



UNIVERSITY OF
GOTHENBURG

STRATEGIC COLLABORATION WITH A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

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WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG

The University of Gothenburg is an innovative and creative university that benefits greatly from its impressive breadth.

Its research and education span all the way from creative arts to the natural sciences and medicine, and include – for example – social sciences, business, economics and law, IT, educational sciences, arts and humanities and health care sciences.

Because of this unique breadth and diversity, the University of Gothenburg is able to offer opportunities for interdisciplinary knowledge building that few other universities can match. Professor Arvid Carlsson's Nobel Prize is one example of what can be achieved when breadth and focus are combined under one roof.

The University's strong research and attractive study programmes draw scientists and students from around the world, which makes it an inspiring place to work and study for anyone interested in acquiring a continuous flow of new knowledge and ideas.

With new knowledge and new perspectives, the University contributes to a better future.

The University of Gothenburg Facts (2015)

- Established in 1891, formally founded in 1954
- Student population: 36 683 (66% women)
- Full-time students: 25 001
- Staff: 5906 (58% women)
- Every academic year approximately 900 exchange students and 1800 freemover students study in Gothenburg – a unique academic environment.
- The University offers 2500 courses and more than 150 degree programmes.
- The University of Gothenburg has over 900 exchange agreements with universities across the globe.
- The student body comprises approximately 70 nationalities, providing a truly international atmosphere.
- A normal 40-week academic year consists of 60 higher education credits (30 credits per term). One Swedish higher education credit in Sweden equals one ECTS credit.
- The official academic year at the University of Gothenburg is divided into two terms (autumn and spring), each lasting 20 weeks, autumn term: around 1 September–18 January, spring term: around 19 January–7 June

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A Sustainable University

The University of Gothenburg aims to be one of the leading universities within sustainable development. Social, economic and ecological sustainability aspects must always be considered.

Over 400 freestanding courses and almost 100 study programmes address environmental concerns and sustainable development in some form.

International research collaborations are common. For example, the University's cooperation in the fields of marine science and environmental economics involves scientists from several different countries.

The work environment is an important part of the University's sustainability efforts. An explicit focus on issues of equal treatment and diversity facilitates an atmosphere of mutual respect among students and staff.

A GLOBALLY RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY

The University of Gothenburg has a long tradition of global perspectives and hosting international activities that extend beyond Europe.

When the University was founded in 1891, the curriculum included studies in the Semitic languages, and in 1918 the University established Sweden's first chair in East Asian linguistics and culture. In 1939, the then private Business School created the Ibero-American Institute – the first of its kind in Sweden.

Today, the University of Gothenburg is committed to international solidarity and global responsibility. The University has taken a further step towards becoming a global university by establishing the multidisciplinary School of Global Studies, which focuses on human rights, human ecology, peace and development research and social anthropology, as well as on regional studies with an emphasis on Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and Asia. Furthermore, the School of Global Studies offers courses in world culture and globalised heritage with a focus on global gender issues, migration and the global city.



A SPIRIT OF EQUALITY AND INDEPENDENT THINKING

Innovative Teaching Methods

The University of Gothenburg is known for its stimulating study formats, innovative teaching methods and focus on group work and problem-based learning. Open classroom discussions are used routinely, and the students' ideas are continuously challenged and enriched by the diverse student body. Studying in Gothenburg teaches students to become perceptive team players and to think independently, giving alumni a distinct advantage in the global job market.

Informal Contact with Academia

Students at the University of Gothenburg benefit from a sense of openness and dialogue with the professors, and the teaching staff is committed to the University's strong spirit of equality and respect for students as individuals. Students also have a real opportunity to influence their own learning environment. The academic environment encourages the students to become creative thinkers and challenge existing theories and models.

The University is open to new influences, and students enjoy unparalleled access to world-class research. Interaction is easy and straightforward. Not only are students able to share their thoughts – they are expected to do so.

10 years at the forefront

In 2004, the University of Gothenburg became the first university in the world to be environmentally certified under both ISO14001 and EMAS. Since then, the university has reduced its energy consumption and carbon footprint, a number of environmentally oriented PhD/research schools have been formed and courses and study programmes have become sustainability labelled.

