



**Master's programme, Library and information science:
Digital library and information services**

Dear student,

We welcome you to our programme and hope that you will enjoy our courses! Digital library and information services have become a landmark of modern society. The programme includes courses that help you to understand the role and functions of digital services and libraries in society. You will explore their use, gain insight into the work of professional library and information specialists, learn to operate technological tools and platforms, solve managerial issues, and follow research trends within the LIS field.

The Master's programme starts on the 31st of August 2020 with courses in Technology for digital libraries 1 and Information retrieval 1. Between **17th and 25th of August** you have to **register** and also create your **Student account**, or you may lose your place in it. You will get all detailed information you need about Student account and registration sent to you in August. You will be able to **log into the learning platform PingPong** about two weeks before your courses start, and you will find additional information about the courses there.

It is recommended that students attend the residential periods in Borås. **We have unfortunately had to cancel the first residential week, originally planned for September 7-11, 2020.** The activities that were scheduled for this week will be transferred to digital environments, which may mean that they are spread out over more than one week's time. **More information will be provided in the PingPong modules for the programme and the courses that begin in the first period (Information Retrieval 1 and Digital Technologies 1), as well as in an introductory presentation of the program in Zoom (you will be provided with a link) on 7 September.** The residential periods later in the program will take place one week in February or March 2021, one week in autumn 2021 (probably late September) and one day for the master's thesis seminar in late May/early June 2022 (or when thesis is accepted for seminar).

You should have access to a new computer and an internet connection that enable you to use multimedia, video, audio files, and even do some programming. You may have to buy some software and teaching materials. You will receive lecture and seminar materials on the elearning platform PingPong and will be able to use resources available through the Library of the University of Borås free of charge. On PingPong, you can also find current information on the general educational issues in the programme. If you want to learn more about our PingPong platform you may attend an introduction to it that is announced on <https://www.hb.se/en/Current-Student/Support/Courses-and-activities/PING-PONG/>. You can also find a "Student User Guide" here: <https://www.hb.se/en/Current-Student/Mystudies/Web--and-mobileservices/PING-PONG/>.

You will study online full-time for two years. Therefore, you will work almost entirely at home and at your own pace. Working at your own pace might mean that you slow down and study half-time. You may do this as long as you take responsibility for planning the studies yourself. Distance studies and course content will require adaptation. If you have studied humanities or social sciences, the challenging part will be our technological courses. If you have computer science or IT background, there will be subjects dealing with human and societal issues which may equally place different demands from what you have been used to. The Swedish School of Library and Information Science has strong contacts with the professional and research community in Sweden, Europe and around the world. The students applying to this programme also come from many countries. As a participant in the programme, you will meet each other online and on campus, exchange experience and knowledge, and build your own international network of professional contacts.

We once again welcome you to the programme and look forward to seeing you through digital environments in September!

Best regards,

Programme co-ordinators

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PROGRAMME PORTAL

In the University's programme portal you can find useful information for your studies such as syllabuses, contact information, assessments, reading lists and documents: <http://www.hb.se/en/Current-Student/My-studies/Course-and-programme-portal/Programme-portal/AdmittedAutumn-2020/Masters-programme-Library-and-Information-Science-Digital-Library-andInformation-Services/>

VISA FOR VISITS

If you are not an EU/EEA citizen, you might need to apply for a visa for the meetings in Borås. Visit the Swedish Migration Agency's website for more information.
<https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals.html>

ACCOMMODATION

On the University's website you will find information on temporary accommodation, contact details to rental agencies and links to online ad spaces. Find a place to stay: <https://www.hb.se/en/Current-Student/Admitted-student/Living-in-Sweden/Accommodation/Temporary-accommodation/>