

# Studying in Sweden

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# Hi! So happy to see you!

- My background, why am I here today ?
- Teacher, PhD student (Last year), Entrepreneurship and Innovation for Sustainable Development, EIS
- Studied Human Resource Management and Corporate Social Responsibility in my Masters (from Pakistan), Studying Entrepreneurship, Poverty and Gender in my PhD



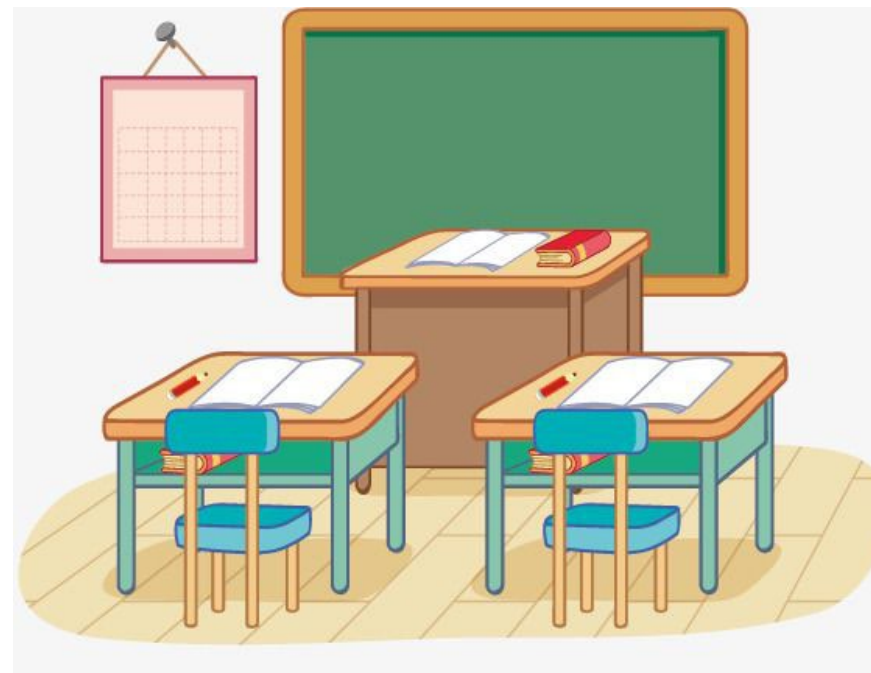
## 4 Questions - 4 Stories

- What is expected from you in the Classroom ?
- What is the academic culture like?
- How do you address your teacher?
- Intercultural Communication in Study groups



# Question 1 - Story 1

What is expected from you in the Classroom ?



# 3 Types of common teaching in practice



- Teacher display information (e.g. lecture) student absorb information (e.g. note taking)
- Teacher explain concepts – students develop skills to understand these
- Student engage with learning activities – teacher supports them (e.g Projects)



- A combination of
  - 1) teacher explain concepts, e.g. lectures
  - 2) student engage with learning activities, e.g. reading and writing assignments, research
  - 3) dialogue, e.g. seminars, Cases, Projects





## 3 approaches to learning

- **Surface approach to learning:** memorizing facts (e.g. 30 types of flowers), which may give an impression of understanding, but such knowledge can also be lost; low level of engagement in learning activities
- **Deep approach to learning:** higher level of engagement in learning activities. This include ability to memorise and paraphrase content as well as abilities to explain, apply and critically reflect on knowledge gained.
- **Functional knowledge** – knowledge that can be used by the learner to inform action

# What is expected from you in the Classroom ?

## Put Simply,

- Active Participation – talk in Class
- Mandatory, not mandatory
- Take your own notes
- Prepare before Hand – read assigned literature
- Follow instructions on Canvas
- As a student at SLU, you have a responsibility to be familiar with the university's rules on cheating and plagiarism. Read at <https://www.slu.se/en/library/write--cite/write/avoid-cheating-and-plagiarism/>





## Question 2 – Story 2

- What is the academic culture like



## Put Simply,

- There is no right or wrong. Its all about perspectives. you are encouraged to share your perspectives
- Open for new ideas
- Be reflexive, be critical, trust your learning
- Try to ask questions in class if it is related to your subject
- Take part in discussions
- Email when necessary



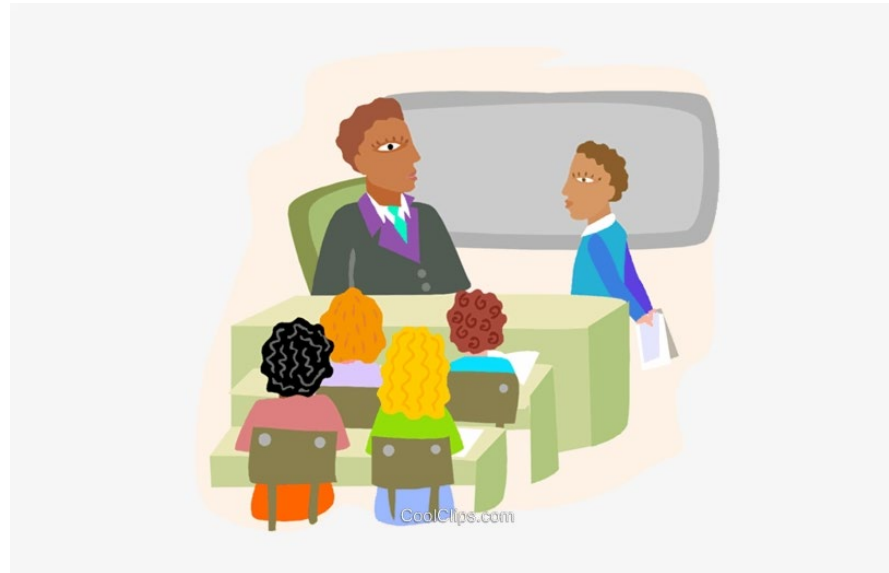
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- You are the future colleagues to me and the teachers that you meet during your years as a master student, teachers are aware of this
- ..a colleague, but you will still be examined...



## Question 3 – Story 3

- How do you address your teachers?



- Call them by their first name. Simple as that





## Question 4 – Story 4

- Intercultural Communication in Study Groups



# Put Simply

- Be open to learning together
- Make inclusive groups
- Be transparent with your time and work
- Discuss your group ambition
- Its still your learning, your grade
- Training towards how to be coworkers in your work life



# Thank you

- Questions???
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