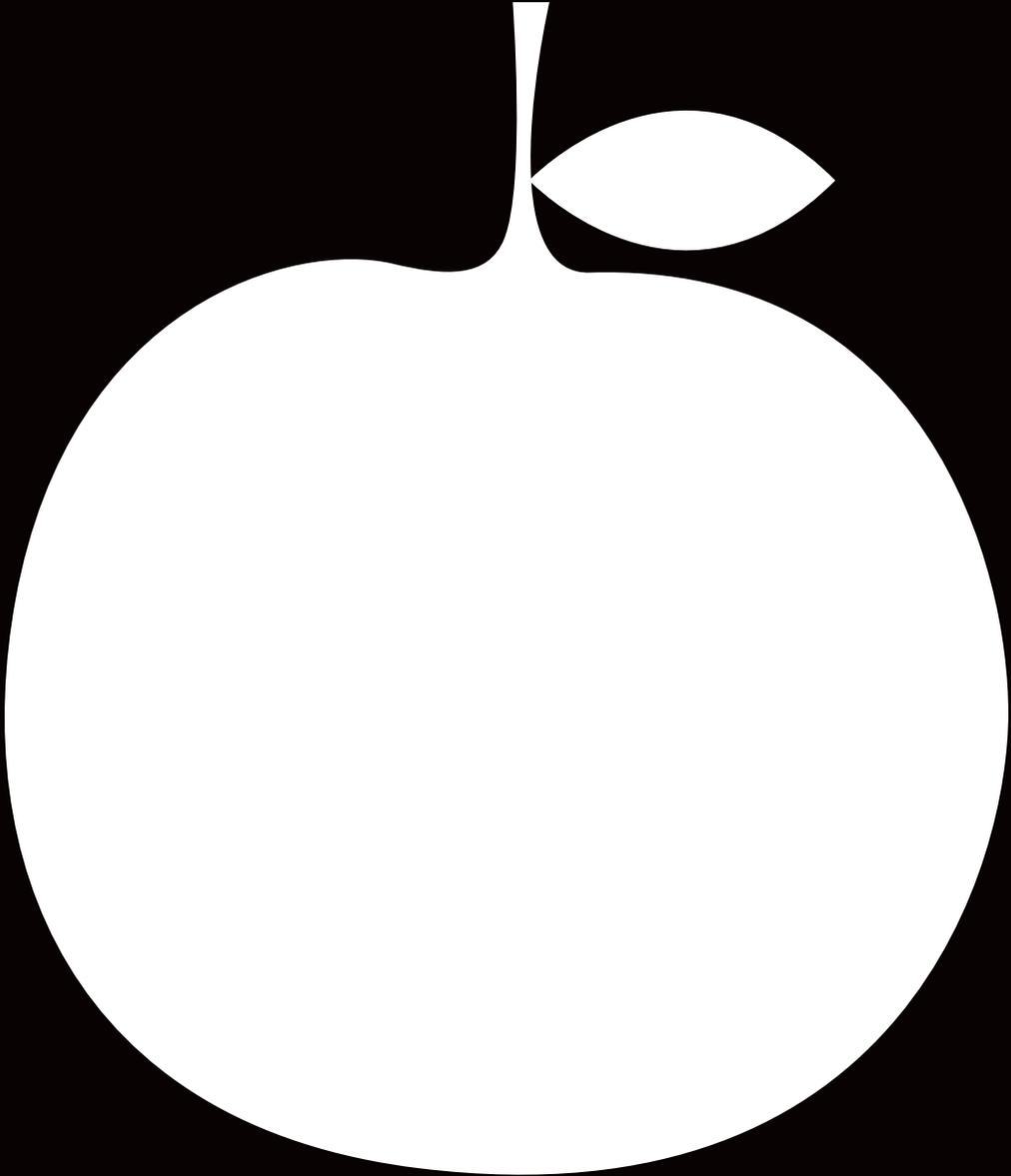

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
AND COMMUNICATION

JÖNKÖPING UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN



WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION!



EVA BJÖRCK-ÅKESSON,
DEAN AND PROFESSOR

The School of Education and Communication is young and vibrant, and it is generally referred to by the Swedish abbreviation, HLK. Our aim is to offer our students a high academic excellence with innovative learning in a creative study environment.

Our university accords well with the spirit of this part of Sweden where creativity, enthusiasm and an entrepreneurial spirit have gone hand-in-hand for centuries. The oldest factories here were founded more than 300 years ago and have developed to today's modern industrial plants. Our university library, which is located in a converted factory building, is a reminder of

that tradition. Collaboration with the local community, businesses, commerce and the public sectors is vital in order to ensure a higher standard of education.

Just as it is important for us to give our students the opportunity to study abroad, it is equally important for us to welcome students and professors from other countries to our university. This creates an international study environment with many exciting prospects for our exchange students.

It is my hope that your stay with us will be enjoyable and that you will receive great intellectual stimulation. At the same time, I

hope you will take the many opportunities to enjoy both the beautiful city of Jönköping and the peaceful Swedish countryside surrounding us.

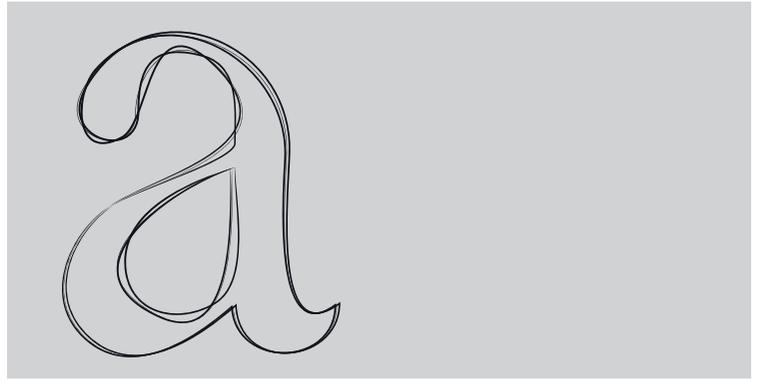
Warm welcome to the School of Education and Communication and enjoy the experience of a lifetime!

