

Industry programme

Do you want to learn how things are made, from the idea to the finished product?

Do you want to work with advanced computer equipment?

Do you want to work with others, but as a specialist in your field?

Do you want to work in an international industry?

Do you want to try working as early as college/upper secondary school?

If so, the Industry programme just may be something for you.

The Industry programme lets you broaden your skills in a branch which is constantly changing. Industrial jobs have changed very much in a short time, and there are always new machines and new manufacturing methods. You get to learn about computer and information technology and different material and tools. You will also think about topical hot issues, such as the environment and recycling.

The Industrial branch is international. For those of you who want to work in industry, it is good to have an understanding and interest in other cultures. It is also good to have language skills. On the Industry programme you therefore have the possibility to improve your language skills.

Working or studying further

If you choose the Industry programme you can apply for a job directly after college/upper secondary school. Which job you can apply for depends on which courses you have studied. You sometimes have to become an apprentice for a year or more. You receive an apprentice salary and get to go along with those working in the industry, in order to learn from them. They have special skills and have worked within your trade for a long time.

If you want you can also study after college/upper secondary school. You can, for example, choose an education at a vocational university. You can also choose to further your education at a university. Ask your school and careers officer which courses you should choose to be qualified to apply to study further.

Possible jobs

Once you have studied on the Industry programme you can apply for such jobs as a CNC-operator, global technician, mechatronician, model technician, pattern designer, process operator, international welder, wood-working technician, maintenance technician or stone technician.

Programme contents

The Industry programme consists of courses. Certain courses are obligatory for everyone who studies at college/upper secondary school. Other courses are specific for the Industry programme. You get to choose some of the other courses yourself.

There is no national course of study on the programme. Every school has its own course of study suited to the industries found in the area. Examples of courses of study are the

chemical process industry, pulp and paper industry, steel industry, textile industry, wood industry, stone industry or engineering industry.

Maybe you have a special interest which is possible to study somewhere else. Ask your school and careers officer if the course of studies has a national average. Maybe you can then still apply.

Contact with work in the real world

On the Industry programme you already have contact with your profession during college/upper secondary school. You have at least 15 weeks of internship training (APU). Your APU is organised by your school in collaboration with different companies and work sites where you live. Since the Industry programme at your school is suitable for the industries in your area, you will really learn how it looks for the part of the branch you are studying in school. APU is also a good way to get contacts you can use when you apply for a job. If you are interested in doing your APU in a country other than Sweden, this can be arranged.

Jobs and the future

There aren't as many jobs within the industry as there were a few years ago. This is due to many things being taken care of by computers and machines. At the same time the industry needs young, well-trained individuals who can take care of the machines and know what modern industry needs. It is difficult to say if it will be difficult or easy for you to get a job after your time on the Industry programme. It depends on which course of study you choose and if it is going well or poorly for the industry when you graduate from college/upper secondary school.