The University is continuously working to reduce its environmental footprint from for example the use of chemicals, energy consumption and travel. These efforts have inspired many other higher education institutions around the world.



EIGHT FACULTIES – HUNDREDS OF OPPORTUNITIES



Our eight faculties offer a broad range of courses and programmes ensuring that we can provide our international academic partners dynamic educational and research opportunities in nearly all disciplines.





FACULTY OF ARTS

SUBJECT AREAS OFFERED IN ENGLISH

- Archaeology
- Gendering Studies
- History
- Languages
- Language Technology
- Literature
- Logic
- Religious Studies
- Scandinavian Studies

The Faculty of Arts offers education at all academic levels. Research and education are characterised by diversity and breadth. The disciplines within the field of arts and humanities explore how ideas have affected human culture and society. By studying languages, literature, classics, religion, history, philosophy, culture and gender studies, we are able to gain a better understanding of what we have been, who we are and where we are going.

Language technology is a strong research environment at the Faculty, as are critical heritage studies and medieval studies. A centre for digital humanities opened in 2015, and medical and environmental humanities are up and coming research areas.

Good language skills are necessary in a globalised world. The Faculty offers studies in some 15 languages as well as a large number of courses taught in English.

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FACULTY OF EDUCATION

SUBJECT AREAS OFFERED IN ENGLISH

- Early Childhood Education and Care
- Education
- Educational Sciences
- Didactics
- Pedagogy
- Sport Science

The education offered by this faculty is directed at several areas within education, for example learning and teaching among children, adolescents and adults, leadership and pedagogy. The Faculty provides education directed at teacher training as well as for qualified teachers. Among our students there are also future food economists, sports coaches, educational leaders and health promotion workers.

Research at the faculty addresses many critical issues within pressing societal areas. Such areas are, for example, the content of teaching and learning in schools, the implications of digital technology for learning processes, and the predictability of future academic success from assessment and grading. Our researchers also target specific issues within sustainable development, health, the organisation of schools and educational planning.

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FACULTY OF FINE, APPLIED AND PERFORMING ARTS

SUBJECT AREAS OFFERED IN ENGLISH

- Business and Design
- Child Culture Design
- Composition and Music Theory
- Contemporary Performative Arts
- Crafts: Ceramic/Jewellery/
Metal/Textile
- Design Including Wood Oriented
Furniture Design
- Fine Art
- Music
- Opera
- Performance in Theatre and
Music Drama
- Photography

The Faculty of Fine, Applied and Performing Arts covers nearly all subject areas within the fine arts. Education is offered at all academic levels, including doctoral studies within a shared, cross-artistic research school. The research and development work spans across a wide range of disciplines and genres and is rich in artistic expression.

Concerts, exhibitions, screenings, readings and performances enable the students to display their work and make an impact on the region's artistic and cultural scene. The lecturers and professors are often well-established national and international artists, designers, writers and directors who are highly active also outside the University.

A majority of the students in the international Master's programmes come from abroad. The international mix of students, professors and guest lecturers shapes the study environment and provides for an open atmosphere.

The Faculty consists of: Academy of Music and Drama, HDK – School of Design and Crafts and Valand Academy

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FACULTY OF SCIENCE

SUBJECT AREAS OFFERED IN ENGLISH

- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Conservation
- Earth Sciences
- Environmental Science
- Geography
- Marine Sciences
- Mathematics
- Mathematical Statistics
- Physics

The Faculty of Science embraces all major subject areas within mathematics and the natural sciences. Research and education are closely connected and the Faculty offers international Master's programmes as well as over 100 courses in English.

The University of Gothenburg is at the forefront of European marine research, and our marine courses connect theory with practical observation on, in and at the sea. The closeness to the sea makes for a particularly educational and stimulating study environment.

Other internationally renowned research areas include experimental physics, biochemistry, atmospheric science, climate, ecosystems, and systematics and biodiversity. The research within the field of cultural conservation is unique in the country.

www.science.gu.se/english



IT-FACULTY

SUBJECT AREAS OFFERED IN ENGLISH

- Applied Information Technology
- Computer Science
- Communication
- Data Science
- Game Technology
- Informatics
- Software Engineering
- Software Engineering and Management

The IT Faculty consists of two departments. Both of them are operated jointly by the University of Gothenburg and Chalmers University of Technology, resulting in considerable expertise and breadth.