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WELCOME TO JÖNKÖPING UNIVERSITY...

Jönköping University has an extensive exchange programme with some 350 partner universities around the world. It is one of the leading universities in Sweden in the scope of its international student exchange. The campus is strongly international in its orientation and altogether there are 12,000 students, of which 1,300 are international students from 72 countries.



...AND A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME TO HLK!

The School of Education and Communication (HLK) is one of four schools within Jönköping University.

The school offers its 5,000 students a high academic excellence in its modern, creative and international study environment, in a building designed for learning and communication. All facilities are well equipped with the latest technology which creates a productive atmosphere.

In Jönköping there are plenty of things to do when you need a

break from your studies. Students have all the amenities necessary for a comfortable life: modern housing, beautiful study halls, parks and entertainment are all within walking distance.

The university guarantees accommodation to all exchange students and provides a pick-up service on arrival. We also organize an introduction week for all new students where they have the opportunity to get important information about their studies and also to participate in social and cultural activities.

Jönköping University (JU) is one of three Swedish private, non-profit institutions of higher education with the right to award doctorates. JU operates on the basis of an agreement with the Swedish Government and conforms to national degree regulations and quality requirements. The university is organized as a group of companies with five subsidiaries – four schools and a service company – owned by Jönköping University Foundation.

**RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ARE
CARRIED OUT AT:**

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School of Education and Communication
School of Engineering
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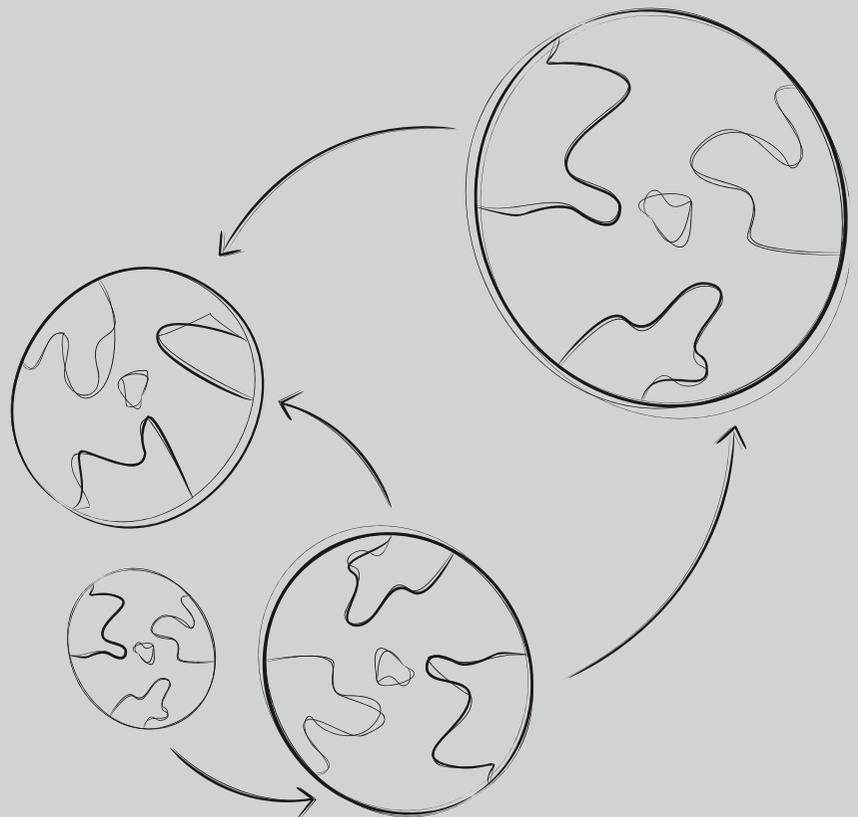


LEARNING FOR TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES

The School of Education and Communication offers four undergraduate programmes which lead to a Bachelor's degree: Teacher Education, Media and Communication Sciences, International Work and Human Resource Management. There are also Master and Doctoral programmes. Although all programmes are primarily taught in Swedish, there are many exciting elective courses taught in English offered to exchange students.

