



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

Dear student,

We welcome you cordially to our programme and hope that you will enjoy our courses. Digital libraries and information services have become a landmark of the modern society. Many organizations that develop digital resources and services require new competence of meeting users, strategic thinking and managing, designing and promoting them. You will have an opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills of investigating, building, running, evaluating and putting to the effective use different types of digital libraries.

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 by individuals, get insight into professional tasks and processes that librarians and information specialists have to manage, learn to operate technological tools and platforms, solve managerial issues and follow research directions within this developing area of library and information science.

You will study online full-time for two years. Therefore, you have a possibility to do it 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 that as long as you take responsibility for planning the studies yourself.

You should have access to a new computer and internet connection that enables you to use multimedia, video, audio files, and even do some programming. You may have to buy some software and teaching materials. On the other hand, you will receive lecture and seminar materials on the e-learning 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/> (they take place online on Aug. 28 at 12:00-13:00. Registration deadline Aug. 27). You can also find a "Student's User Guide" here: <https://www.hb.se/en/Current-Student/My-studies/Web--and-mobileservices/PING-PONG/>

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.

Distance studies require much will power and discipline and it will not be easy to follow the studies. Besides, some of the courses require you to change the usual way of thinking quite radically, regardless of your previous study background. 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 Master's programme **starts on the 2nd of September 2019** with courses in Technology for digital libraries 1 and Information retrieval 1. Do not forget to register for the programme or you may lose your place in it. You can find all the information you need about Student account and registration at <https://www.hb.se/en/Current-Student/Admitted-student/Registration-at-the-University/Registration2/>.

You will also be able to log into PingPong about two weeks before the course starts, and you will find additional information about the courses there. Students are required to attend the residential periods in Borås. The first residential period is planned for **September 9-13, 2019** (and will include both the Technology for digital libraries 1 and Information retrieval 1 courses, as well as an introduction to the programme and the course Digital Library Management). The residential periods later in the program will take place one week in February or March 2020, one week in autumn 2020 (probably late September) and one day for the master's thesis seminar in late May/early June 2021 (or when thesis is accepted for seminar).

We once again welcome you to the programme and look forward to seeing you in Borås in September!

Best regards,

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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.

<https://www.hb.se/en/Current-Student/My-studies/Course-and-programme-portal/Programme-portal/Admitted-Autumn-2019/Masters-programme-Library-and-Information-Science-Digital-Library-and-Information-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.

Swedish Migration Agency: (här vet jag ärligt talat inte vilket visum det är som är aktuellt för våra studenter)

#### 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/>