The research and education span all the way from abstract mathematics and high-tech applications to social science studies of IT. In addition to the pure technological perspective, the IT Faculty is interested in the individual's knowledge and ability to analyse, understand and handle various aspects of IT. There is extensive national and international collaboration with industry and other universities. Collaboration partners in the former category include Volvo, Ericsson and Saab Space, as well as many smaller IT companies.

The education at the IT Faculty relies to a large degree on project- and problem-based learning, where people from companies, public authorities and organisations take part in courses as guest lecturers or project participants and as such are involved in everything from the setting of requirements to the final delivery of products and services.

The Faculty is strongly international in character, with staff members and students from around 30 countries. This facilitates a highly dynamic research environment.

www.itufak.gu.se/english

SAHLGRENSKA ACADEMY

Medicine, Pharmacy, Odontology and Health Care Sciences

SUBJECT AREAS OFFERED IN ENGLISH

- Biomedical Entrepreneurship
- Biomedical Laboratory Science
- Dental Hygiene
- Dental Technology
- Dentistry
- Dietetics
- Global Health
- Medicine
- Midwifery Science
- Nursing Science
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Physiotherapy
- Public Health
- Speech and Language Pathology

Sahlgrenska Academy is the medical faculty at the University of Gothenburg. It is home to many top researchers – among them a Nobel Laureate – and 6500 students, and being an internationally top-ranked institution enables the students to meet and interact with prominent experts in a wide range of fields.

Close integration of teachers, researchers and students makes the education strongly connected to research and is key to the Academy's successful focus on patient-centred care. Both education and research are clinical by nature and carried out in close cooperation with the Sahlgrenska University Hospital, the Swedish Dental Service, as well as business and industry.

The Faculty collaborates with a wide range of institutions all over the world. As a world-leading research institution, Sahlgrenska Academy is constantly seeking new perspectives and ideas through interesting collaborations in both research and education.

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND LAW

SUBJECT AREAS OFFERED IN ENGLISH

- Accounting
- Economic History
- Economics
- Finance and Financial Economics
- Human and Economic Geography
- Industrial Financial Management
- Innovation Management
- International Business
- Law
- Logistics and Transport Management
- Management
- Marketing

The School of Business, Economics and Law was founded in 1923. With three main fields – business, economics and law – and a wide range of subjects, it has a broad base with many potential interconnections and it aims to educate internationally attractive students with a responsible attitude towards societal development, and to perform top-quality research that helps identify solutions to complex global problems.

The School of Business, Economics and Law has an international profile with a breadth of disciplines, motivated and committed researchers, and close cooperation and constant dialogue with the business world and the public sector.

www.handels.gu.se/english





FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SUBJECT AREAS OFFERED IN ENGLISH

- European Studies
- Global Studies
- International Relations
- Media and Communication Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Social Anthropology
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Work Science

Research in the social sciences is necessary in order to successfully deal with major problems related to areas such as the environment, health, war and poverty. At the Faculty of Social Sciences, prominent international research is conducted in fields including global change, risk and security, democracy and politics, working life and social relations as well as the individual's development.


The Faculty cooperates closely with a wide range of agencies, from municipal administrations to the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and international organisations. Researchers are involved in a comprehensive, multi-stakeholder programme for sustainable urban development. Freestanding courses as well as degree programmes in English are offered in most of the Faculty's subject areas.

www.samfak.gu.se/english

GOTHENBURG – A SMALL TOWN IN A COSMOPOLITAN PACKAGE

Gothenburg is known for being refreshingly unpretentious and outgoing while also being a hotbed for creativity and culture. It is home to over 50000 students, when including students at the Chalmers University of Technology.





Gothenburg is known as ‘the second city’ of Sweden and is proud of it. The University is situated in the city centre, ensuring the addition of vibrant energy to the city.