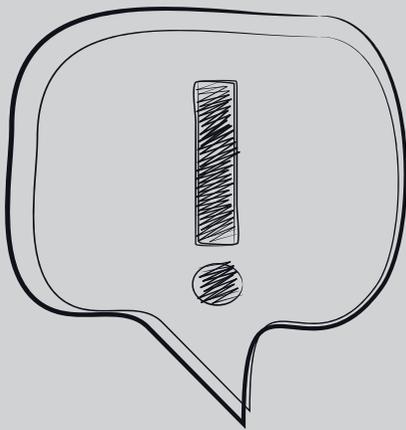
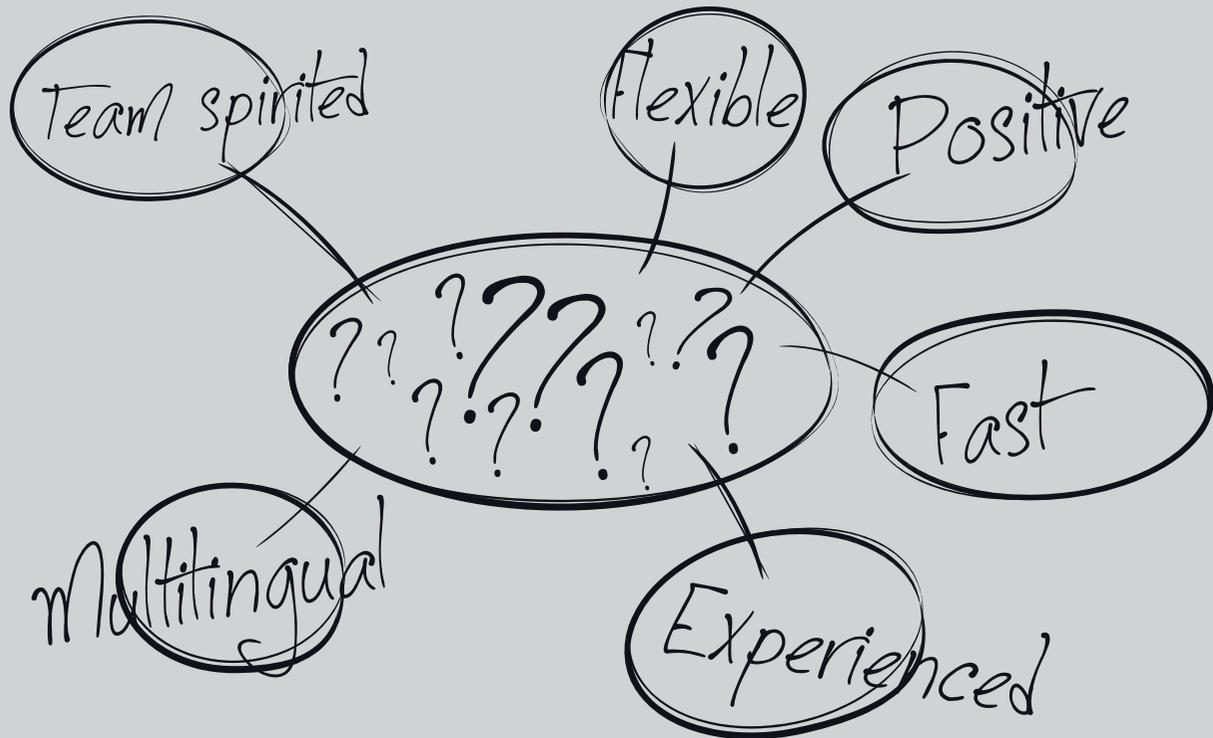
TEACHER EDUCATION

Several different teacher education degrees are offered at the School of Education and Communication. Students can obtain a degree in pre-school education, primary school education and single subject education. The degree in primary school education allows for three areas of specializations: the first one is aimed at pre-school level and the first three years of primary school, the second one is for those who would like to teach grades 4–6 and lastly for those who wish to work in after-school care. Those who choose to obtain a degree in single subject education may choose between two areas of specialization: one is aimed for teachers of grades 7–9 and the other is for those wishing to work at an upper secondary school level.



INTERNATIONAL WORK

International Work majoring in Global Studies is offered as one of two options. One option is a two-year programme at university level, and the other is a three-year programme leading to a Bachelor's degree. The programme focuses on the relationships between people, as well as people's relationship to the world with issues such as democracy, sustainable development and cultures included in the studies. The programme prepares students to work internationally in areas such as foreign aid, international development, peace and conflict resolution or with international trade and commerce.



HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

In today's world of business, the ability to manage people is crucial. The Human Resource Management programme is a three year programme that leads to a Bachelor's degree. The programme gives students broad knowledge in the area of human resources including communication, competence development, social psychology and leadership. It prepares students to work both within the public and the private sectors. The programme has an international perspective which, combined with a practical approach including internships, gives students a degree that will equip them well for future employment both nationally and also internationally.

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION SCIENCES

The Media and Communication Sciences programme has a strong international perspective and students have good opportunities to study and do internships abroad. The programme prepares students with both theoretical and practical foundations in the area of media and communications. The Media and Communication Sciences programme offers three different areas of specialisation: Organizational Communication, Public Relations/Marketing and Media Production. The programme requires three years of studies and leads to a Bachelor of Social Science.

COURSES OFFERED IN ENGLISH

The School of Education and Communication offers a number of exciting courses in English where exchange students and Swedish students are integrated, thus ensuring a global perspective on their studies. Information about these courses can be found at www.hlk.ju.se.

All courses are 7.5 ECTS credits unless otherwise noted. Fulltime studies at the School of Education and Communication consists of a study load of 30 ECTS credits per semester.

To give exchange students as good a start as possible, they are offered an intensive Swedish language course for beginners at the commencement of their stay.



THE STUDENT UNION

The Student Union strives to make the time that students spend at the university both meaningful and exciting. There are a number of student associations within Jönköping's Student Union, including different sporting groups, a choir and a radio station.

The International Association (IA) is a part of the Student Union and they arrange events such as dinners and trips around Sweden and Europe. You will get the opportunity to visit the Ice Hotel in the north of Sweden or go on a moose safari. Or why not explore the Norwegian fjords together with your new international friends?

ADMISSIONS AND APPLICATIONS

All students must fulfil the general admissions requirements as well as all specific admission requirements for the courses in order to be admitted to the School of Education and Communication.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

To apply to the School of Education and Communication, please contact the international office at your university for further information.

Application deadline for the autumn semester is May 25 and for the spring semester, November 15.

PREREQUISITES

General prerequisites for all exchange students are as follows:

- One year of completed studies at university level.
- Fluency in English equivalent to a 550 TOEFL-score.

TUITION FEES

All Swedish universities have introduced tuition fees for students coming to study from outside the EU/EEA/Switzerland.

Students who are not required to pay tuition fees are:

- Students coming from any country within the EU/EEA/Switzerland.
- Exchange students from all countries coming to Sweden from one of HJK's partner universities.

ALICIA'S DREAM CAME TRUE

Alicia Saroli, an exchange student from the University of Windsor in Canada, is enjoying her time at the School of Education and Communication. She is studying communication and has always had a dream of studying overseas.

According to Alicia, not many people in Canada know that much about Europe or Sweden. This is one of the reasons why she decided to come here.

