



JÖNKÖPING UNIVERSITY

*Jönköping International  
Business School*

**Dear student,**

**Welcome to the programme “Sustainable Enterprise Development”; we are very glad to have you as a student at Jönköping International Business School (JIBS)!**

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some initial information about the programme and your first two courses, and ensure that your time at JIBS is enjoyable and productive. I am glad that you have chosen this programme and I can assure you that I, together with my colleagues, will do our utmost to give you a great program and experience here at JIBS.

The main subjects of the programme are business administration and economics with sustainability as a specialisation. The programme starts with courses in business administration that are central to your understanding of organizations, including Foundations of Marketing and Basic Financial Accounting in the first semester. The programme also gives you a good knowledge of economics, as you will study 30 credits in subjects within economics, including Microeconomics in the first semester. The business administration and economics courses help you develop the skills and tools needed to process, analyze, and understand diverse contexts. These skills are increasingly in demand when you start your work career. The sustainability courses are core to your formation process and are present throughout the programme. The first key course in your education is Sustainable Enterprise – Social and Ecological Perspectives. The sustainability courses will give you skills and tools to work with sustainable transformations anchored in understanding the foundations of business and economics. With the combination of business administration, economics, and sustainability, you will obtain a good and broad foundation for future career development.

**The program starts on Monday, the 25th of August, with a formal roll call.**

The entire first week, **25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of August**, is devoted to information sessions, programme meetings, and social events to introduce you to your programme and our school. It is vital that you **attend all information sessions and lectures**, and we also recommend you take part in social events to speed up the process of feeling right at home here.

In the meantime, let's briefly describe some of your first courses, the staff involved, and the required course literature.

### **(1) The Sustainable Enterprise – Social and Ecological Perspectives, 7.5 credits**

This is an introductory course to sustainable businesses anchored in an interdisciplinary perspective. The course centres on four different and equally important areas: (1) Basics of Earth Systems Science, (2) Enterprise Sustainability in Theory, (3) Social and Ecological Perspectives for Enterprises, and (4) Strategy Management.

**Course book:**

Robért, Karl-Henrik, et al. (2012) Sustainability Handbook: Planning strategically towards sustainability, Lund: Studentlitteratur (latest edition).

The course examiner and core teacher is **Ramya Sakthivel, PhD** ([ramya.sakthivel@ju.se](mailto:ramya.sakthivel@ju.se))

**(2) Foundations of Marketing, 7.5 credits**

The course explores the impact of marketing and communication in an organizational and societal context. It helps you develop abilities to anticipate and manage within international and diverse environments actively. The course places special emphasis on developing an understanding of the cross-cultural environment and its implications for marketing and communication.

**Course books**

Lamb, C.W., Hair, J.F. and McDaniel, C. (2017). Principles of Marketing – (latest edition). Cengage Learning.

The examiner and core teacher is **Brian McCauley, PhD** ([brian.mccauley@ju.se](mailto:brian.mccauley@ju.se))



I – Lucia Pizzichini – as program director, am responsible for the overall coordination of all program courses and program development. You are more than welcome to contact me with questions regarding the program at any time. Questions regarding the courses should be sent directly to the course examiners.

**We look forward to seeing you in August!**

**Lucia and the teaching team of the Sustainable Enterprise Development Programme**



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