Programme overview

The Master of Science Programme in Psychology comprises a total of 120 higher education credits, including a Master’s thesis of 30 credits. The programme provides specialisation and breadth in the field of psychology. The aim of the programme is to provide you with a Master’s degree firmly based in current research and to offer broad career opportunities.

Within the programme, you have the possibility of selecting courses of your own interest. Please note that the programme does not lead to a licence as a clinical psychologist.

The first semester focuses on theoretical and practical tools for psychology. The students get a grounding in philosophy of psychology and cognitive science, which encompasses both current areas like embodied and extended cognition as well as the enduring questions about free will, consciousness and the role of folk psychology. Students participate in day labs with prominent researchers in different subfields, getting hands-on experience with the range of research methods used in the department. Students will also learn advanced methods and statistics, including Bayesian statistics.

In the second semester students can choose two of the following courses: Social Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Personality Psychology or methods in Abnormal Psychology for the first half semester. The second half comprises empirical work in any of those fields.

The third semester students can choose between the courses Cognitive Neuroscience or Work and Organisational Psychology for the first half semester. As with semester two, the second half comprises empirical work in either area. These courses increase the students’ understanding and knowledge of psychology through deepening their comprehension of theories and current research and also include elements of practical research experience.

During the fourth and last semester students complete the programme by writing a Master’s thesis, where they will demonstrate and enhance their understanding of theories and empirical research methods.

Special features of this programme

• Advanced methodology and statistics courses
• Flexible structure, elective courses
• Option to write your Master’s thesis as part of cutting-edge research projects

Programme modules/courses

COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS: Theory and Practice of Science in Psychology (15), Advanced Scientific Methods in Psychology (15), Developmental Psychology (7.5), Personality Psychology (7.5), Social Psychology (7.5) or Methods in Abnormal Psychology (7.5), Empirical Work in Social, Development, Personality or Abnormal Psychology (15), Cognitive Neuroscience (15) or Work and Organisational Psychology (15), Empirical Work in Cognitive Neuroscience or Work and Organisational Psychology (15), Master’s degree thesis (30).

Career prospects

A Master’s degree in psychology is an excellent foundation for further research within the different fields of psychology. Other common career options are within the areas of qualified investigative work, HR or health. You could also work with organisational issues, change management, communication and rehabilitation or be self-employed.

“In Sweden, it is not about learning out of a textbook and memorising facts, but about developing your own thinking and your interpretation of things. That is what you really need in research; you have to be able to develop your own way of interpreting a topic. I can’t imagine doing my PhD without having done this Master’s programme.”

Holly Knapton, from the U.K.
Entry requirements and how to apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A Bachelor’s degree with a major in psychology including at least 15 credits of psychological research methods and statistics. 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/psychology. 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 this programme you also need to submit a statement of purpose with your application. See instructions on www.psy.lu.se/study/master
3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO
Selection is made based on grades from previous studies and statement of purpose.

TUITION FEES
There are no tuition fees for EU/EEA citizens. For non-EU/EEA citizens the tuition fee for this programme is SEK 100,000 per year. For details on tuition fees, see www.lunduniversity.lu.se.

About the Department of Psychology
There are about 110 persons on the regular staff at the department. A network of national and international contacts with researchers and practitioners provides a basis for communication with the world at large.
A continuous programme for quality management and certification is implemented in the department. Our teachers have often been praised for their teaching skills.

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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