

Translation of Swedish University Titles and Degrees

In Sweden, during a ceremony of conferment of doctors' degrees, new Ph.D. holders from Faculties of Arts or Sciences receive laurel-wreaths.

New Ph.D. holders from other faculties (e.g. Medicine, Technology, Theology, Pharmacology, Agriculture) receive special doctor's hats.

Please note that this translation into English of Swedish University Titles and Degrees is not official. There is no official translation of these titles and degrees.

Swedish	English	Comments
Teaching positions and titles		
In the Swedish university system there are mainly three types of teaching positions: professor (<i>Full Professor</i>), which is both a teaching and a research position, universitetslektor (<i>Senior Lecturer</i>) and universitetsadjunkt (<i>Lecturer</i>). As in most European countries, only Full Professors are regarded as Professors and addressed "Professor".		
Professor	Full Professor (Chair)	Professorial Chairs were normally established by the Government. It was only recently that universities were granted the right to establish Professorial Chairs and/or nominate the holders of these Chairs. All qualified candidates can apply for this position when a Professorial Chair becomes vacant or when a new chair becomes established.
Professor	Full Professor	A <i>Docent</i> (see below) who is qualified to hold a Professorial Chair but who does not hold one, may be promoted to this position.
Docent	Associate Professor, Reader	<i>Docent</i> is a title (i.e. not a position) for a Ph.D. holder who has obtained further qualifications. Positions held by <i>Docents</i> are normally <i>universitetslektor</i> (<i>Senior Lecturer</i>) or <i>forskare</i> (<i>Researcher</i>).
Universitetslektor	Senior Lecturer	A university lecturer who holds a Ph.D.
Universitetsadjunkt	Lecturer	A university lecturer who does not hold a Ph.D.

Research Positions		
Professor	Full Professor	
Forskarassistent	Postdoctoral Fellow, Assistant Professor	A time limited research position for a Ph.D. holder to qualify as a <i>Docent</i> .
Forskare	Researcher	A position for a researcher who holds a Ph.D.
Doktorandanställning (f. Doktorandtjänst)	Predocctoral Fellow	A time limited position for Ph.D. students.
Forskningsassistent	Research Assistant	A position for a researcher who does not hold a Ph.D.
Degrees		
Filosofie doktor (FD, Fil.dr)	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)	
Filosofie licentiat (FL, Fil.lic.)	Licentiate of (Social) Science/ Art (L.SSc., L.Sc., L.A.)	The <i>Licentiate</i> degree is more advanced than a <i>Master</i> but below a Ph.D. The "old" <i>Licentiate</i> however, i.e. from before 1971, abbreviated on this site as L.SSc.(old) , is Ph.D. equivalent.
Filosofie magister (FM, Fil.mag.)	Master of (Social) Science/Art (M.SSc., M.Sc., M.A.)	
Filosofie kandidat (FK, Fil.kand.)	Bachelor of (Social) Science/ Art (B.SSc., B.Sc., B.A.)	