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I am a 26-year-old student from Germany. I study German and Philosophies at the Humboldt-University of Berlin to become a high school teacher. As a cooperation between my university and the Bildningscentrum Facetten in Åtvidaberg I got the opportunity to complete my 6 weeks internship in Sweden.

During my time there I accompanied Klaudia Laister, a teacher for German and English, to see how school and classes work and to observe the general atmosphere of a Swedish school. It was great for me to experience a different educational system and to compare it to my own past but also to the actual German way of educating young adults. The flexibility of the time schedules and the openness and size of the building itself impressed me in the moment I arrived. To have so many different spaces for the students to organize themselves, work in groups or have their private time on their own is something I couldn't find on any German school I visited so far. This fact also represents the general and biggest difference between the German and the Swedish educational system: The degree of Trust placed in the students. Because of the less hierarchical structure and the bigger responsibility the students must take over for themselves the atmosphere is way more relaxed and less "poisoned" by power structures.

After a while I could also practice my own teaching skills in class which was an important opportunity for me. At this point I especially want to thank Klaudia Laister again for her trust and openness towards me but also the Bildningscentrum Facetten in general. When I talked to my German colleagues having their internships at German schools, I realized that this would not have been possible for me at a Berlin school. Therefore, I am very grateful for the experience I was able to gain during my internship at the Bildningscentrum Facetten in Sweden and I recommend this opportunity to every teacher-to-be. It is in my opinion the best way to reflect your own educational system and to realize that there's not only one "right" way to accompany young people as they grow up.