Studying at Kristianstad University was one of the most rewarding decisions I have ever made.

What was especially valuable?
Work Integrated Learning was a fantastic opportunity to apply what we learned in class to real-world challenges. For five months, a fellow student and I worked with a Swedish company on sustainability. We visited the company several times and worked directly with its CEO and employees. This gave me a deeper understanding of how sustainability can be integrated into everyday business practices.

What was it like to study at Kristianstad University?
The learning environment was rigorous but supportive. The teachers encouraged us to think independently while always being available when we needed guidance. My fellow students were supportive too, and we often helped each other through deadlines. Working with students from Europe, Asia and Africa also taught me a great deal about collaboration and adapting to different perspectives and cultures.

What are your plans for the future?
I plan to return to South Africa and use the knowledge and experience I gained in Sweden. My goal is to help organisations develop sustainable business strategies that create long-term value and balance profitability with responsibility.

Hello!

Damon Meuffels Netherlands
Master's programme in Marketing

The hands-on approach was especially valuable to me, as it allowed me to apply what I learned to real-world challenges. Studying in English and working with people from around the world also broadened my perspective.

What was your best experience?
During the Work Integrated Learning course, I conducted research for a local business incubator. The experience allowed me to apply what I was learning to real-world problems and also strengthened my leadership and intercultural communication skills.

How has the programme prepared you for your career?
It helped me develop critical thinking, problem-solving and teamwork skills that I use in my current role as an account manager at Position Green. The programme's focus on sustainability has also been particularly valuable, as I now help businesses with sustainability and ESG reporting.

Would you recommend the programme?
Yes, I highly recommend it to anyone looking to expand their horizons. Although the programme focuses on marketing, it covers a wide range of topics that can be applied in many different fields. I would also encourage students to make the most of the diversity within the programme. I made friends from all over the world, which really broadened my perspective.

For those of you ready to take the next step

Our online Master's programme is for those of you ready to take the next step in your career. You will gain further knowledge, develop and meet other professionals within your field.

MASTER´S PROGRAMME IN **ONLINE**

Food and Meal Science

This online Master's programme will advance your knowledge of Food and Meal Science, and applies a holistic consumer and public meal perspective to global challenges. It prepares you for further research as well as for work within various quality and development functions, providing a wide range of professional opportunities.

Food and Meal Science is a multidisciplinary field based on three strong research and educational areas: Food Science, Nutrition and Health and Food Culture and Communication.

Qualifications for your career

On completion of the programme, you will have acquired expertise in investigating and critically reviewing complex food and meal issues, making you attractive in the modern food and meal sector. Your qualifications will open up a wide range of opportunities for work within research and development.

The programme includes:

- The Complexity of Food Choice: The Public Meal from a Consumer Perspective
- Sustainable Food and Meals – Integrating Consumer and Production Perspectives
- Applied statistics in the Natural Sciences
- Food for Many: Interdisciplinary Approach and Methodology
- Optional specialisation through first or second-cycle courses in Food and Meal Science
- Master's degree project

You may choose to study one year full-time or two years part-time. The programme is conducted entirely online. The programme ends with a Master's degree project worth 15 credits.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS Bachelor's degree equivalent to 180 credits with relevance to the main area Food and Meal Science or related to Social Science, Natural Science, Environmental Science or Economics. English 6 or equivalent.

DEGREE Master of Science in Food and Meal Science, 60 credits.

FORMS OF STUDY Distance learning. This is an online programme conducted part-time or full-time (50% or 100% rate of study). The programme starts in the spring semester.

Read more at hkr.se/master-food-meal

Hello!

Emma Verstraelen Belgium
Master's programme in Food and Meal Science

I studied to become a dietician in Antwerp, Belgium and chose to study the Master's programme in Food and Meal Science at Kristianstad University to both broaden and deepen my knowledge. Now I work as a dietician in a Swedish hospital in the south of Sweden and teaches patients how to make healthy food choices.

Why did you consider the Master's programme in Food and Meal Science at Kristianstad University?
Scandinavia is quite advanced in the field of nutrition. I also got a good impression of Kristianstad University. And I was attracted to this Master's programme in Food and Meal Science because it seemed very flexible.

What has been a valuable aspect of your studies for your future professional career?
The Master's programme gives you the chance to deepen your knowledge of the subjects you find exciting, but also to challenge yourself and discover completely new areas. I believe that the Master's programme at Kristianstad University was one of several crucial steps along the way to find the right job for me.

