

PACS 4610 - Topics in Community Service

Syllabus

Nonprofit Studies, B.A.A.S. Program
College of Public Affairs and Community Service
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Required Readings:

Gary M. Grobman. 2007. An Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector: A Practical Approach for the Twenty-first Century, 2nd Edition. Harrisburg, PA: White Hat Communications, Inc.

Ola Segnestam Larsson. 2011. Standardizing Civil Society. Stockholm, SE: Santerus Academic Press.

Mary Ann Evans. Formmer's Sockholm Day By Day. New York: Wiley

Other readings as assigned

Focus of this course:

This course compares civil society in the USA and Sweden by focusing on the differences and similarities of USA nonprofits and Swedish Associations. To understand the differences, it is necessary to understand the heritage of associations in Sweden and is done through a series of guest lectures focusing on topics such as business activities in Sweden related to associations, the role of religion to associations, the relationship of education to associations, etc. Visits to a wide range of Swedish associations will assist students to understand the operation of Swedish associations. During these visits, students will have an opportunity to learn about the organization, its programs, governance, etc.

Students participating in the Swedish Internship Experience during the month of June must participate in the Swedish Learning Experience that is the focus of this course; however, not all Learning Experience students will serve as interns. Students must apply and be accepted for an internship experience and they must be accepted by the host organization before going to Sweden.

Course Objectives:

1. To understand the historical development of civil society in Sweden compared to the USA.
2. To compare the operation of USA nonprofit organizations to Swedish associations.

3. To understand the individual, community, state, and national rationale for USA nonprofit organizations compared to Swedish associations.

Student Evaluation Procedures:

1. Students will attend and actively participate in all class sessions held in Denton, USA and in Stockholm, SE. Sessions in Stockholm will be with a series of invited guest speakers on topics such as Swedish businesses or Swedish education. The field trips to visit Swedish associations on site are an integral, important and irreplaceable aspect of this course. (25% of the course grade)
2. Students will develop a journal on invited speaker presentations regarding topics such as Swedish history and government as well as field trips to visit Swedish associations. (25% of the course grade)
3. Students will write a paper comparing various operational aspects of USA nonprofit organizations with Swedish associations. (25 % of the course grade)
4. Students will write an essay on the topic “How USA Nonprofits and Swedish Associations serve the Common Good: Issues and Dilemmas”. (25% of the course grade)

Course Grades:

Grades are based on a percentage breakdown of the total points. Each of the four evaluation procedures are worth 100 points (attendance and active participation, journal, paper, and essay on the assigned topic). The percentage ranges for converting the total points to letter grades in the course are as follow: 100-90 = A; 89-80 = B; 79-70 = C; 69-60 = D; 59 & below=F.

Learn:

The UNT internet based learning package named *LEARN* is used in the course for student communication and is a place where copies of the syllabus, assignments, announcements, email to class members and the instructor, and your personal grade book may be found. Students are encouraged to check the site daily while in Sweden.

Course Policies:

This course will be governed by all policies in the current Faculty Handbook and the Student Guidebook of the University of North Texas.

- Students will not solicit and /or receiving outside assistance for this class unless they have received prior approval from the instructor.

- Any deviations from this syllabus are only acceptable if obtained from the instructor in writing through the Instructor's e-mail.
- Students without acceptable reasons cannot make-up missed assignments. .
- All students must abide by the Internet Policies and Procedures as outlined in their enrollment agreements. Non-attendance may result in a student being dropped from the course. It is the student's responsibility to watch the University official "drop" dates.
- A Notice of Unsatisfactory Progress may be sent to students who have either an attendance or grade problem by the University audit date each semester.
- The syllabus is subject to change by the instructor and students will be notified by email if this occurs.

Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty is defined in the UNT Policy on Student Standards for Academic Integrity. Any suspected case of Academic Dishonesty will be handled in accordance with University policy and procedures. Possible academic penalties range from a verbal or written admonition to a grade of "F" in the course. Further sanctions may apply to incidents involving major violations. You will find the policy and procedures at <http://vpaa.unt.edu/academic-integrity.htm>.

Student Behavior in the Classroom:

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct is found at www.unt.edu/csrr.

Student Requiring Special Accommodation:

If you have a condition that requires accommodation in this course, please notify the instructor during the first week of class. Any necessary or appropriate accommodations will be made provided that timely notice is received, and that the arrangement is consistent with recommendations from Disability Services, when applicable. Students who require this type of assistance should contact the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) at (940) 565-4323, or at TTY (940) 369-8652 to make appropriate arrangements. Information on the services provided by the ODA as well as application procedures is available at <http://www.unt.edu/oda/index.html>. Information on UNT's policies related to disability accommodations is available at <http://policy.unt.edu/policy/18-1-14>.