Gothenburg is a blend of wide avenues, canals and a busy harbour, with well-preserved historical buildings and many parks. The sea is ever-present and is on display in the largest port in Scandinavia. The beautiful archipelago and its numerous islands should not be missed by any visitor. During the winter months visitors can experience *Christmas City Gothenburg* – when the city sparkles with lights during the cosy weeks before Christmas. The first lights are lit in mid-November, followed by colourful additions in early December.

Gothenburg has blossomed into a vibrant and youthful city that has earned a reputation as a leading European city in terms of culture and events. The city features Scandinavia’s largest international film festival, *Göteborg Film Festival*, which brings films from all over the world to Gothenburg, and *The*

Göteborg Book Fair, which draws around 100 000 visitors every year. With internationally well-known musical events such as *Way out West* and *Metaltown*, Gothenburg also boasts a thriving music scene. The combination of an extensive range of cultural events and the lively student life offers opportunities for exciting leisure activities.

Trade and Industry

Gothenburg has been characterised by commerce, ocean trade and international contacts ever since the city was developed by the Dutch, which explains the trademark canals crossing through the city.

Modern day Gothenburg is a unique blend of an industrial port city and a haven for some of the most innovative companies in Europe. The city has become an important Scandinavian hub for logistics, innovation and research.

Architecture and design play leading roles in trade and industry, and the life sciences and communications cluster is also becoming an increasingly prominent feature.

SWEDEN IN BRIEF

Sweden is a sparsely populated country characterised by a long coastline, extensive forests and numerous lakes. It is one of the world's northernmost countries. In terms of surface area, it is comparable to Spain, Thailand and the U.S. state of California. Sweden's borders have been unchanged since 1905 and the country has not been at war since 1814.

Extreme contrasts

Sweden experiences extreme contrasts between its long summer days and equally long winter nights. In the summer, the sun never sets in the areas north of the Arctic Circle, but even as far south as Stockholm (59°N) the June nights have only a few hours of semi-darkness.

The Gulf Stream

Considering its geographic location, Sweden enjoys a favourable climate. This is mainly because of the Gulf Stream, a warm ocean current that flows off the west coast of Norway. Scandinavia has been completely covered by ice for several extended periods.

Varied scenery with a rich wildlife

Along with its beautiful scenery, Sweden offers a rich and varied wildlife. The

wolf, for example, is expanding its habitat across northern and central Sweden. The country's bear, lynx and wild boar populations are also growing. Throughout the country there are vast numbers of elk (moose), roe deer, foxes and hares. In 1910, Sweden became the first European country to establish national parks, mainly in the mountainous districts in the north. This helped save part of Europe's last wilderness from exploitation. Under the Right of Public Access (*Allemansrätten*), anyone is entitled to hike through forests and fields and pick berries and mushrooms without asking the landowner for permission, but this right also carries with it an obligation to respect private property and the natural environment.

Source: Sweden.se



Sweden Facts (2015)

