

Call for TEACHERS to the 2018 SAIL (Sustainability Applied in International Learning) course for students, on-board tall ship Fryderyk Chopin

The SAIL (Sustainability Applied in International Learning) course is an undergraduate course at basic level (corresponds to 7,5 ECTS credit) arranged by the Baltic University Programme at Uppsala University and conducted at sea on-board the tall ship Fryderyk Chopin. On the SAIL 2018 course, 30 places are available for students and 8 for teachers coming from member and/or participating universities of the Baltic University Programme (BUP).

The course is focused on sustainability topics from different perspectives and based on the *United Nations Sustainable Development 17 Goals*, such as:

- Climate change**
- Geography**
- Engineering**
- Economy**
- Social science/Political Science**
- Biology/Marine science**
- Public health**
- And others...**

We are now looking for motivated teachers coming from different disciplines covering aspects of sustainability in a broad sense, thus creating an inter-disciplinary and international learning environment, which can introduce students in complex issues related to sustainability. We are looking for teachers who are interested in trying something new combining tall ship sailing with an unconventional teaching environment, which is extraordinary but can be both physically and mentally demanding. The teachers are expected to prepare and plan the course beforehand, as well as correct exercises and essays/reports after course. As English is the spoken language of the course, applying teachers are expected to have an excellent level of English skills.

The SAIL 2018 course will start on 4th September in Szczecin, Poland, sail via Visby, Gotland, to end on 18th of September in Stavanger, Norway. We will be sailing on the Polish tall ship "Fryderyk Chopin". The SAIL coordinator and BUP secretariat will decide on the exact sailing route in close collaboration with representatives of Fryderyk Chopin. Previous years SAIL routes include the Baltic Sea, Kattegat, Skagerrak, North Sea and North Atlantic.

All extra costs associated with the SAIL planning meetings and sailing, including travels, food, accommodation, will be covered by BUP. Please notice however that salary and allowance costs will not be covered.

The SAIL course is based on the participating teachers' areas of competences and experiences. This means that each year the SAIL course will be somewhat different with focus on different thematic areas of sustainability. The outcome of the course relies heavily on

the commitment of the teachers' team and their combined competences. The teachers will be supported by an experienced SAIL course coordinator in the planning and execution of the course, which also will be on-board for the whole cruise. It is our experience that the teacher must interact extensively in the planning phase of the course. A [planning meeting \(2 full days\)](#) is preliminary scheduled for the first week in May.

*Although not required, it is recommended that successful applicants also participate in the BUP Teachers' SAIL 2018 course, 4th to 11th of July from Gothenburg (Sweden) to Sunderland (England), to jointly finalize the planning of the course, and at the same time get to know each other, the sailing vessel, and life on-board a tall ship. **Please state in your application whether or not you intend to participate in the Teacher's SAIL 2018 course.***

IMPORTANT. Before preparing your application, please be aware and consider the special nature of the course, both in terms of course planning (short preparation time of the course with teachers which you most likely have not met before), and teaching environment (a tall ship). You should be aware that sailing a tall ship is physically demanding. Our experience is that you will be physically exhausted, deprived of sleep, and definitively out from your normal comfort zone. You will be living very close to many new people in a very restricted space. We should also mention that you may experience seasickness, which can be a rather unpleasant experience.

Be aware as well that on board the sailing ship, all students and teachers will act as a working crew. You will be divided into one of three watches that will be assigned 4 hours rotating duties (navigation, deck, and kitchen) - around-the clock! Please keep in mind that in spite of the weather conditions, and in spite of your condition, you should participate in your watch duties. You should also be aware that sailing a tall ship means pulling lines, climbing masts to set and haul sails in the old-day fashion. Fryderyk Chopin is a Brigg-rigged tall ship with two 38 m high masts, which need to be climbed! Students and teachers are expected to work together in the watches to fulfil their sailing duties, which in our experience is an excellent tool for team building and to create a dynamic learning environment. Moreover, as crew member you must also do other duties on-board, in addition to your sailing and teaching duties. This includes cleaning, cooking meals, washing dishes, and maintenance work.

Despite these words of warnings, or perhaps because of them, we can promise you extraordinary new experiences filled with feelings of togetherness and teamwork, meeting with new friends, being close to nature, and in the hands of the powerful forces of nature, and exploring places you never been to before. You will be part of a teachers¹ team creating a unique course, and feel the joy of being a part of a truly stimulating learning environment with enthusiastic students (the course is popular; each year the number of applicant students exceeds by far the number of available places). And not the least: you will explore yourself and push your limits to new levels.

We sincerely hope that you are interested and we welcome BUP teachers from both members and participating universities to apply! Please notice that you do not need to have any sailing experiences – during those two weeks, you will learn to SAIL too!

Applications and conditions of acceptance

We are looking for experienced teachers with specialization in any topics related to sustainability, preferably with PhD degree, and documented pedagogical skills. Please keep in mind that we expect all applying teachers to have an excellent level of English skills.

Required documents (please save all documents with your name):

- Motivation letter (1 page)
- Curriculum Vitae (max 2 pages, including max five publications)
- Short biography (one page)
- Description of your planned teaching contribution to the SAIL 2018 course. Innovative ideas on course content, teaching methods, or other activities (social included) on-board are welcome (max 1 page)
- Health statement (in attachments, please be aware that you will be asked to have your family doctor, or similar, confirmation on it in case your application will be accepted)
- Optional: A short, 5-10 minutes, recorded movie from any of your lectures or similar teaching activities (in English).

Applications should be sent to Maria Hejna (maria.hejna@csdupsala.uu.se) no later than 18 March 2018.

Please find in attachments more information concerning the course and the SAIL project (for more information, please have a look at: <http://www.balticuniv.uu.se/sail/>).

Please do not hesitate to contact me in case of any further questions.

With best wishes and hope to meet some of you on-board – Maria Hejna ☺

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