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A Minnesota Student's Reminiscences From the Banks of the Fyris River

I had the pleasure of participating in the University of Minnesota Law School's historic exchange program with the Uppsala University Faculty of Law during the Spring of 2020. It was an incredible opportunity to study and live alongside bright, interesting students from around the world.

Although my time abroad was cut short by the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, I truly believe I made the most of my time and would do it all over again.

A few of the most memorable things for me include frequenting the various Nations, eating my first cardamom bun, playing weekly hockey with a local club, and proposing to my wife on the banks of the Fyris River in Uppsala when she came to visit. Regarding the proposal, a Swedish friend of mine, Victor Lidström, agreed to take photos from a nearby bush to capture the moment. My wife and I have remained friends with Victor. In July 2023, Victor came to visit us in Minnesota and the three of us reminisced on that scene!

I'm grateful to all those who welcomed me to Uppsala and encourage Swedish students to also come to Minnesota!