Please note that disability accommodations are not retroactive. Accommodations will be made only after a disability is officially verified.

Couse Calendar

Pre-Learning Experience Meetings:

Wednesday, March 20 Topics: Introduction to Sweden and Stockholm. Grobman book assigned for April 10th meeting

Thursday, April 10 Topic: American Nonprofit Organizations, Larsson book assigned for May 1 meeting

Wednesday May 01 Topic: Swedish Associations and trip review

Week 1 (Saturday, May 18 thru -24)

5/18 Saturday	The experience leaves DFW Airport for Stockholm via American Airlines/ British Airways. Be at the airport check-in 3 hours before the flight leaves.
5/19 Sunday	<p>Arrive in Stockholm and go to Hornsgatan Hotel to get some rest. The address is Hornsgatan 66B, 118 21 Stockholm, Sweden. And the telephone number is 08-658 29 01. Directions and maps were distributed from at Arlanda Airport in Stockholm to the hotel at the last campus meeting on May 1, 2013..</p> <p>Anticipated arrival is 5p.m. at Arlanda and 7:30 p.m.at the hostel. On the way there, get your transportation pass for the subway, light rail, and buses as you pass through the Central Station. Enjoy the boat, restaurant, and bar, and the beautiful view of Stockholm. Meet in the restaurant at 8:30 p.m. for some camaraderie.</p>

<p>5/20 Monday</p>	<p>9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Meet at Ersta Sköndal University College (ESUC) in the main student lounge area and go to a classroom for a guest lecture on Swedish History by Lars Trägårdh, Professor of history, Ersta Sköndal University College. (Room: Sal 1, campus Ersta, Stigbergsgatan 30),</p> <p>The lecture objective is to understand how the development of Swedish society resulted in the formation of associations.</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own</p> <p>*** Catlin interview: Mr. Mattias Hjelmberg, Swedish Sports Federation, 20th of May, 1 pm</p> <p>12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Tour Stockholm Stadsmuseum (City Museum of Stockholm) located by the Metro's Slussen Station. Free Admission.</p> <p>2:30 -3:00 Travel Swedish Sports Federation</p> <p>3:00- 5:00 p.m. Site visit at Swedish Sports Federation Catarina Arwidsson</p> <p>The objective of the site visit is to observe and understand the operation of organization as representative of a Swedish association with international relationships.</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Return to hotel for free time, dinner, journal writing, reading, and enjoying Stockholm</p>
<p>5/21 Tuesday</p>	<p>9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Meet at Ersta Sköndal University College (ESUC) in the main student lounge area and go to a classroom for a guest lecture on Swedish Government and Politics by Susanne Lundåsen, Associate Professor in political science, Ersta Sköndal University College. (Room: London, Facility: Martahuset, campus Ersta, Address: Erstagatan 1F)</p> <p>The lecture objective is to develop a basic understanding of government in Sweden and the relationship between government and Swedish associations from the local to the national level. .</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch on your own</p> <p>1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Kungliga Slottet (King's Palace for a 1-hour tour of the Royal Apartments. Arrive early to get your tickets. Cost is \$15.</p>

	<p>2:00-3:00p.m. Travel to IOGT-NTO (Temperance Organization)</p> <p>3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Site visit at a the Swedish association IOTG-NTO (Temperance Organization) Sara Heine and Kristina Sperkova</p> <p>The objective of the site visit is to observe and understand the operation of this Swedish association involved in health care that also has international relationships. Of particular interest is the relationship of the association to government and private programs involved in treating alcoholism and drug use.</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Return to hotel, free time for dinner, journal writing, reading, and enjoying Stockholm</p>
5/22 Wednesday	<p>9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Meet at Ersta Sköndal University College (ESUC) in the main student lounge area and go to a classroom for a guest lecture on Swedish Civil Society and Associations by Ola Larsson, an ESCU faculty member and our host in Sweden. (London, Facility: Martahuset, campus Ersta, Address: Erstagatan 1F)</p> <p>The lecture objective is to understand the development of Swedish associations and their contribution to Swedish civil society.</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch on your own</p> <p>***Catlin: 1.00-2.00 Interview Maria Sundbom Ressaissi, The Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs</p> <p>1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Tour the Stadhuset (Stockholm City Hall). Arrive early to by your ticket. \$4.50</p> <p>2:30-5:00 Free time- recommend that in groups you explore Gamla Stan which is the old city dating back 10 14th and 15th century Stockholm. Or explore Södermalm where the hotel is located or be adventurous and in a group explore one of the other islands of Stakchols (see the Frommer's Guide Stockholm Day by Day.</p> <p>4:30p.m. Return to hotel for some relaxation and dinner to prepare for n evening at the symphony. We should leave by 5:30 pm. As a group.</p> <p>7;00pm Stockholm Symphony Performance Prokofjev Symfoni Nr 5</p> <p>Blue Concert Hall at Haymarket in the heart of Stockholm. Main entrance: Haymarket Entrance Grünewaldsalen: Kungsgatan 43 Entrance Aulin Hall: Haymarket 12 Box Office: corner Sveavägen /</p>

