Programme overview
The two-year international interdisciplinary Master’s Programme in Middle Eastern Studies at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES) in Lund offers highly qualified students an opportunity to become experts on the Middle East. In addition, our education offers opportunities for personal development, giving our students the necessary training and support to be successful in their careers after Lund.

CMES was selected in 2009 to initiate the research programme The Middle East in the Contemporary World as part of the Swedish Research Council’s strategic research areas. Since then, CMES has rapidly expanded into a truly international centre for research, public information and cultural events focusing on the Middle East.

Master’s students have close contact with our research projects, which form a vivid and open environment, with excellent opportunities for internships connected to research. Prolific international experts frequently visit CMES for joint ventures and guest lecturers that are integrated into the Master’s programme. The programme is run in collaboration with a number of Middle Eastern and European academic institutions, as well as NGOs and development agencies active in the Middle East.

The academic culture of openness and outreach is very important to us. CMES organises public lectures, film festivals, exhibitions and concerts. CMES actively participates in both current debates on Middle Eastern issues and national debates on multiculturalism.

Programme modules/courses
COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS: First semester: The Formation of Middle Eastern Modernities (10), Introduction to Middle Eastern Debates (10), Key Theories in Middle Eastern Studies (10).

Second semester: A mandatory methodology course (7.5) and three elective courses (22.5). The electives will focus on research currently conducted at CMES. The main research domains are (1) Democratisation and Social Development in the Middle East; (2) Environment and Sustainable Development in the Middle East; (3) Middle East Migrations: Diasporas and Minorities in Globalised Societies and (4) Religion, Processes of Interpretation and Identity formation in the Middle East.

Third semester: individual focus course (7.5), individual methodology course (7.5) and an internship/fieldwork (15).

Fourth semester: Master’s degree thesis (30).

Career prospects
The programme offers courses in multiple focus areas as well as opportunities for attractive work placements and language training in the Middle East. It provides a solid foundation for a career in Middle Eastern analysis, diplomacy, government, development, culture, or enterprise, as well as for further academic research and PhD studies.

Entry requirements and how to apply
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A Bachelor’s degree and a high level of proficiency in English. IELTS with a minimum of 7.0 (none of the sections under 6.0) is required. Knowledge of a major Middle Eastern language is recommended but not required.

“CMES is a very warm and welcoming department that takes care of its students, academically and socially. It prepares students for their future adventures. Many of the students from my programme are now doing PhDs or have found jobs for which they had been trained. The international programme provided them with unique opportunities to pursue a profession or to do PhDs, both inside and outside the Middle East.”

Zohre Mehdizadeh, Iran
HOW TO APPLY

1. Apply online: Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/middle-eastern-studies. Click on “Apply” and follow the instructions for the online application at the Swedish national application website www.universityadmissions.se. 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 Middle Eastern Studies, you also need to submit a statement of purpose (800 words), a CV, three letters of recommendation and two short writing samples (less than 2000 words) directly to the Centre of Middle Eastern Studies.

3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Selection of students is based on the statement of purpose, transcripts, letters of recommendation, CV and the two short writing samples.

TUITION FEES

There are no tuition fees for EU/EEA citizens. For non-EU/EEA citizens the tuition fee for this programme is SEK 110 000 per year. For details on tuition fees, please see www.lunduniversity.lu.se

About the Center of Middle Eastern Studies

The Center for Middle Eastern Studies was founded in 2007 in an effort to support and coordinate research on the region at Lund University. Research on the Middle East has existed in Lund since the university’s founding in 1666. Over the last few decades, an increasing amount of disciplines across all faculties of the university have begun conducting research and teaching courses on the region. CMES will continue to support these efforts by becoming an international hub in Scandinavia for interdisciplinary research on the Middle East.

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.

Lund University has an annual turnover of SEK 8 billion, of which two-thirds go to research. Our research is characterised by both breadth and strength and, according to independent evaluations, over 30 of our research fields are world-leading.

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