



Degree Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Program in Business and Economics

VALID FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED FROM 2020

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PREFACE

The *Degree Requirements for the BSc Program in Business and Economics – students enrolled from 2020* contain extensive information regarding the degree requirements that are relevant to you as a student at the Stockholm School of Economics (SSE). It is intended for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science (BSc) program in Business and Economics, curriculum 2020. The overall purpose is to inform you about what requirements apply and to help you prepare for, and complete, your studies. It contains an overview of the curriculum for the program, as well as the detailed requirements.

General rules and regulations are listed in the [*Student Handbook for the Bachelor of Science Program in Business and Economics, students enrolled from 2020*](#).

You will find information about individual courses on the SSE Portal. The Support pages will also provide you with information about various services offered at the school.

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1 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

The overall objective of the Bachelor of Science Program in Business and Economics, curriculum 2020, is to offer secondary school graduates a broad and firm foundation for a continued career in Swedish and international business and economics. The program provides an excellent foundation for further studies at the master's level at SSE or at other universities in Sweden or abroad. The language of instruction is English.

1.1 Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

The BSc Program in Business and Economics aim to attract talented and motivated students with different backgrounds and provide them with broad and firm scientific knowledges and skills within business administration and economics in order to prepare them for further studies at the master level or a career in a global and complex world. The main purpose is to develop individuals who have a fact and science-based mindset; are reflective, culturally literate and self-aware as well as empathetic and responsible – individuals who will thereby contribute to the development of the economy as well as society at large.

After graduation the student should demonstrate:

- knowledge and understanding of the sciences of business administration, economics, and related disciplines, including the foundational principles and appropriate methodologies of these fields of knowledge, as well as awareness of current research issues.
- understanding of the applicability, limitations, and consequences of applying scientific theories, models and perspectives developed within the fields of business administration and economics when the student analyze, develop solutions for, and acting on, events, situations, and challenges in society.
- understanding the importance of considering knowledge from disciplinary perspectives beyond business administration and economics in analyzing and developing solutions for society.
- the ability to identify, formulate, analyze, and suggest feasible solutions to complex recurrent and unexpected societal problems by applying multiple appropriate principles and knowledge developed within business administration, economics, and related disciplines.
- the ability to autonomously search for, collect and critically assess the factual quality of different types of information and its relevance for specific situations and problems.
- the ability to communicate orally and in writing ideas, information, challenges, and potential solutions, and to have constructive dialogues and discussions with people from various professions and with diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise.
- the ability to reflect on and to take ethical responsibility, both professionally and personally for the impact of one's analyses, decisions, and actions in the world, with the intention of contributing to improving society.
- an understanding of one's own perceptions, attitudes, values and preferences and a willingness and ability to understand the professional and personal perspectives of others.
- a willingness and capacity to receive and give feedback, to learn from criticism, and to identify the need for further knowledge and competencies.
- knowledge and skills to continue studies at a higher academic level and to work autonomously, in the longer run also at advanced positions in society.

1.2 Program Overview and Degree Requirements

The program consists of three years of full-time studies corresponding to 180 ECTS credits. During the first three semesters students study mandatory courses in the subject areas of business administration, economics, finance, business law, data analytics and global challenges. Students also follow the mandatory seminar series, *The B&E Reflection Series*. During the fourth semester students choose one specialization (15 ECTS credits), and two elective courses of their choice (2x7.5 ECTS credits). The two electives can be replaced by an additional specialization (15 ECTS credits). During semester five and six, students write their degree project (15 ECTS credits) and study six elective courses (6x7.5 ECTS credits), two of the six electives can be replaced by an additional specialization during semester six. It is also possible to replace four of the six elective courses by applying for a student exchange semester during semester five or six, during the exchange semester students study elective courses (30 ECTS credits).

The program begins with introduction days. The introduction days are arranged together with the Student Association at SSE (SASSE) and the aim is to welcome new students to SSE, provide information about the program, the subjects that will be studied, the services offered by the SSE, the rules that apply and the expectations that students are expected to meet at SSE.

1.2.1 Semester 1–3

During the first three semesters students study mandatory courses in the subject areas of business administration, economics, finance, business law, data analytics and global challenges. Students also follow the mandatory seminar series, *The B&E Reflection Series*.

