Applying for Bachelor’s and Master’s studies
Lund University, Sweden
How to apply for Bachelor’s and Master’s studies at Lund University

Lund University offers international students more than 100 Master’s degree programmes, ranging from Wireless Communication, Entrepreneurship and Development Studies to Sustainable Urban Design, Biotechnology and Music. We also offer 5 Bachelor’s programmes and around 500 single subject courses - all taught in English. Our programmes and courses can be found at www.lunduniversity.lu.se.

Sweden has a centralised, national application process. This means that there are national rules and processes for students to follow regardless of which university they are applying to. Therefore, the first step for any student who wishes to apply for studies in Sweden should be to read the information on www.universityadmissions.se. On this website you will find information about the Swedish education system, about general admission requirements for higher education studies in Sweden, on requirements for supporting documents etc. There is also important information here regarding country-specific requirements and you should always check this information before proceeding to apply for studies in Sweden.

APPLICATION PERIOD
Most international programmes at Lund University only have one intake per year and that is in autumn (in late August/early September). The main application period for international students applying for studies starting in autumn is mid-October to 15 January.

A few programmes and courses also start in spring (mid-January) and the application period for international students applying for spring studies is 1 June-15 August.

Some courses and programmes starting in autumn are also open in the Swedish student application round during 15 March-15 April. Students who are EU/EEA citizens or already have a residence permit in Sweden may be eligible to apply in this application round.

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For Bachelor’s studies: In order to meet the general entry requirements for Bachelor’s level studies you must:
• have successfully completed your upper secondary education (post-16).
• be able to demonstrate proficiency in English through an internationally recognised test, e.g. TOEFL, IELTS or the equivalent. English proficiency can also be accepted from some upper secondary education.

For Master’s studies: To meet the general entry requirements for Master’s level studies, you must:
• have been awarded a Bachelor’s degree from an internationally recognised university (equivalent to a Swedish Bachelor’s degree).
• be able to demonstrate proficiency in English through an internationally recognised test, e.g. TOEFL, IELTS or the equivalent. See www.universityadmissions.se for details on the general admission requirements.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general admission requirements, you must meet the specific admission requirements as specified for each programme (eg. the previous degree must be in a particular subject, you must have passed specific courses/subjects, you must have reached a specific English language level). The specific admission requirements can be found under each programme description on our website www.lunduniversity.lu.se.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

The general requirement for higher education studies in Sweden is English 6 (English B).

English 6 (advanced level) language proficiency should be demonstrated by the student in one of the following ways:
• IELTS score of 6.5 (with no section less than 5.5)
• TOEFL paper-based score of 4.5 (scale 1-6) in written test and a total score of 575; internet-based score of 20 (scale 0-30) in written test and a total score of 90
• Cambridge ESOL Examination– Advanced
• a Bachelor’s degree from a university where English is the only language of instruction, according to the International Handbook of Universities
• a pass on English course B (Swedish upper secondary school)

In some cases, students applying to Bachelor’s level studies may have reached English B as a part of their high school education. Students applying for Master’s level studies may have reached English B through their Bachelor’s degree. You would then be exempt from providing test scores to show your English proficiency. For more information about the English proficiency requirements, exemptions and recognised tests, please see www.universityadmissions.se.

Please note that a Master’s programme can have a specific admission requirement that is different from the general requirement of English 6. You should always check the programme webpages for the specific English language requirements.

HOW TO APPLY

Key steps to apply
As Sweden has a national application process, all students applying to studies at any university in Sweden must use the same website (www.universityadmissions.se) and also submit their supporting documents to University Admissions in Sweden. You can apply to up to four programmes or courses in the same application. Below is a summary of the three key steps of the application process:

1. **Application round**
   - Make sure you meet the general admission requirements and the specific admission requirements for the programme(s) you wish to apply for.
   - Apply before the deadline for the application round you want to apply to. The application round dates vary depending on the programme and the intake period.

2. **Supporting documents**
   - Prepare all necessary supporting documents, such as transcripts, certificates, and proof of English proficiency.

3. **Submit application**
   - Ensure all required supporting documents are uploaded or submitted as per the instructions provided by University Admissions.

Remember to check the programme webpages for specific instructions and deadlines.
1. Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se to find the programme you wish to apply for. You must check the admission requirements carefully to make sure that you are eligible for the programme. The link “Apply now” will take you to www.universityadmissions.se where you follow the instructions to create an account and to fill in the online application form. If you are applying to more than one programme/course, you need to rank the programmes/courses carefully in order of preference.

2. Submit supporting documents: Documents can either be sent as paper copies by regular mail to University Admissions in Sweden, OR, depending on the country you are from, you may be able to upload a scanned copy of your original documents on universityadmissions.se. Check the country-specific requirements on universityadmissions.se.
   - cover sheet (printed from the student’s page on www.universityadmissions.se)
   - if you are applying for Bachelor’s studies, you must verify that you have successfully completed upper secondary education (post-16). This completed education and subsequently awarded degree certificate or diploma, must qualify you for higher education studies in the country where you received it
   - If you are applying for Masters’s studies, submit certificates and diplomas from previous studies at an internationally recognised higher education institution (university or university college)
   - If you are applying for Master’s studies, submit transcripts of completed courses and grades for each semester (including course list)
   - proof of English language skills
   - proof that you meet the specific admission requirements (if additional documents are needed to show this)
   - a copy of the page in your passport with your personal data and photograph, or some other identification document. EU/EEA citizens need to send a passport copy or certified identification document to University Admission OR upload a scanned copy of the original passport or identification document to universityadmissions.se.