– I wanted to see what it was all about, Alicia explains. Not many people from my part of the world get to live in Europe at the age of 20, so it makes me stand out from the other students back home.

Meeting some friendly Swedish exchange students at her home university helped to put Alicia's nerves at rest about coming to Sweden. Her time here so far has been full of positive experiences.

– Everyone is really friendly and helpful. The buses and transport systems are very convenient and everything in town is close. Sweden is an eco-friendly country, which I appreciate. There aren't as many cars here in Sweden and people are more willing to take the bus, ride their bikes or walk. I also love the meatballs from IKEA and the Ballerina cookies.

When asked what she thinks about Jönköping, Alicia says that she has fallen for the charms of a city that is small, quaint and cosy.

– Jönköping is smaller than my home city, which gives it a very familiar feel. I love the centre of town – the lights, the bridge. It's the exact picture of Europe that you see in the movies.

Alicia describes the atmosphere at HLK as laidback and the people as open and willing to learn new things. The facilities are modern which has made it easy for her to be productive with her studies. Alicia believes that her time in Jönköping will be a great advantage in her future career.

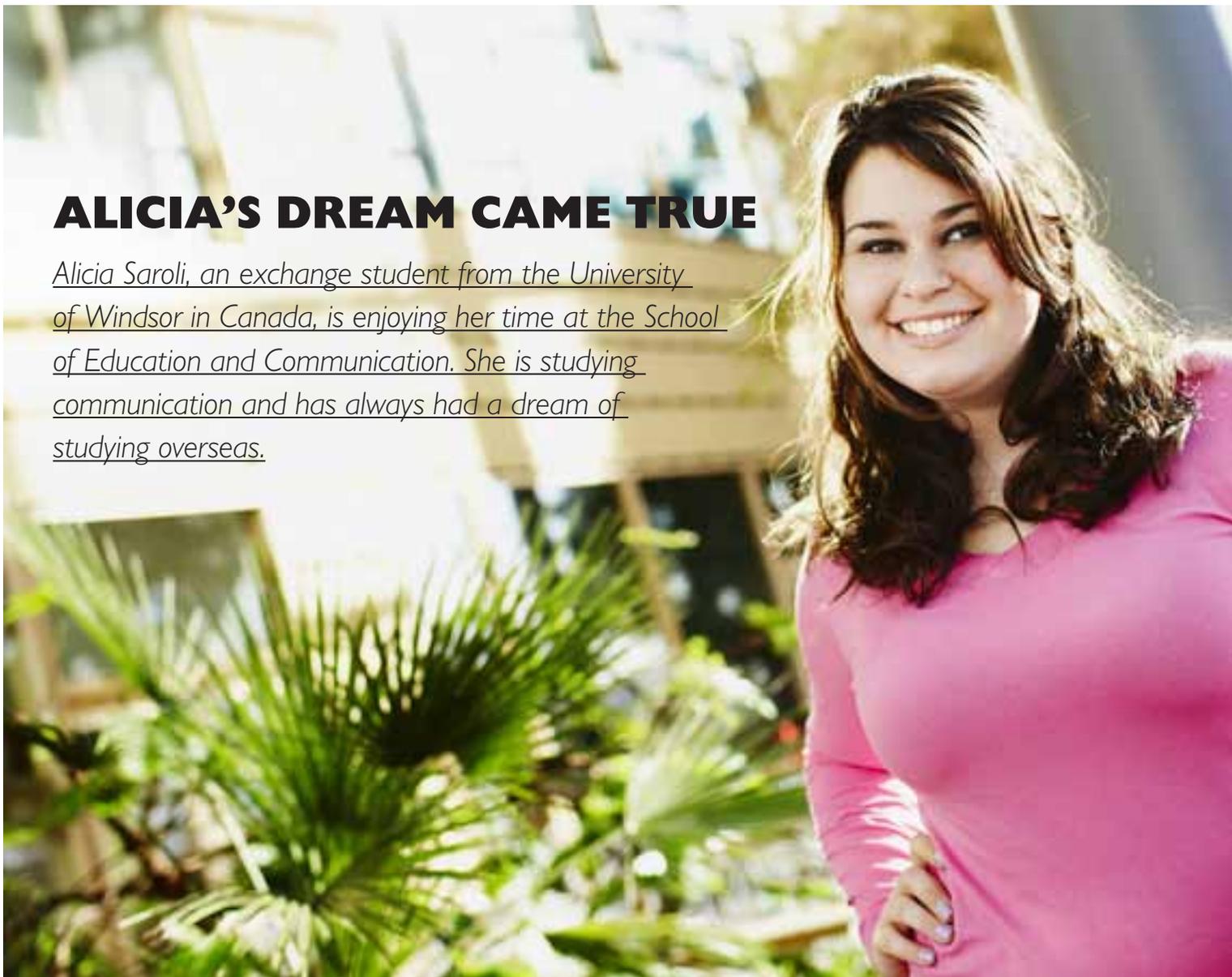
– What I like about being together with people from so many different nationalities is that I learn a little bit about many unique cultures. We live in a globalized world and it's useful to develop a better understanding about people from different cultures.

Travelling overseas is not only an adventure to be remembered for life, but it also has many benefits. During her time in Sweden, Alicia has learnt a lot about herself.

– I'm much more open and I've learnt not to stress so much. If you take things one step at a time, it's never as bad as it seems. When you travel you get thrown into situations and you have to make your way out. I like it when that survival instinct kicks in as it makes you realize how much you can accomplish if you really try.

From the moment Alicia started meeting people, and getting to know the country – and after the initial culture shock – she has had a wonderful time.

– The Swedes are some of the nicest people I've met and they are really interested in getting to know me. I would definitely recommend people to study here. Come to Jönköping and have the experience of a lifetime!



MEETING NEW PEOPLE, EXPLORING NEW PLACES AND EXPERIENCING NEW ADVENTURES.

