Programme overview

Whe MSc in Accounting and Finance provides theoretical understanding and key skills to further your career in accounting or finance-related professions. We aim to equip you with essential accounting and finance capabilities, including critical analysis, research and advanced expertise.

Our MSc is designed to give students a specialist education in accounting and finance. It will provide you with an understanding of international accounting standards, global financial markets and the factors behind success and failure in different organisations. The programme will also help you to develop practical skills such as the ability to evaluate financial statements, estimate fair values and compare different investments.

Programme modules/courses

You will take two core courses in the first semester and one additional core course in the second semester. During both semesters, you will also be able to choose specialised elective courses. The final degree project (Master’s thesis) is written over the second half of the second semester and is overseen by an academic supervisor. The programme is structured to allow you to gain a strong foundation in accounting and finance, whilst allowing you to specialise and tailor your studies towards your chosen career path.

Examples of mandatory courses and number of credits:
- Financial Analysis and Corporate Valuation (5)
- Accounting and Management Control (5)
- Financial Accounting and Communication (5)
- Examples of elective courses and number of credits (subject to availability): Performance Measurement and Management (7.5)
- Accounting and Management Control in Different Contexts (7.5)
- Auditing, Assurance and Compliance (7.5)
- Corporate Valuation (7.5)
- Designing Finance (7.5)
- Financial Analysis and Corporate Restructuring (7.5)

All students complete the programme with a degree project (Master’s thesis) corresponding to 15 credits.

Career prospects

Career opportunities are broad and extensive in the areas that are at the core of this programme. After graduation you will be able to work both nationally and internationally as, for example, a financial analyst or investment banker, in internal audit, assurance, management consultancy, or as a chief financial officer (CFO), controller, treasurer, or other financial-management functions depending on your selected track.

Entry requirements and how to apply

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An undergraduate degree (BA/BSc) with at least 90 ECTS in business administration, or equivalent knowledge obtained through courses in related fields (for example, courses in accounting, business, commerce, corporate finance, international business, management, management science, marketing, or organisational studies), and at least one completed introductory course in each of accounting and corporate finance, and at least 15 ECTS in financial accounting, management accounting and control, and/or corporate finance on the intermediate or advanced undergraduate level (this requirement applies to courses over and above introductory-level courses), and at least one course in econometrics or statistics, covering cross-sectional and/or panel regression analysis. English Level 6 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90). See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on English proficiency levels.

How to apply

1. Apply online: Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/accounting-finance. Click on “Apply” and follow the instructions for the online application at www.universityadmissions.se, the Swedish national application website. Rank the chosen programmes in order of preference.
2. Submit your supporting documents:
   - General supporting documents: Check what documents you need to submit (i.e. official transcripts, degree diploma/proof of expected graduation, translations, proof of English, passport) and how you need to submit them at www.universityadmissions.se.
• Programme-specific supporting documents: When applying for the Master’s in Accounting and Finance, you also need to submit a CV and a statement of purpose with your application. For further instructions, see www.lusem.lu.se/supporting-documents. We do not require a GMAT or GRE score but a well-balanced score may strengthen your application to this particular programme. GMAT code, School of Economics and Management, Lund University: 8VR-PL-07. Lund University does not have a GRE code. You are welcome to submit a certified copy of your GRE test result directly to University Admissions in Sweden.

3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO
Selection is based on academic qualifications and statement of purpose.

We look for undergraduates with excellent results from an internationally recognised university. When assessing your academic record, we take into account your grade average, position in class, your statement of purpose and the standing of the institution where you studied your qualification.

Undergraduates are recommended to have a minimum average grade equivalent to 3.0 in cumulated grade point average (CGPA) out of 4, C in the ECTS grading scale, and B in the American grading scale.

Strong English language communication skills are crucial to gain the full benefit of the programmes we offer. Meeting the minimum English language test requirements does not guarantee admission. A majority of students accepted to this programme submit test scores corresponding to IELTS band 7.0.

TUITION FEES
There are no tuition fees for EU/EEA citizens. For non-EU/EEA citizens the tuition fee for this programme is SEK 120 000 per year. See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on tuition fees.

About the School of Economics and Management
The activities within Lund University School of Economics and Management cover research and education in business administration, business law, economic history, economics, informatics, and statistics, as well as research policy. About 4 100 students and 400 researchers, teachers and other staff members study and work at the School.

The School of Economics and Management provides a well-profiled, research-based education that is international and multidisciplinary in nature and helps equip our students to hold key positions in industry and society in an increasingly globalised world. Our students can choose from a wide range of specialist subjects and attend lectures by some of our best researchers, international guest professors, and business leaders from a broad spectrum of sectors and organisations.

About Lund University
Lund University was founded in 1666 and is repeatedly ranked among the world’s top 100 universities. The University has 42 000 students and 7 400 staff based in Lund, Helsingborg and Malmö. We are united in our efforts to understand, explain and improve our world and the human condition.

Lund is the most popular study location in Sweden. The University offers one of the broadest ranges of programmes and courses in Scandinavia, based on cross-disciplinary and cutting-edge research. The compact university campus encourages networking and creates the conditions for scientific breakthroughs and innovations. The University has a distinct international profile, with partner universities in over 70 countries.

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