



Welcome!

Welcome to the Masters programme in Plant and Forest Biotechnology!

You have been admitted to the Masters programme in Plant and Forest Biotechnology at Umeå University. My name is Laszlo Bako and I am the coordinator for the programme. You will meet me at the start of the first course of the programme and as a teacher during some parts of later courses. Firstly, I wish to remind you to reply to your Notification of Selection Results at Universityadmissions.se, so that you won't lose your place (seat) at the programme/course. If you are not planning on attending the course/programme that you have been admitted to, or are on the waiting list for, we wish that you decline the course/programme at Universityadmissions.se. That makes it available for other applicants on the waiting list. Exchange students don't need to reply to the results. Should you have any questions regarding the programme or your course, you are most welcome to contact me or the study counsellor. You will find our contact information at the end of this letter. We wish you a warm welcome to the programme/course and hope that you will enjoy your period of studies here in Umeå!

Studying with disabilities

If you are in need of special support due to disability, you should apply for that in good time before you start your studies. Find more information on support for studying with disabilities at: www.student.umu.se/english/during-your-studies/support-for-disabled-students

Orientation Course before the programme starts

During the week before the programme starts you have the opportunity to participate in an orientation course (23-26 August 2016). We strongly recommend that you take part in the Orientation Course, which is open for all international students. The Orientation Course will give you the opportunity to get acquainted with Umeå and Umeå University. It is also a great opportunity to make friends with other international students. The schedule for the coming term will be available on the site below one month before the beginning of the term. There may be last minute changes to the schedule, so you should check for updates when you get to Umeå.

For further information, please visit:

www.umu.se/english/education/student-support/orientation-course

Course/programme registration

The course/programme starts off with registration and introduction. You need to be registered for the course in the study documentation system in order to be able to follow the course and to get your results registered during the course. If you are unable to attend during the registration and introduction, you need to contact the course leader/programme coordinator in advance, or else you risk losing your place (seat) at the course/programme.

Time and date: 10:00 am on August 29, 2016

Place: Lecture room KB4C10, KBC building 4th floor, at Campus Umeå

Systems and IT services for students

As a student at Umeå University you will get access to a number of systems and IT services. In the student portal system, Portalen, you will get access to personal services, such as the student e-mail and your study results. Cambro is another system, used as a learning platform for many university courses.

You will find more information about these at www.student.umu.se/english/about-cas-and-other-it-services.

As a new student, you need to activate your user account to get access to these services. If you are an exchange student you will receive information on arrival about how to activate your account.

If you are not an exchange student, have a Swedish civic registration number and have applied to Umeå University **through Universityadmissions.se**, you can use your user identity on Universityadmissions.se to activate your user account. This way to activate your account will be available from the first week of August/first week of January.

If you don't have a Swedish civic registration number, you can request for a temporary identity that you can use to activate your user account at Umeå University. Find more information on www.student.umu.se/english/about-cas-and-other-it-services/activate-your-user-account.

When you have activated your user account, you will reach the student portal (Portalen) or the learning platform (Cambro) via the sign in links to the right at www.student.umu.se/english.

If you have previously studied at Umeå University, you won't receive a temporary user identity because you already have a user account and don't need to activate that account again. You just sign in via the links to the right at www.student.umu.se/english. If you have forgotten your password or wish to change it, you will find information about how to do that via the link "Forgotten your password?" next to the sign in links.

If you encounter problems signing in to Portalen or other technical errors, please send a message to the ServiceDesk, www.servicedesk.its.umu.se/Default.aspx?language=en.

You will need to obtain a UmU Card

Students at Umeå University will receive a UmU card which is a multifunction card allowing access to buildings, university library card, as well as a copying and printing card. After you have activated your user account (see instructions above), you will receive more information about how to obtain the UmU Card. Read more about the UmU Card at www.student.umu.se/english/during-your-studies/campus-services/campus-and-premises-/umu-card.

Material for your coming studies

The course schedule for the starting course in the programme, together with course syllabus and literature list, are available at <http://www.umu.se/utbildning/program-kurser/kurs/?code=5BI092>. In that page there is also a link to "Homepage for the programme", where you will find more information about the department and the course/programme.

Not only books at Umeå University Library

As a student, you have access to the University Library, the Medical Library and UB Arts Campus as well as all of their resources such as textbooks, journals, databases, search help and study rooms. On the University Library there is an Academic Resource Centre that provides help on writing and study skills. More information can be found at: www.ub.umu.se/en.

Buddy Programme

The Buddy Programme is an opportunity for you to get in contact with Swedish culture and traditions and meet Swedish and other international students during your stay in Umeå. Buddies are Swedish students who volunteer to introduce you to the Swedish way of life. As a participant in the Buddy Programme, you will be part of a buddy group that consists of buddies and international students. The

Buddy Programme will give you the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, for example, sports, parties and travel.

Visit the Buddy Programme page on Facebook, www.facebook.com/UmeaUniv.Buddy. If you want to take part in the Buddy Programme, you need to sign up on www8.umu.se/international_office/forms/buddy.

Welcome Fair for New Students

On Thursday 1 September at 10 am to 2.30 pm, you are warmly invited to attend Umeå University's Welcome Fair at the Universum building in the heart of Campus Umeå. New students are especially welcome to come! The Welcome Fair is an ideal opportunity for you to get to know the city of Umeå and the University a little better. The fair will feature a great number of exhibitors - closely connected with student social life - from the University, municipality, organisations, clubs, and associations. Find more information on www.umu.se/english/education/welcome-fair.

Accommodation in Umeå/Skellefteå/Örnsköldsvik

If you haven't already found a place to live in Umeå/Skellefteå/Örnsköldsvik, you will find information and tips at our website: <http://www.umu.se/english/education/accommodation>.

Contact us

You are most welcome to contact us if you have any questions regarding the course/programme.

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Welcome to Infocenter!

No matter what questions you have regarding the university, you can turn to Infocenter. If you need study information or general study guidance, you are welcome here. Here you can also get help with practical matters, such as to pick up your UmU card (after you have ordered it), book rooms or get parking permits.

Call +46 90 786 50 00 or write in our [contact form](#). Once you are on Campus Umeå, you will find Infocenter in [the Universum Building](#). Find more information on www.infocenter.umu.se/english.