Programme overview

The Master of Science in Social Studies of Gender is an interdisciplinary social science Master’s programme that aims to provide you with the core elements through which current gender theories and research, in dialogue with established academic disciplines, have contributed to the understanding of broader social processes. The major objective of the programme is to improve your ability to critically examine, evaluate and discuss the field’s most important theoretical perspectives and research results. With these skills in social science and gender analysis, you will be able to formulate and analyse interconnections between theory and practice concerning gender, class, ethnicity and sexuality.

You will develop skills in critical thinking in relation to social studies of gender and develop theoretical knowledge in your major discipline. You will be trained in various social science methods, both qualitative and quantitative. You will also gain general skills like problem solving, working in teams, cultural understanding, writing independent reports as well as conceptual, analytical and evaluative skills. You will be given the chance to take an active part in shaping your education by tailoring your studies to your interests and career goals, especially in the second half of the programme.

There are also good opportunities to go abroad during the third semester and take courses at one of the many universities with which we have exchange agreements. You can also take advantage of the possibility to do an internship for one semester, which provides an excellent opportunity to gain work experience. Previous students have, for example, undertaken work placements at embassies and in international NGOs, private companies and the public sector, where a gender perspective is crucial.

Programme modules/courses

COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS: Gender, Class, Ethnicity and Sexuality (15), Research Methods (15), Critical Feminist Perspectives in Social Theory (15), Theory of Sciences/Research Methods (15), Master’s degree thesis (30). Elective courses and/or studies abroad, and/or internship (30).

Career prospects

The critical social science perspective acquired during the programme, together with in-depth knowledge of theories in your disciplinary background prepares you for professional work in a variety of fields, such as organisational management, development, communication and social policy. In addition, the programme prepares students for doctoral studies and a continued academic career.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

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A Bachelor’s degree with a major in one of the following social sciences disciplines: development studies, education, gender studies, human geography, political science, social work, social anthropology, sociology and sociology of law or equivalent. A major is equivalent to a minimum of 90 ECTS credits or 50% of all degree coursework solely within one social science discipline. 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/gender-studies. 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 MSc in Social Studies of Gender, you also need to submit a statement of purpose with your application.
3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO
Selection is made based on grades on the courses and thesis in the Bachelor’s degree, as well as the 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

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About the Faculty of Social Sciences
The Faculty of Social Science offers a wide variety of Master’s programmes that are either interdisciplinary, thematic programmes or programmes in certain disciplines. The variety of programmes and courses makes it possible for most students to find something to suit their interests. You can obtain a Master’s degree in a traditional discipline such as Political Science or Sociology, or in a thematic field such as Development Studies or Global Studies. All Master’s programmes at the Faculty give you eligibility for PhD studies. We also offers a Bachelor’s degree programme in Development Studies.

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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