3. Pay the application fee (if applicable)

On www.universityadmissions.se you can find the detailed requirements for the supporting documents, how the documents should be certified and submitted and the address that the documents should be sent to. Official application documents are always sent to the national address (or uploaded to the national application website) and not to Lund University. However, some programmes request additional documents to be sent, as part of their selection process (e.g. a portfolio of work, recommendation letters), and these additional documents may need to be sent directly to the specific programme administrator at Lund University. You should always check the programme webpages and follow the instructions there.

Application fee

Students from outside the EU/EEA are required to pay an application fee of SEK 900 (approximately EUR 100) to University Admissions in Sweden. You pay one application fee per semester, regardless of how many programmes or courses you apply to. You must pay this application fee in order for your application to be considered. Students from within the EU/EEA do not need to pay an application fee. It is however up to you to show that you are an EU/EEA citizen.

Final year Bachelor’s students/conditional admission

If you are currently in your final year of your Bachelor’s programme and want to apply to Master’s level studies, you can in most cases still apply. You must then provide official documents with the following as a part of your application:

- proof that you are registered for the last semester of your undergraduate programme, and
- the date of expected graduation, and
- an official transcript of records of the studies thus far

You must be awarded your undergraduate degree before you start the Master’s programme. Official documents of the completed undergraduate degree must be brought to Lund when you arrive to start the programme.

If you are applying to Bachelor’s level studies, you must have completed you high school education before you can apply. You are not eligible to apply with qualifications pending.

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS/ADMISSIONS

All students receive notification of the application results at the end of March for autumn studies (or late September for spring studies). You are notified through your page on the universityadmissions.se website. You must then accept the offer of a place on the programme/course. If you do not confirm that you accept your place it will be given to another student.

TUITION FEES AND PAYMENT

Tuition fees do not apply for exchange students, PhD students or students who are citizens of the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland. Students from outside the EU/EEA area are generally required to pay tuition fees for their studies. More information about tuition fees and exemptions can be found at www.universityadmissions.se.

Programmes and courses at Lund University have different tuition fees. The fee for a specific programme or course can be found on the programme webpages.

Tuition fees are to be paid in Swedish krona (SEK). Lund University issues an invoice in advance of each semester of study, with payment due before the start of the semester. Access to the invoice and payment is through a secure student portal that you get access to once you are admitted.
for studies. You can make the payment by credit/debit card (Visa, Mastercard) online. The amount will be withdrawn from your bank account immediately. You can also transfer the money to our account number.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING

Most scholarships are only offered to non-EU/EEA students since tuition fees do not apply for exchange students, PhD students or students who are citizens of the EU/EEA (and Switzerland).

One scholarship option for non-EU/EEA students is the Lund University Global Scholarship programme. For specific regions we also offer the Lund University Regional Excellence Awards. The scholarships are targeted at top academic students who have a proven record of achieving consistently high grades in their previous studies and are assessed as being a good fit for our programmes. The scholarship is selective and completely merit-based. No consideration is taken of the students’ financial needs in the selection process. Scholarships may cover 25%, 50%, 75% or 100% of the tuition fee. The scholarship value is deducted from the tuition fee of the programme/course. Please note that the Lund University Global Scholarship does not cover living costs. You apply for the scholarship when you apply to the programme at Lund University and the application form for the scholarship is available on our website.

Another merit-based scholarship option that is available to many non-EU/EEA students is the Swedish Institute Study Scholarship. This scholarship covers both tuition fees and living costs and you can find more information about it on the Swedish Institute website www.studyinsweden.se. On www.lunduniversity.lu.se you can also find information on other available scholarships and information about living costs.

RESIDENCE PERMITS

Students from countries outside the EU/EEA need to have a residence permit to study in Sweden. The permit must be valid and brought with you when you travel to Sweden. The applications for residence permits for studies are handled by the Swedish Migration Board. You apply via the Swedish Embassy or Consulate in your home country. All students must demonstrate that they have funds to support themselves whilst living in Sweden – at least SEK 7 300 per month for 10 months, per year of study, as required by the Swedish Migration Board. As soon as you have been accepted to a programme at Lund University, you should initiate your residence permit application, as it can take several weeks before the residence permit can be granted. You must also pay your first tuition fee instalment before the Swedish Migration Board can grant the residence permit. Lund University will notify the Swedish Migration Board as soon as you have made the payment.

Students from EU/EEA countries do not need a residence permit before coming to Sweden. However, if they are studying for more than three months they must register with the Swedish Migration Board once they are in Sweden. For more information about residence permits please see the Swedish Migration Board website www.migrationsverket.se.

PRE-ARRIVAL

When you have applied, been accepted, confirmed your place, paid the tuition fee instalment and applied for a residence permit, you have entered the pre-arrival period. During this period (starting a few months before you arrive at Lund University) you will receive several updates from Lund University, preparing you for your studies. You will receive information on how to use your student account, how to apply for housing, insurance information, how to become a part of a mentor group, the official Arrival Day and other things you need information about as you prepare to come to Sweden and Lund University.

International students can apply for housing through LU Accommodation and you will receive information regarding this well ahead of the start of the semester. Non-EU/EEA students have a housing guarantee and will be offered a place to stay in Lund, Malmö, Helsingborg or surrounding areas.

International students coming to Lund University are also covered during their study period by a special insurance provided by the Swedish Government.

More pre-arrival information can be found on www.lunduniversity.lu.se.

CONTACT

General questions that you might have when applying to Lund University can be sent to studentreception@lu.se or posted on our facebook page www.facebook.com/lunduniversity.

Programme-specific questions are best directed to the programme coordinator of each specific programme. Their contact details are found on the programme webpages on our website.

Specific questions about the application process, documents and formal admission requirements can be sent to the local admissions office at Lund University at lant@stu.lu.se.

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