

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **What is the name of the course?** Gotland Archaeological Field Course.
2. **Does the course provide academic credits?** The field course is not run by a university and therefore cannot provide credits, but it is carried out in the same manner as an ordinary university course. The course is RPA registered (Register of Professional Archaeologists) and represents 6 ECTS points. Students are encouraged to discuss if the course can be counted as credits with their university officials **BEFORE** joining the field school. A transcript will be emailed to you approximately 2 weeks after the course end. If you want your transcript mailed to your university, you have to provide us with a postal address **BEFORE** leaving the course. Further information and a reminder of this will occur during the last week of the course.
3. **What does the course cost include?** As a full board participant you have housing (place in a double room), all meals, transportation between the school and the excavation place, lectures, excursions and equipment included in the fee. The course cost is 2,700 USD for 4 weeks.
4. **When shall I pay the course fee?** First, there is a registration fee of 100 USD, which you pay **at the same time as you apply**. This fee will be balanced with the final payment. The last day for final payment is June 1st and an invoice will be sent to you by e-mail in the end of April.
Note! You are fully registered for the course when the invoice is paid! If payment is not made before the last date on the invoice, your place will be opened for another applicant. We will confirm your payment by e-mail.
5. **How do I transfer the course fee?** You pay the fee to our bank account (see below). Unfortunately, we cannot receive payments online with Visa, Mastercard or any other credit card. Here is the information you need for transferring the payment:
Name and address account holder: Region Gotland, Gotland Folk High School, Storgatan 11, S-623 50 Hemse, SWEDEN
IBAN: SE70 9500 0099 6026 0377 1110 (IBAN means our international bank account number)
Name and address of the bank: Nordea Bank, 105 71 Stockholm, SWEDEN
City and country of financial institution: BIC/SWIFT address: NDEASESS
6. **What happens if I have to cancel my application?** The last date for cancellation is June 15 to receive a refund. Cancellation must be notified in writing. If cancellation involves a refund, then you must also provide the account number for deposit. If the school must cancel the course, payments will be refunded.

7. ***What about times for check in and check out from accommodation?***
You may check in to accommodation in Hemse from 4 p.m. the day before the course starts, (Sunday July 15). The rooms must be vacated at latest by 9 a.m. on the departure day, (Friday August 10). The course ends by lunch time and you will be able to put your luggage in a safe place until you leave.

8. ***Does Gotland Folk High School have insurance?*** As a student at Gotland Folk High School you have accident insurance through **Folksam Insurance Company** (www.folksam.se).
Note! You must have a home insurance to cover your personal items, as well as any damage to the Folk High School property. Read more at "Health care and accident insurance in Sweden for foreign students" pages 3-4 in this document.

9. ***What happens if I get sick during the course?*** Medical care is available both in Visby and in Hemse. Booking is made by telephone: +46 498268009 (Visby) or +46 498204650 (Hemse). Read more at "Health care and accident insurance in Sweden for foreign students" pages 3-4 in this document.

10. ***Can I lock my room?*** All rooms at accommodation have locks and you will get your own key.

11. ***Where can I wash my clothes?*** The school has two laundries available for our guests.

12. ***Am I allowed to drink alcohol or use drugs in the school?*** Gotland Folk High School has a restrictive policy about alcohol and we expect that you respect that. We have many other guests staying in the accommodation and since it is a school, one must be able to focus on the studies. Drugs are not allowed at the school, neither keeping nor using.

13. ***Do I need to bring my own field excavation kit?*** Excavation supplies will be provided by Gotland Archaeological Field School so you do not need to bring your own. Personal equipment - such as gloves, kneepads and boots is recommended to bring with you.

14. ***Is there shopping in Hemse?*** Hemse is a small municipality with around 1,700 habitants, situated some 50 km south of the town Visby and 10 km from the coast. Hemse has a variety of shops such as supermarkets, clothing stores and drugstores. A swimming hall and jogging track are also available.

15. ***How do I travel to Gotland and Hemse?*** There are two ways to travel to Gotland: either by ferry or by air. By ferry, you can travel from Nynäshamn, some 60 km south of Stockholm, or if coming from southern Sweden, from Oskarshamn. The ferry trip (not

including transportation to and from the harbors) takes about 3 hrs. Information and bookings are found at: www.destinationgotland.se.

You can also travel to Gotland/Visby airport by air. In the summer time there are flights not only from Stockholm/Arlanda, but also from several other places. Both SAS www.sas.se and Norwegian www.norwegian.com are flying from Stockholm/Arlanda to Visby. Flights from Stockholm take about 45 min. A couple of other airlines (www.nextjet.se, www.flygbra.se) are flying from several other destinations, like Stockholm/Bromma, Malmö and Gothenburg. In the summertime, there is also a direct connection from Helsinki in Finland, by air.

From the town of Visby, there is a bus going to Hemse and the school. The bus goes both from Visby bus station and from the harbor in Visby. More information about busses and travel will be sent out in the spring, once registration is complete.

Health care and accident insurance in Sweden for foreign students

Students from the EU/EEA or Switzerland

Health care

If you come to Sweden from a country in the EU/EEA or from Switzerland only to study, you are entitled to essential health care for the Swedish patient fee. If you wish to have health care which is not considered to be essential, you must pay the entire cost yourself accordingly.

Acute health care is treatment that cannot wait until you return to your home country. What is considered as acute health care thus depends on how long you are planning to stay in Sweden. To obtain acute health care for the Swedish patient fee, you must show proof of identity and your European Health Insurance Card [*européiska sjukförsäkringskort, EHI*].

(Authority: Swedish Social Insurance Agency)

Accident insurance

Gotland Folk High School has accident insurance for all students through **Folksam Insurance Company** (<http://omoss.folksam.se/inenglish>)

NOTE! You must have a home insurance to cover your personal items, as well as any damage to the Folk High School property.

When is the insurance valid?

The insurance applies to regular activities in school or equivalent, and for travel on Gotland, between the excavation site and the school. The insurance also covers other activities organized by the school, such as any excursions in the syllabus.

NOTE! This accident insurance is not valid outside the syllabus (spare time).

What is an accidental injury?

An accidental injury is a bodily injury that the insured suffer through an unforeseen sudden external event (an extrinsic force against the body).

Medical expenses

Compensation is paid for medical expenses, medication, treatment and recovery aids. Compensation will be paid for a maximum of up to 5 years from the time of injury. Compensation is also for hospitalization. Expenses are reimbursed only at care providers who are also reimbursed by public insurance or otherwise financed by public funds.

Compensation is also paid for dental damage. For more information about the accident insurance see www.folksam.se .

Students from countries outside the EU/EEA or Switzerland

If you come to Sweden from a country outside EU/EEA or Switzerland only to study, you are not entitled to health care in Sweden for the Swedish patient fee.

Gotland Folk High School has a special insurance for **both health care and accidents** (Insurance K97) through Folksam Insurance Company, www.folksam.se

NOTE! You must have a home insurance to cover your personal items, as well as any damage to the Folk High School property.

When is the insurance valid?

The insurance is valid during both school time and spare time.

What does the insurance include?

The insurance includes **acute health care** that has suddenly appeared and **accidental injury** that is a bodily injury, caused by an unforeseen sudden external event (an extrinsic force against the body). Mental disorders are not included. Compensation is paid for **medical expenses** such as medication, treatment and recovery aids. Dental damage and compensation for hospitalization are also included.

Extra costs for transportation home

The insurance also includes additional costs for transportation home, if the damage or acute illness makes it impossible to use the planned transportation.

For more information about “Insurance K97”, contact Folksam Insurance Company www.folksam.se.