Coming to Sweden has been an unforgettable experience for Muhammad Rasyid Bin Abdullah from Singapore. It is his first time in Europe and he is studying courses within teacher education at the School of Education and Communication.

When Rasyid planned his trip to Europe he was especially interested in coming to Scandinavia.

– The Swedish music industry is known to be one of the largest exporters of music in the world and I was drawn to see the music scene in Sweden for myself. Meeting an exchange student from Sweden in Singapore helped me make up my mind about coming to Sweden, as he was very friendly and informative.

Rasyid is glad to be studying at HLK. In Singapore both Sweden and Finland are well respected for their education systems. The Jönköping University campus is modern with a great ambience and architecture and when asked what his impression about HLK was, he said:

– There is a good quality of education and you have to work hard. The teachers are pleasant and approachable, and I find it interesting that you call your teachers by their first names in Sweden, even at university. That is very different to Singapore where we have to address our teachers more formally.

Rasyid believes that coming to Sweden will have a positive effect on his future career.

– By studying here I hope to build relationships with people that may be useful when I am back home. It would be great to develop some type of school exchange between the two countries when I start working as a teacher.

Singapore and Sweden are two very different countries each with their unique culture. Since being in Sweden Rasyid has experienced a tranquil and quiet pace of life in Jönköping, compared to the buzz of Singapore where many shops are open through the night until the early morning hours and many restaurants are open 24 hours a day. He has even had the opportunity to watch his first ice-hockey match at Kinnarp's arena. During the rest of his stay in Sweden Rasyid has many exciting plans to explore Europe.

– The best part about travelling is being able to meet new people, explore new places and experience new adventures.



SWEDEN HAS WORKED ITS WAY INTO JAMIE'S HEART

Jamie Myers is a guest lecturer from Penn State University in the USA. He is also a part of CIRT, a dual-degree programme between HLK, the University of Chichester and Penn State University that enables teacher students from all three countries to study several semesters abroad.

One of the aspects that has impressed Jamie, on his many visits to Sweden is the vibrant and stimulating atmosphere at the School of Education and Communication (HLK).

– The students and faculty staff are friendly and really seem to enjoy working and studying in the fabulous building with water streams, an atrium, patios and so many windows that even though you are inside, you feel part of nature outside from almost every room.

Jamie was part of the team that designed the CIRT programme and currently advises the Penn State and EU students who participate in the programme. CIRT is a program with many advantages, both for the students in the programme but also for their home universities.

– The key activity in CIRT is the mobility of students. This means having students from HLK and Chichester in classes at Penn State which is extremely beneficial for the local students who cannot travel to Europe.

During his visits to Sweden, Jamie has discovered a delightful charm that has left its mark on him.

– On our first visit, my wife Peggy and I fell in love with “semmla” and bold rich coffee. It is wonderful to watch the sunset here as the sun seems to move more slowly as it sets across the horizon, and I can't think of many holidays that are better than mid-summer in Sweden.

Not only has Sweden worked its way into Jamie's heart, but even the amiable town of Jönköping. When asked what he likes most about Jönköping, Jamie replies:

– The Saturday morning market is a highlight for me in as I can buy so many great things at excellent prices. I also enjoy Lake Vättern and eating at the restaurants on the docks. In addition, who would not like the excellent bus system and strolling down the pedestrian streets in town, stopping for coffee, a beer or a kilo of licorice.



Jamie Myers, guest lecturer from Penn State University in the USA.

CIRT

CIRT is a successful collaboration between the School of Education and Communication, Penn State University in the USA and the University of Chichester in England with focus on teacher education. The collaboration started in 2006 and the project is funded by the European Union's Atlantic programme.

RESEARCH AREAS

The School of Education and Communication focuses on innovative learning and communication in a changing global society. The research profiles in the fields of Education and Media and Communication Sciences are of a high quality and are continually developing. Research at the School of Education and Communication is organized in four research areas:

CHILD

CHILD is an international research profile which focuses on interventions, participation, learning, health and everyday functioning of children with special needs.

Associated with the Swedish Institute for Disability Research, CHILD offers a leading European research programme in disability.

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION SCIENCES

Media and communication studies is a broad and social scientific/humanistic research field. It aims at analyzing, explaining and understanding mediated communication in terms of its social and cultural prerequisites as well as its significance for people, organizations and society. The School of Education and Communication has three research orientations:

- Digital Media: Culture, Politics and Learning
- Media Development: Structures and Content
- Organizational Communication.

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME – A MULTIDISCIPLINARY CENTRE

The postgraduate education at the School of Education and Communication started in 2002 and currently involves about 35 research students. The Doctoral programme focuses on Educational theory and practice, Media and Communication studies and Disability studies.

LIFELONG LEARNING

The research area Lifelong Learning comprises research within adult learning and education, popular education, work-life learning and informal learning. The research group is associated to Encell, the National Centre for Lifelong Learning hosted by Jönköping University.

SCHOOL-BASED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

There has been school based research and development in Sweden since the middle of the 1900's. The field has clear connections to teacher education and to the different areas of pedagogic research within the school system.

The Doctoral programme at the School of Education and Communication is a multidisciplinary centre with the aim to give doctoral students a diverse view on the concepts of Education and Communication. At the same time, the programme aims to give research students a possibility to generate in-depth knowledge in the specific subject of study.

GUEST PROFESSORS ADDING NEW PERSPECTIVES

Having the opportunity to delve into the depths of a subject from a different cultural perspective has a large impact on a person's life. This is one of the reasons why the School of Education and Communication (HLK) strives to be able to connect our students with professors from different parts of the world.

Torbjörn Broddason from the University of Reykjavik in Iceland is one of the guest professors at HLK. His research is within the field of media and communication, and the media uses and communication habits of young people in particular.