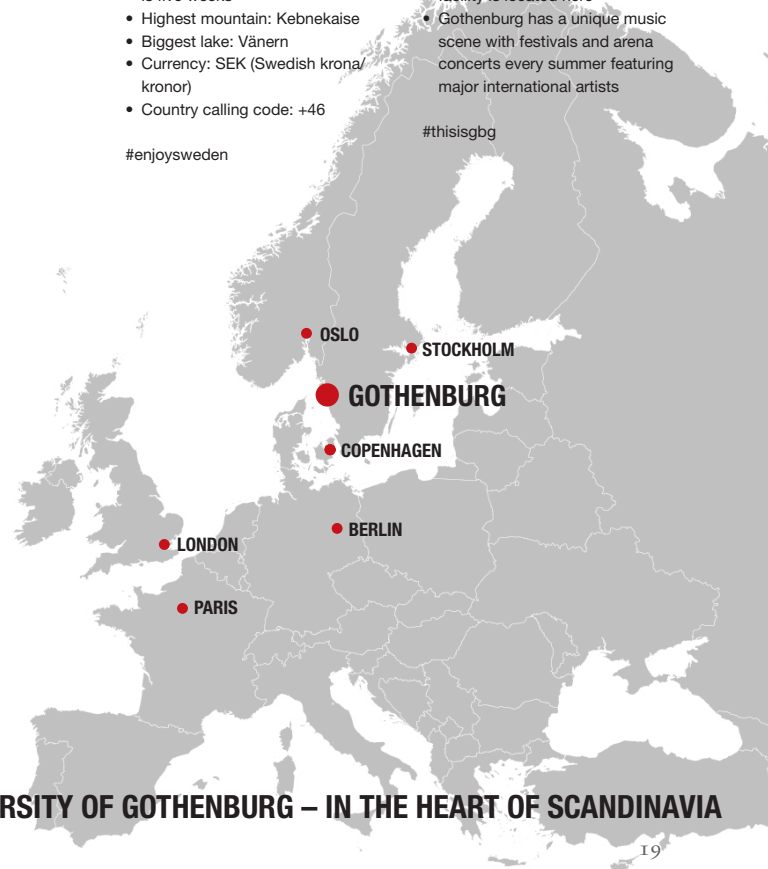
- Capital: Stockholm
- 9.7 million inhabitants
- Life expectancy: Men 80.5, women 84.1 years
- 1,574 kilometres from north to south
- Around 300 000–400 000 elks roam the Swedish forests
- Form of government: Constitutional monarchy, with parliamentary democracy
- National Day: 6 June
- Nine years of compulsory schooling, but most pupils also attend the three-year upper secondary school
- Around 1/3 go on to higher education at universities and colleges throughout Sweden
- The standard work week is 40 hours; the minimum paid vacation is five weeks
- Highest mountain: Kebnekaise
- Biggest lake: Vänern
- Currency: SEK (Swedish krona/kronor)
- Country calling code: +46

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Gothenburg Facts (2015)

- Gothenburg is spelled Göteborg and pronounced [ˈjǒta ˈbǒrj] in Swedish
- Founded: 1621
- The city of Gothenburg has a population of roughly 500 000 people and approximately 900 000 people live in the entire metropolitan region, making it the second-largest city in Sweden
- Situated by the Kattegat strait, on the west coast of Sweden
- Green space per citizen: 175 m²
- Gothenburg's history is rooted in international trade and it is home to major international companies such as Volvo, Astra Zeneca, Hasselblad and SKF
- Europe's largest, fully integrated hotel, exhibition and conference facility is located here
- Gothenburg has a unique music scene with festivals and arena concerts every summer featuring major international artists

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UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG – IN THE HEART OF SCANDINAVIA

QUOTES FROM INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Azusa Kuriyama, Tokyo
Gakuei University, Japan:

'The differences between higher education in Japan and Sweden are enormous: the distance between students and lecturers in Sweden is very small, which makes lots of opportunities for students to ask questions, which is really good. Here in Gothenburg there are lots of seminars and discussions, and students are expected to get involved and play an active role. Back home students are generally expected to sit quietly and just listen'.





Bence Lukacs, University of Teacher Education Vienna, Austria:

'The Scandinavian school systems have a good reputation. I took the opportunity to be an exchange student and have been here for almost a year now. At first I wanted to go to Finland. Then my teachers recommended Sweden – and Gothenburg in particular – which they said was a beautiful city along the coast. It turned out they were right. I have especially

enjoyed taking regular courses that target all students, including Swedes. They are taught at a high level, which I like, yet I think the overall level of most classes at the University of Gothenburg is pretty high. And the relationship between teachers and students is less formal. I like that. Actually, I think the laidback style is true for most of Swedish society – it's great!'



WE LOOK AFTER OUR PARTNERS

The University of Gothenburg provides a welcoming environment for all incoming students, staff and researchers, which helps integrate them into the city and campus life.

The majority of guests are offered accommodation, and accommodation assistance is provided to all guests. The University offers several Swedish language courses at the introductory and intermediate level for incoming students, staff and researchers.

Informal Contact with Academia

The International Student Welcome Programme is held at the beginning of each term. The programme of events and activities provides international students with practical information about the University and living in Gothenburg. It is also a perfect opportunity to meet other international students and volunteer 'student buddies' from all over the world.

