

The Bologna Process in Sweden – country report

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Structure of higher education (Higher Education Ordinance)

At present

- Undergraduate studies of 2, 3 or 4 years
- Postgraduate studies of 2 or 4 years

Starting July 1, 2007

- First cycle: 2 or 3 years
- Second cycle: 1 or 2 years
- Third cycle: 2 or 4 years

HEIs

- Universities, university colleges and (to a small extent) non-state HEIs.
- All are governed by the Higher Education Ordinance.
- The new three cycle structure will affect all equally.

Student enrolment

No one is enrolled in the BA-MA-PhD framework yet, but

- in 2005 undergraduate enrolment was 331 100 and postgraduate enrolment 18 600
- in 2005 41 700 graduated from undergraduate studies— of these, 2 800 (7%) continued to postgraduate studies

Quality assurance

Performed by the Swedish National Agency for Higher Education and consists of

- subject/programme evaluation (full scale)
- audits (full scale)
- granting the right to award degrees (limited)

Granting the right to award degrees (the closest thing to programme accreditation)

- Universities: professional degrees*
- Univ colleges: professional degrees*, master degrees (from 2007)
- Non-state HEIs: any type of degree

*E.g. architect, diploma engineer, nurse

Teaching in English

- After the first two years of undergraduate studies, courses are frequently offered in English.
- Enthusiasm, but also concern about a decrease in the quality of teaching.