– Mass media has always fascinated me. With the introduction of television in my country, I jumped at the opportunity to study certain aspects of this process and have not stopped since, explains Torbjörn.

Torbjörn has visited Sweden countless times over the past forty years. He sees Sweden as an idyllic country and the Swedish people as highly organized, courteous and totally reliable. Torbjörn was introduced to Jönköping by valued friends and had the opportunity to associate with a team of intelligent colleagues which resulted in many cherished memories.

– The atmosphere at HLK is ambitious and optimistic and the students are open-minded and understanding of different cultures. In Jönköping I enjoyed the company of many wonderful people but also my solitary walks on the peaceful streets where I would find a new house of worship on almost every corner.

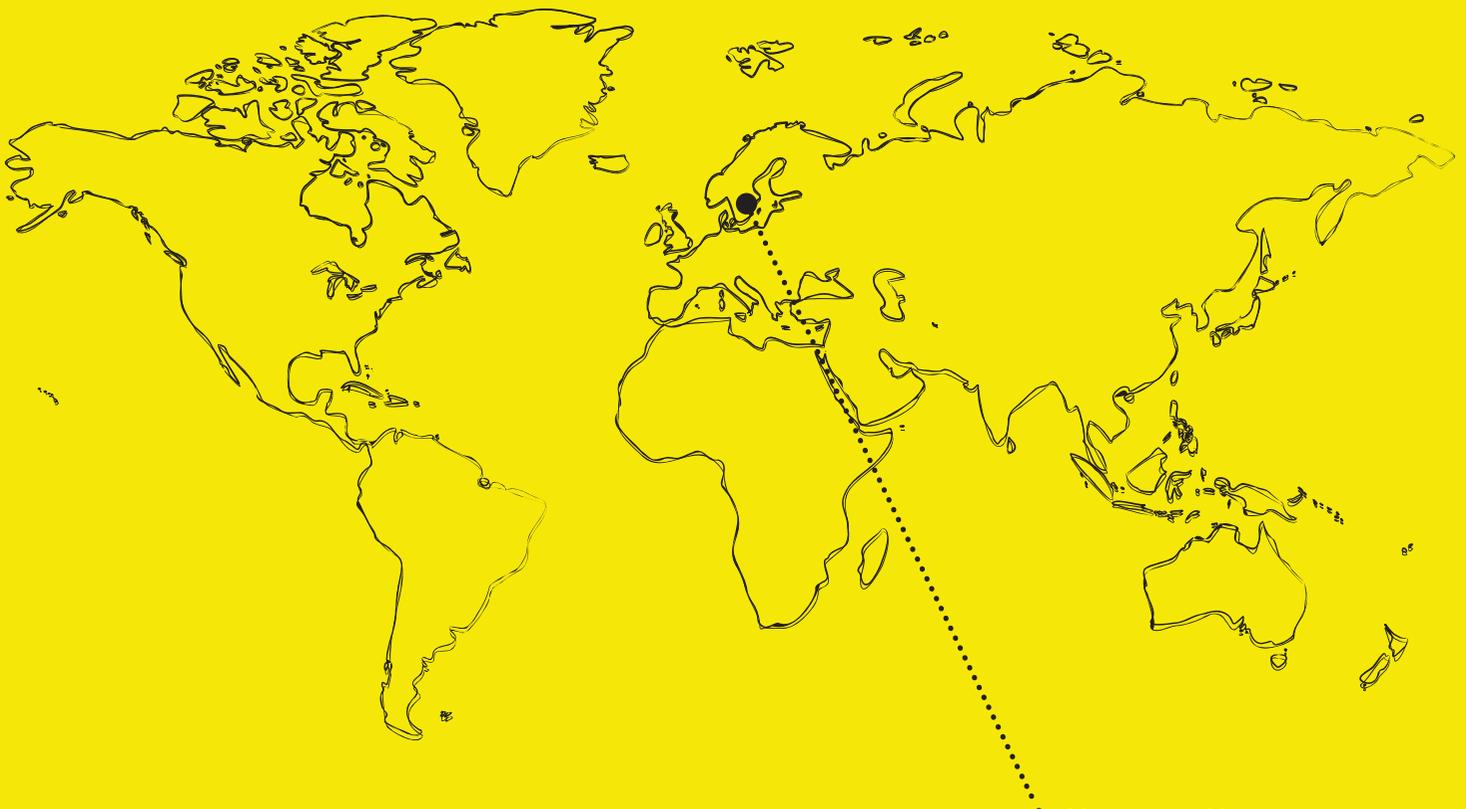
Torbjörn has appreciated the time spent travelling to different countries and has learnt invaluable lessons through these opportunities.

– Travelling to other countries adds a dimension to your professional and personal experience. You inevitably gain fresh perspectives from the people you meet, both colleagues and students, and you return with a more seasoned view on your work. You become a better teacher as well as a better researcher. My memories of my time at HLK are strong and when I come across procedures and practices in the academic world that could be improved I very often find myself making a comparison with the standards that I observed in Jönköping.



WELCOME TO SWEDEN...

Sweden is situated in the north of Europe. It is the largest country in Scandinavia with its 9 million inhabitants. The countryside varies from forests in the north to open agriculture areas in the south. The Swedish people are described as open-minded and friendly.

