Welcome to Design + Change!

Welcome as a student of the Design+Change program that you will start this Autumn 2019. We are looking forward to meeting you all!

The semester will start on the morning of Monday, 2 September, with our Introduction Days. We start with a roll call in the main hall on the ground floor of the M Building on campus. The Introduction Days will be on Monday and Tuesday (2-3 Sep) and will include a range of activities that involve getting to know more about the department, its staff and the other students in the program. More information about the Introduction Days, with start times, will be sent out nearer the date.

Your first module of the semester Sustainability and Creativity will start on Wednesday, 4 September. Please expect the first two weeks to be very busy, with scheduled activities most of the days between 9 AM-5 PM. Your contact person for this module is the module coordinator, Eric Snodgrass (eric.snodgrass@lnu.se). More information about this module will be sent out in the middle of August at the latest.

If you have questions relating to anything and would like to discuss them with a current student in the program, Laura Fähndrich (laura.faehndrich@gmx.de) from the second year (soon to be third year) of the program is available via email and able to receive calls via Skype (skypename: laurafaehndrich) on these dates and times. Email her to arrange a time to chat:
- 13-15 June, between 1300-1400
- 25-27 July, between 1300-1400

Eric Snodgrass (eric.snodgrass@lnu.se), the Program Coordinator for the Design+Change BA program, is also available to answer questions by email until the end of June and then from 12 August. If you email questions outside of these times, you will get an answer, but expect a slower response time to emails sent during the summer holiday period.

Information about your student account, housing, the university and so on are sent out by the university. You can find lots of helpful information on the Linnaeus University webpage for new students: https://lnu.se/en/student/new-student/. You should also go to the “Preparing for your stay” page from the university, which gives advice on residence permits, insurance, cost of living and banking information: https://lnu.se/en/student/new-student/preparing-for-your-stay/
Finding accommodation in Växjö

Please note that getting accommodation in Växjö can be very difficult, due to the shortage of available housing that the city currently suffers from. You are recommended to immediately start looking for accommodation, as those who wait can often end up having significant difficulty finding accommodation. The following links are the places to start in your searches. We recommend looking into the possibilities on all of these links, as different opportunities can become available at different times on each one.

Linnestudenterna: [https://linnestudenterna.se/vaxjo/](https://linnestudenterna.se/vaxjo/)
Linnaeus University’s student union site with private listings (usually places off campus). They give some general advice on finding accommodation in Växjö as well as links to sites with listings of accommodation.

Boplats: [https://www.boplats.vaxjo.se/English.aspx](https://www.boplats.vaxjo.se/English.aspx)
A site for registering yourself in the municipal housing queue for those seeking housing in Växjö Municipality. Queue points are collected starting on the first day when you register. There is a special queue for student housing that you should register yourself for.

Växjö Bostäder: [https://vaxjobostader.se/](https://vaxjobostader.se/)
Another site for finding accommodation in Växjö. You can try several different areas in Växjö, but if you want to be near campus, search on these pages: [https://vaxjobostader.se/omrade/visa/campus](https://vaxjobostader.se/omrade/visa/campus) (click the little numbered icons on the map to see availability)

Stubor: [http://stubor.se/en](http://stubor.se/en)
This site is for a set of rooms in buildings that are on campus. Several design students have lived in these in the past.

Blocket: [https://www.blocket.se/](https://www.blocket.se/)
The main Swedish website for posting apartment announcements. Most adverts will be in Swedish, but worth checking as a further resource with lots of postings. Note, you can also use this website to buy things like used furniture. Here is the link with parameters set to rooms for rent in Växö: [https://www.blocket.se/kronoberg?q=&cg=0&w=1&m=251&st=u&c=&ca=21&is=1&l=0&md=th](https://www.blocket.se/kronoberg?q=&cg=0&w=1&m=251&st=u&c=&ca=21&is=1&l=0&md=th)

Future flatmates – Växjö Facebook group:
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/459204660877516/about/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/459204660877516/about/)
“This is a group for potential flatmates, who want to search for flats in Växjö together and/or give each other ideas for housing options.” A Facebook group where you can find occasional postings and also ask for advice or rooms to share.
Växjö Campus: https://www.facebook.com/groups/vxocampus/
“This is a group for future, past, and current students at Linnaeus University campus in Växjö. Feel free to ask questions and meet your future neighbors and classmates!”
An active Facebook group for finding out more about things happening on campus. Includes links to other potentially helpful Facebook groups

Stuff sharing Facebook group:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/555844241452256/
A page started by one of our current Design+Change students where you can find furniture that is being redistributed amongst students on LNU campus.

Student life links

Växjö International Students network:
https://www.facebook.com/vaxjo.international.students/

Design + Change social media
Finally, here are links to different social channels for the department, including
- the main Facebook page for the entire department: https://www.facebook.com/design.lnu/
- a private Facebook group for students and staff in the department: https://www.facebook.com/groups/176131819484208/
- our Instagram channel: https://www.instagram.com/design_lnu/

Good luck with your journeys to Växjö and looking forward to meeting everyone in September!

Best regards,
All staff at the Department of Design + Change