



JÖNKÖPING UNIVERSITY

*Jönköping International
Business School*

Dear Strategic Supply Chain Management student,

Welcome to the Master in Management programme in *Strategic Supply chain Management*. As your Programme Director, I am delighted that you have chosen this programme. My colleagues and I are committed to making your time at Jönköping International Business School (JIBS) both enjoyable and productive.

Over the next two years, you will receive a cross-disciplinary education, combining the core topics of management with strategic supply chain management. We will endeavor to provide you with a deep theoretical understanding of the supply chain network and its development, as well as of the tools needed to analyse, develop, and change such supply chains.

The first week, 24-28 of August, is devoted to information sessions, lectures, and social events to introduce you to your programme and our school. It is vital that you attend information sessions and lectures, and we also recommend that you take part in the social events. Doing so will speed up the process of feeling right at home here. There will be a mandatory roll call during this week, with precise details provided in a separate message. During the roll call, I will have the opportunity to meet you all in person. I look forward to seeing you then!

In order to navigate your first week of study at JIBS, I am sure you will find the [information portal](#) ([English](#) and [Swedish](#)) for new students helpful. The student [web](#) is another useful source of information regarding courses and other university-related activities. Please check for updates on the JU web page.

As programme director, I am responsible for the overall quality and development of the programme. You are more than welcome to get in touch with me with questions regarding the programme at any time. Questions regarding specific courses must however be sent directly to course examiners.

Let me also give you a short description of the first two courses – ‘Strategy and Supply Chain Management’ and ‘Working Across Boundaries’ – and the faculty involved:

Strategy and Supply Chain Management

In this course, you will learn how supply chain management functions as a two-way bridge: translating strategic initiatives into operational reality while channeling operational insights back to inform strategic decisions. You will analyse complex supply chain challenges and design solutions that align with strategic objectives while recognising how operational realities should influence strategic direction. Most importantly, you will develop the capability to facilitate the two-way flow between strategy and operations, positioning you to contribute meaningfully to both strategic development and execution in your organisation.

[Course syllabus](#)

The examiner and course responsible is:



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Working Across Boundaries

This course prepares you to navigate the academic, interpersonal, and professional challenges of your master studies. As you begin your programme at JIBS, you will encounter new expectations, diverse perspectives, and complex organisational contexts. This course provides a foundation for critical engagement, collaborative learning, and personal development, helping you build the mindset and habits needed to thrive throughout your programme. You will work through three modules – ethics, teams, and individuals and organisations – that teach you, respectively, how to navigate the boundaries between student and academic life, boundaries among team members, and within organisations.

[Course syllabus](#)

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We look forward to seeing you in August!
Lena and the teaching team of Strategic Supply Chain Management



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