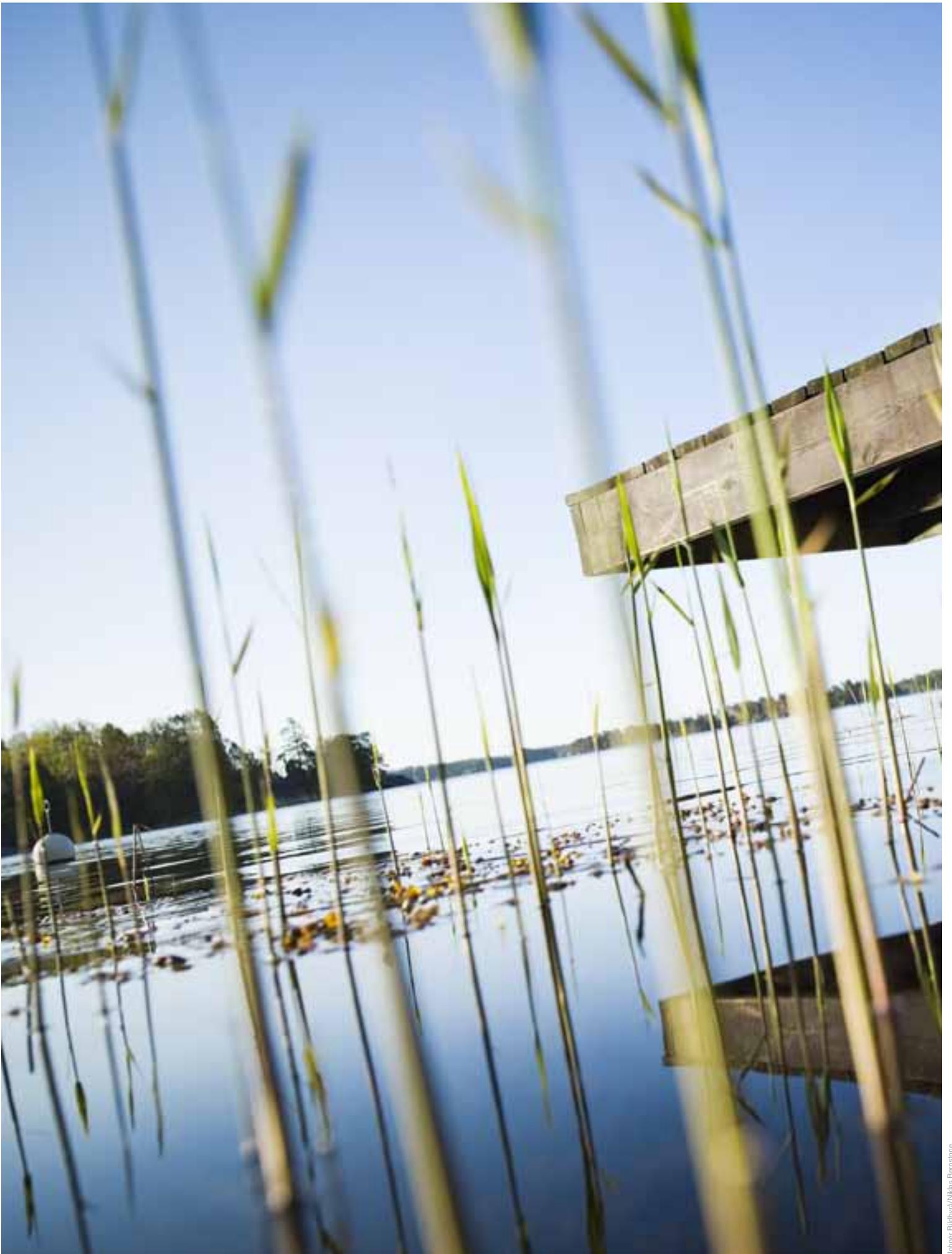


...AND ESPECIALLY WELCOME TO JÖNKÖPING.

Jönköping is situated by Lake Vättern. It is about a 90 minute journey by car from Gothenburg and three hours from Stockholm, the capital of Sweden.

It is the tenth largest city in Sweden and has a population of approximately 127,000 inhabitants. In Jönköping you will find most things "around the corner". There are many cafés, pubs and restaurants where you can meet up with friends and explore the Swedish "fika" culture.

The university is located in the city centre where you will find everything from pedestrian streets lined with shops to the long sandy beaches of Lake Vättern. Take the opportunity to explore the many museums and churches and experience the many different musical, artistic and theatrical activities that Jönköping has to offer. Jönköping is also surrounded by beautiful countryside that is easily within reach.