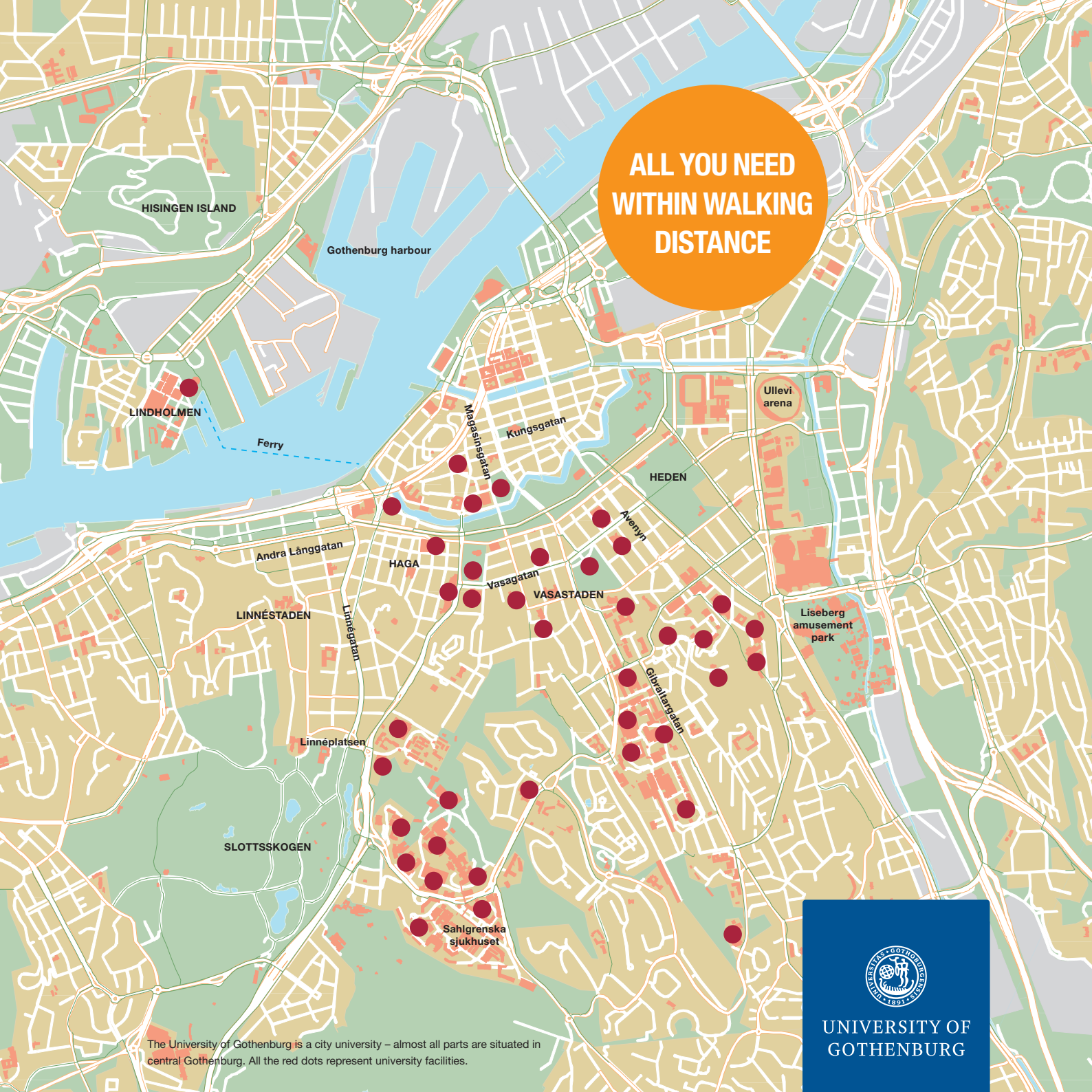
The University also offers a mentor programme that continues throughout the academic year with an ambition to stimulate interaction with Swedish students and provide additional opportunities for integration.

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ALL YOU NEED
WITHIN WALKING
DISTANCE



The University of Gothenburg is a city university – almost all parts are situated in central Gothenburg. All the red dots represent university facilities.



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