	<p>Kungsgatan Reception / artist input: Haymarket 8</p> <p>Haymarket Station on Metro's Green Line</p>
<p>5/23 Thursday</p>	<p>9.00-11.00 site visit to the association named Forum, Andreas Ericsson</p> <p>The lecture objective is to develop a basic understanding of the relation of this Swedish association with its NGO counterpart in Great Britain. .</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch at the Osteomalms Saluhallon. This is the open-air market.</p> <p>2:00-3:00 Travel to LP-stiftelsen i Tyresö</p> <p>3.00-5.00 LP-stiftelsen i Tyresö, Göran Skoog</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Return to hostel, free time for dinner, journal writing, reading, and enjoying Stockholm</p>
<p>5/24 Friday</p>	<p>9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Meet at Ersta Sköndal University College (ESUC) in the main student lounge area and go to a classroom for a guest lecture on Swedish Religion by Johan von Essen, Assistant Professor in theology, Ersta Sköndal University College. (Room: Sal 2, campus Ersta, Stigbergsgatan 30)</p> <p>The lecture objective is to understand the development of religion in Sweden, its current state, and its relationship to associations.</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch on your own</p> <p>***Catlin interview: Mrs. Kerstin Eriksson, Famna, 24th of May, 1 pm</p> <p>1:00-2:00 p.m. Riddarhoms kyrkan (burial place of Swedish Monarchs) \$1.50 admission.</p> <p>2:15 walk to Famna, north across Nobbro bridge and on Riksgatan Street and its bridges.</p> <p>3.00-5.00 Famna, Kerstin Eriksson</p> <p>The objective of the site visit is to observe and understand the operation of this Swedish association and especially social services provided by religiously affiliated associations. Famna is a collaborative trade type association of 50 plus social service providers.</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Return to hotel, free time for dinner, journal writing,</p>

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Travel information for the association and sightseeing visits: Association travel information and sightseeing information will be distributed. You will use public transportation

Dollar figures: When given, these are estimates in USA dollars.

Week 2 (May 25 thru June 1)

5/25 Saturday	Spend the day at the Nordic Museum and Vassa Museum exploring the role of associations in Nordic life. Guiding handouts, including directions, provided by your professor.
5/26 Sunday	Free day. Enjoy Stockholm. Be sure to explore with a partner. You are welcome to join your professor who will leave the hotel at 9:30 a.m. Some suggestions for an enjoyable day: Vaxholm- Take a boat to this small island known as the “Gateway to the Archipelago.” It is very popular and the round trip boat ticket is about \$15 each way. There is a museum, fortress (\$8.00 admission), and interesting town center with shops, etc. Drottningholm- This is summer residence of the Royal Family. Cost of the boat trip is \$24 and the palace entrance fee is \$10.50. Enjoy the many features of the palace, its grounds, and the coffee house. The restaurant is expensive but said to be excellent. Skansen- Learn about 19 th Century Swedish life at this outdoor museum. See residences, a shoemaking shop, pharmacy, etc. There is an excellent little cafe. Take the ferry there from Nybroplan, or go by Bus 47. Ticket costs begin at \$25.
5/27 Monday	9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Meet at Ersta Sköndal University College (ESUC) in the main student lounge area and go to a classroom for a guest lecture on Swedish Art by Gunnar Sundgren, Stockholm university (Room: London,