More detailed information on each individual course can be found in the Course catalog and on <https://www.hhs.se/en/education/bsc/be/program-structure/>

Year 1 – Semester 1			Fall semester	
ECTS credits	Course no.	Course Name	Period 1	Period 2
0.0	BE001	Introduction Days	√	
6.0	BE501	Economics I	√	
6.0	BE801	Global Challenges I	√	
3.0	BE601	Data Analytics I	√	
6.0	BE301	Accounting I		√
6.0	BE101	Management I		√
3.0	BE671	Business Law I		√
0.0	BE003	The B&E Reflection Series		√
Total 30 ECTS credits				

Year 1 – Semester 2**Spring semester**

ECTS credits	Course no.	Course Name	Period 3	Period 4
6.0	BE201	Marketing	√	
6.0	BE602	Data Analytics II	√	
3.0	BE672	Business Law II	√	
6.0	BE502	Economics II		√
6.0	BE701	Innovation		√
3.0	BE401	Finance I		√
0.0	BE003	The B&E Reflection Series	√	√
Total 30 ECTS credits				

Year 2 – Semester 3**Fall semester**

ECTS credits	Course no.	Course Name	Period 1	Period 2
6.0	BE302	Accounting II	√	
6.0	BE402	Finance II	√	
3.0	BE102	Management II	√	
6.0	BE202	Strategy		√
6.0	BE802	Global Challenges II		√
3.0	BE603	Data Analytics III		√
0.0	BE003	The B&E Reflection Series	√	√
Total 30 ECTS credits				

1.2.2 Semester 4–6

During the fourth semester students choose at least one specialization (15 ECTS credits), and two electives of their choice (2x7.5 ECTS credits). The two electives can be replaced by an additional specialization (15 ECTS credits) Students also follow the mandatory seminar series, *The B&E Reflection Series*.

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Year 2 – Semester 4**Spring semester**

ECTS credits	Course Name	Period 3	Period 4
15.0	Mandatory Specialization	√	√
15.0	Elective courses (2x7.5)	√	√
	or		
15.0	Additional Specialization	√	√
0.0	BE003 The B&E Reflection Series	√	√
Total 30 ECTS credits			

During their second year students can apply for the Civica Engage Track (see Section 2.1.8 in [Student Handbook for the Bachelor of Science Program in Business and Economics, enrolled from 2020](#) or the Student Portal/Global Opportunities)

During semester five and six, students write their degree project (15 ECTS credits) and study six electives (6x7.5 ECTS credits), two of the six electives can be replaced by an additional specialization during semester six. It is also possible to replace four of the six elective courses by applying for a student exchange semester during semester five or six, during the exchange semester students study elective courses (30 ECTS credits).

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Year 3 – Semester 5

Fall semester

ECTS credits	Course Name	Period 1	Period 2
15.0	Degree Project (fall or spring semester)	√	√
15.0	Elective courses (2x7.5)	√	√
	alternatively		
30.0	Elective courses (4x7.5)	√	√
	alternatively		
30.0	Exchange semester (fall or spring semester)	√	√
Total 30 ECTS credits			

Year 3 – Semester 6

Spring semester

ECTS credits	Course Name	Period 3	Period 4
15.0	Degree Project (fall or spring semester)	√	√
15.0	Elective courses (2x7.5)	√	√
	or		
15.0	Additional Specialization	√	√
	alternatively		
30.0	Elective courses (4x7.5)	√	√
	alternatively		
30.0	Exchange semester (fall or spring semester)	√	√
Total 30 ECTS credits			

A specialization comprises 15 ETS credits. There are special requirements for registration and admission to a specialization, see Section 2.1.9 in [Student Handbook for the Bachelor of Science Program in Business and Economics, enrolled from 2020](#).

Any completed course from a discontinued specialization will be counted as a course in addition to the degree and can never be counted as an elective course within the degree. For courses in addition to the degree, see section 2.1.1 in [Student Handbook for the Bachelor of Science Program in Business and Economics, enrolled from 2020](#).

The degree project (15 ECTS credits) is written together with another student. The Degree Project is generally based on method seminars and supervision. The written work is presented at a seminar after

the supervisor's consent. See Section 2.4 in [*Student Handbook for the Bachelor of Science Program in Business and Economics, enrolled from 2020*](#) for more information.

It is also during the third year that you have an opportunity to go abroad on a student exchange semester (see Section 2.1.8 in [*Student Handbook for the Bachelor of Science Program in Business and Economics, enrolled from 2020*](#)).