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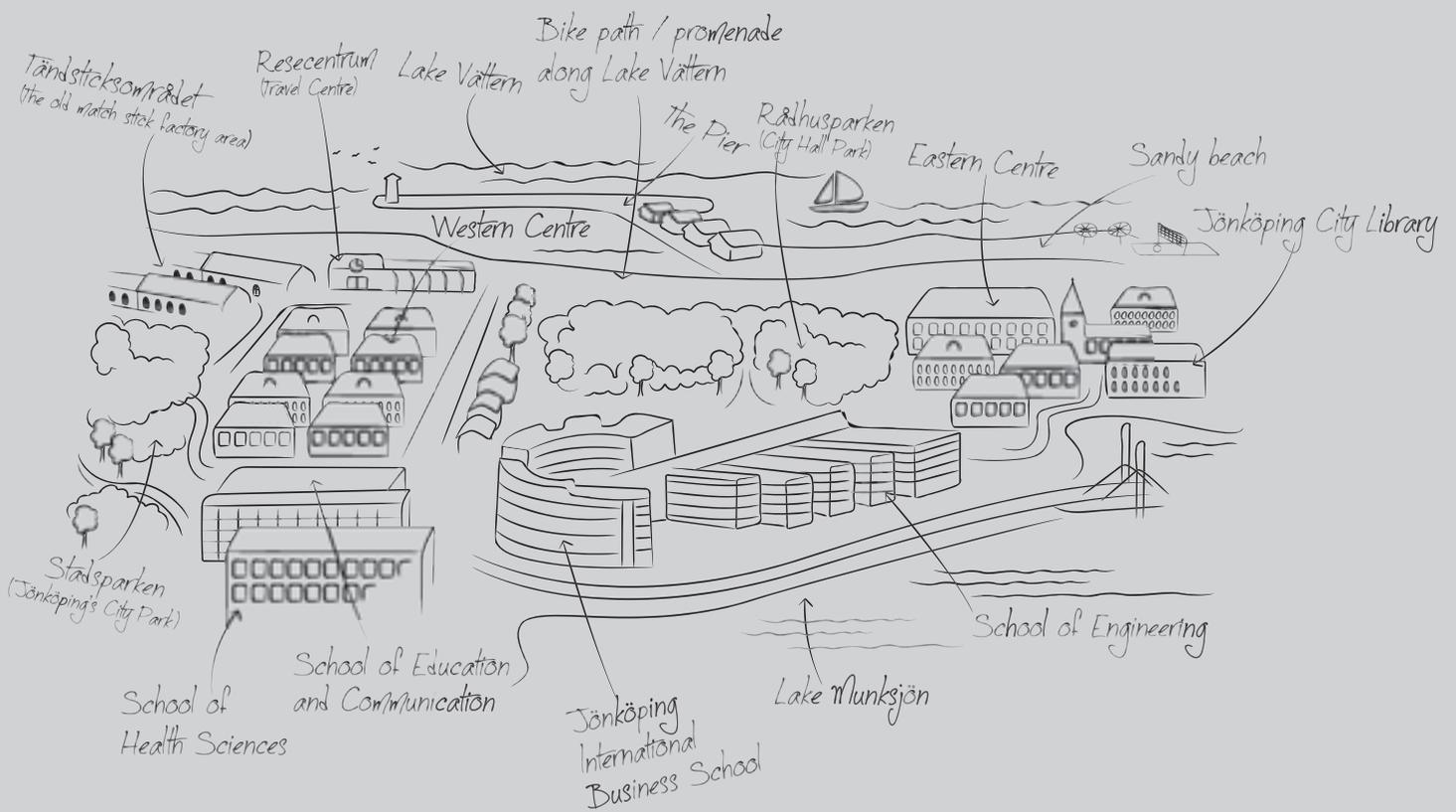
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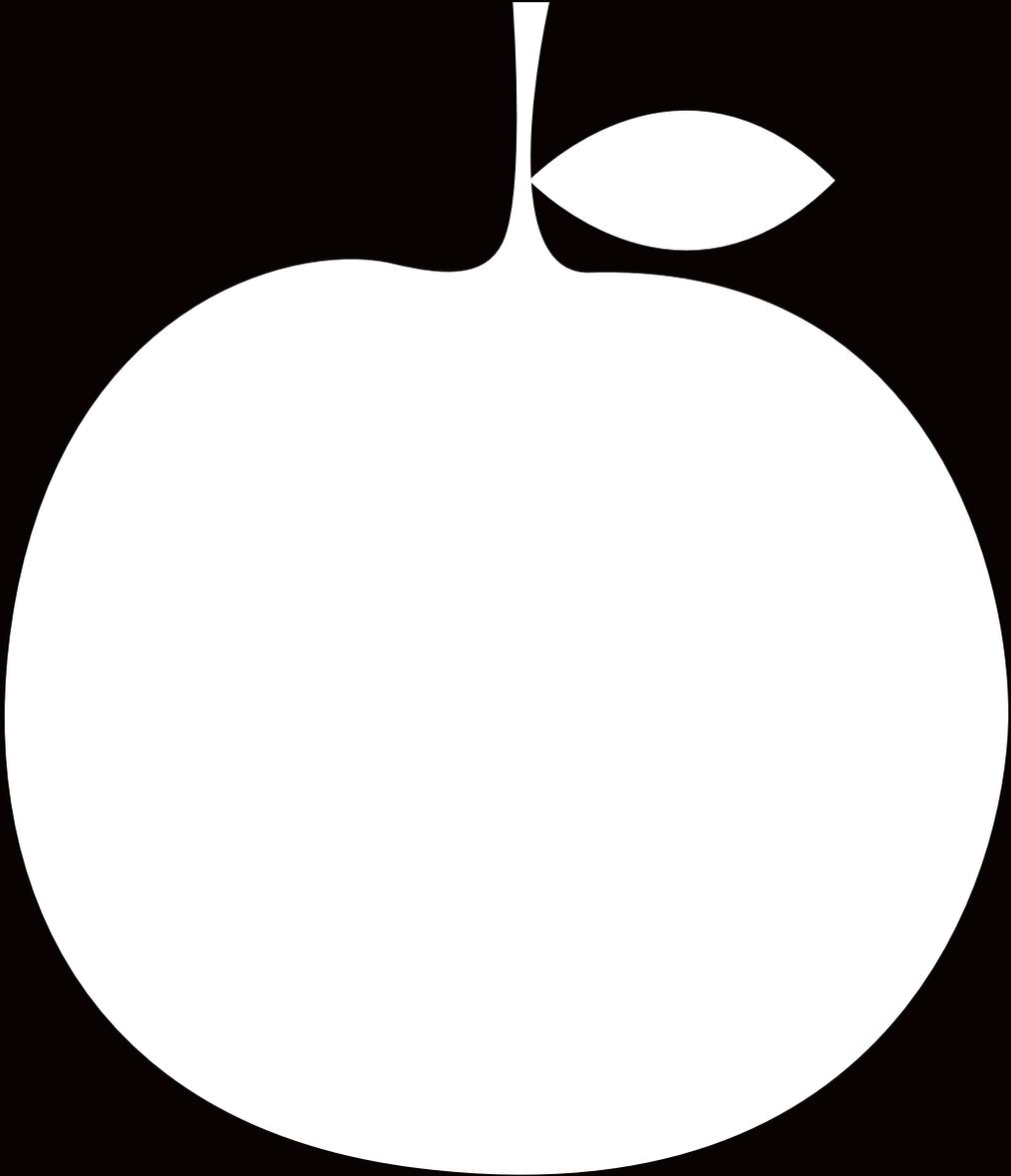
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