What do you think about studies in Sweden?
The teaching style and the way of studying are quite different in Sweden compared to Belgian universities. I was used to sitting exams for all courses at the end of the semester, while studying at Kristianstad University meant submitting assignments along the way. For me, it was actually a bit easier to study the Swedish way.

Hello!

Nawaraj Gautam Norway
Master's programme in Food and Meal Science

I am a food chemist with a Bachelor's degree in Food Technology and decided to dig deeper into Food and Meal Science through distance learning. I believe meeting people from around the world, from different educational and professional backgrounds, and discussing various topics on food and meal science, helps to broaden my understanding and widen my horizon.

Why did you choose to study this Master's programme?
This Master's programme doesn't require physical classes, so it's perfect for me to extend my previous quantitative understandings with more qualitative ones. I also get the social science perspectives, like emotions, cultures and feelings related to food.

What do you think about studies at Kristianstad University?
From my home in Bergen, Norway, I can watch the lectures and submit my assignments whenever I have time, which is ideal for me as I have a full-time job. I also appreciate the easy access to my professors and lecturers. They are all very kind and helpful, and answer all our questions and doubts.

Do you have future plans for your career?
I believe this is one of the best online Master's programmes in Food and Meal Science in the whole of Europe. It has helped me think in a new way and tackle problems from other perspectives. It will certainly open up new career opportunities for me.

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AND BEHAVIOUR

Tuition fees, scholarships and the application process

Kristianstad University welcomes students from diverse backgrounds; domestic students from all around Sweden as well as international students from all over the world.

Whether you are to pay a tuition fee or not depends on your citizenship. In general, individuals who are citizens of countries that are not part of the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland are required to pay application and tuition fees.

There are some exceptions to this general rule which you can read about at the Swedish application portal **universityadmissions.se**

No fees for EU/EEA citizens

As a citizen of a country within the EU/EEA or Switzerland you don´t have to pay any fees – congratulations!

Favourable scholarship opportunities

As a student from outside the EU, EEA and Switzerland, you are required to pay tuitions fees. However, you have the possibility to apply for a Kristianstad University Scholarship – now with increased funds!

The tuition fees at Kristianstad University are 110 000 or 135 000 SEK per year depending on the study programme. If awarded a scholarship the amount will be reduced between 50–100 percent. And for a Master´s student, the chances of getting a scholarship is very good!

→ Kristianstad University Scholarship

Kristianstad University offer a number of scholarships to qualified students. You may apply for the scholarships after you have applied for the programme you wish to study. Be aware that you must apply on time and choose Kristianstad University as your first priority to be considered for our scholarships. **hkr.se/scholarship**

Autumn

1. **From Mid-October**
   Apply online at **universityadmissions.se**
2. **Mid-January**
   Application deadline.
3. **April**
   Admission decisions are sent out.
4. **Late August**
   The autumn semester and academic year start.

→ Swedish Institute Scholarship

The Swedish Institute (SI) is a government agency that offers several scholarships, including full scholarships for international students studying for Master's degrees.Read more and find out if you are eligible for a SI scholarship at **studyinsweden.se/scholarships**

How to apply

To study at Kristianstad University, you must apply through the Swedish application portal **universityadmissions.se** Here you will find important information about the application process, requirements and much more.

The application deadline is usually mid-January for the autumn semester and mid-August for the spring semester. For specific dates and more information, please visit **universityadmissions.se** or contact **admissions@hkr.se**

→ Application timeline in Sweden

A successful application process relies heavily on meeting deadlines. Make sure to find out all the key dates for your application to courses and programmes in Sweden.

Useful links

→ University Admissions

General information and application.
universityadmissions.se

→ Study in Sweden

Information on studies in Sweden.
studyinsweden.se

→ The Swedish Migration Agency

Information about residence permit.
migrationsverket.se/english

Spring

1 **From June**
Apply online at
universityadmissions.se

2 **Mid-August**
Application
deadline.

3 **Mid-October**
Admission decisions
are sent out.

4 **Late January**
The spring
semester starts.

Why choose Kristianstad University?

- **High-quality education**
- **Easy access to teachers and staff**
- **Guaranteed accommodation**
- **Close connection to business, society and public organisations**
- **Student City of the Year in Sweden 2024**

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