	<p>Facility: Martahuset, campus Ersta, Address: Erstagatan 1F)</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own</p> <p>1:00-3:00 pm Meet at Ersta Sköndal University College (ESUC). Johan Gärde, international coordinator will talk about ESUC and its role in Swedish society. (Room: London, Facility: Martahuset, campus Ersta, Address: Erstagatan 1F)</p> <p>3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Go to Sturegalleria and the walking street in central Stockholm.</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Return to hotel. Free time for dinner, journal writing, reading, and enjoying Stockholm</p>
5/28 Tuesday	<p>10:00-11:30 a.m. Visit to the Swedish photo museum named Fotografiska museet (http://en.fotografiska.eu/). Note: you can walk from the hotel.</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own and some free time</p> <p>***Catlin interview: Mrs. Eva Johansson, Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth, 28th of May, 1 pm</p> <p>12:30-1:20 lunch</p> <p>1:20-2:00 travel to Red Cross</p> <p>2:00-4:00 Site visit at Swedish Red Cross ,Röda Korset (http://www.redcross.se/) Our host is Tomas Kinning.</p> <p>The objective of the site visit is to observe and understand the operation of Röda Korset, Swedish Red Cross both within Sweden and internationally.</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Return to hotel, free time for dinner, journal writing, reading, and enjoying Stockholm</p>
5/29 Wednesday	<p>***Catlin: 08.30-09.30 Interview Ludvig Sandberg, Forum</p> <p>10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Meet at Ersta Sköndal University College (ESUC) in the main student lounge area and go to a classroom for a guest lecture on Swedish Social Services by Lars Svedberg, Professor in social work, Ersta Sköndal University College. (Room: Konferensrummet, campus Ersta, Stigbergsgatan 30)</p> <p>12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch on your own</p>

	<p>***Catlin: 2.00-3.00 Interview Annica Thomas, The Swedish Inheritance Fund Commission (Birger Jarlsgatan 16)</p> <p>1:30-5:00 learning note about free time in Stockholm: Now that you are feeling more comfortable getting around Stockholm, in groups of at least two it is recommended that you visit Misik musett (Music Museum), Armemuseum (Army Museum), or Historiska Museet (Museum of National antiquities). Also recommended is the Medeltidsmuseet (Medieval Stockholm Museum) located under the Norrbro Bridge. From Centralen, take the street on the south side named Vattugatan to Sergelgatan, turn right to the bridge. If you get to Slottskajen on Gamla Stan, you have gone too far.</p> <p>4:30 -5:30 p.m. Return to hostel and eat dinner.</p> <p>Be sure to do your journal writing sometime.</p>
5/30 Thursday	<p>9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Meet at Ersta Sköndal University College. (ESUC) in the main student lounge area and go to a classroom for a guest lecture on Swedish associations by Ola Larrson, an ESCU faculty member (Room: London, Facility: Martahuset, campus Ersta, Address: Erstagatan 1F)</p> <p>The class objective is to have a question and answer session reflecting on the various lecture presentations and site visits to explore thoughts and ideas on the following: 1. Swedish associations, 2. the comparison of Swedish associations to USA nonprofits, and 3. how associations contribute to civil society in Sweden.</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch on your own</p> <p>***Catlin: 1.00-2.00 Interview Sofia Modigh, KRIS</p> <p>1:00 – 2:00 p.m. class travels to KRIS.</p> <p>2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Site visit with to 2.00-4.00 at KRIS, Sofia Modigh).</p> <p>The organization known as KRIS (Criminals' Return Into Society), was formed in Stockholm in 1997 on the initiative of four individuals with a long history of involvement in crime and drug abuse. The basic idea was to form an association of people with similar experiences, which could provide a supportive network for individuals wishing to leave a life of crime and drug abuse behind them. By the spring of 2002, the national federation formed in 2000 had come to include 23 local KRIS-associations, divided into five different regions. The National Council for Crime Prevention (Brå) has surveyed the work of the four largest associations within the KRIS organization.</p> <p>The objective of the site visit is to observe and understand the operation of this Swedish association that has been engaged in assisting persons re-enter Swedish society after incarceration.</p>

	4:30 -5:30 p.m. Return to hostel. 6:30 p.m. Dinner as a group at “Bistro Sud” in Sodermalm at Swedenborgsgatan 8. Entrees range from \$12-\$40. This will be an opportunity for some reflection before returning to the USA. Later, enjoy your last evening in Stockholm.
5/31 Friday	Learning Experience Only students return to DFW via British Airways/ American Airlines. Be at Arlanda 3 hours before the flight leaves. Internship students move into ESUC housing

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Travel information for the association visits: These directions will be distributed.. You will use public transportation

Travel to Arlanda Airport for return to the USA: Directions will be provided at on Thursday. cture.

Information on ESCUC Housing and travel directions: The information will be provided.

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