

Qualifications for admission to an upper secondary school programme

In order to enter an upper secondary school educational programme it is necessary to have:

- completed Year 9 of the compulsory school system or equivalent educational level
- not previously have undertaken an upper secondary school education
- begun the educational programme in the first half of the calendar year the student becomes 20 years of age at the latest

In order to qualify for a vocational programme, passes in Swedish or Swedish as a Second Language, English, Maths and at least five other subjects from compulsory school level are necessary.

In order to qualify for an upper secondary school programme that qualifies the student for university studies, passes in Swedish or Swedish as a Second Language, English, Maths and at least nine other subjects are necessary.

For the economics/business studies and social science programmes and the arts subjects programmes, four of these additional nine subjects must be Geography, History, Social Science and Religious Studies. For the natural sciences and technology programmes, three of these additional nine subjects must be Biology, Physics and Chemistry. For the art, music and drama programme, any nine subjects may be selected. However skills tests may also be applied for these subjects.

In order to qualify for what is known as a "Special Variation" programme there may be other requirements concerning previous knowledge of the subject or subject areas that are peculiar to each variation.

How to calculate your qualifications

Often there are more applicants than places on popular programmes so the school must make a selection. The students with the best qualifications are accepted. Your qualifications consist of the sum of the value of your 16 best subject grades. For programmes that use skills tests, the results of these are also included in the calculations.

Grade values for students graduating from compulsory school in the spring term of 2011 are:

MVG (Pass with distinction) = 20 VG (Pass with honours) = 15 G (Pass) = 10

Grade values for students graduating from compulsory school after the spring term of 2011 are:

A = 20 B = 17,5 C = 15
D = 12,5 E = 10 F = 0 (i.e. Fail)

Grade levels for block grades, e.g. Natural Sciences (Physics, Chemistry and Biology), are calculated by multiplying the relevant block grade by the number of subjects in the block. Block grades will no longer be given from academic year 2012/2013. Maximum grade, or qualification level as it is called, is 320 credits.

From admissions to academic year 2014/15, a student who has studied a modern language as a language selection will be able to count the grade value of this course in addition to the value of the other 16 best grades. Maximum grade will then be 340 credits.