Programme overview

The Master of Science Programme in Sociology of Law is an interdisciplinary programme aimed at introducing students to the study of law, legal institutions and legal behaviour in a social context. It offers an advanced overview of sociology of law with the possibility of specialisation in socio-legal areas, such as criminal justice, criminology, legal cultures, human rights, the legal profession, governance, law and gender, law and globalisation and regulation.

The objective of the programme is to increase the students' knowledge of how the law and legal institutions work at the national and transnational levels and how they impact the everyday life of ordinary citizens. The programme will provide the students with the skills they need to critically examine, analyse and evaluate the interplay between socio-legal theory and practice, explore legal developments, and study implementation problems at the national, international and global levels.

The programme offers a wide range of alternative courses for the individual student within the Faculty of Social Science, providing students with deeper knowledge in their main study discipline or in other fields of interest. Students can also choose from several courses in research methodology to adapt the programme to their particular interests. There are good opportunities to go abroad and take courses at one of the many universities with which we have exchange agreements.

Programme modules/courses

The programme includes the following courses/modules: Introduction to Sociology of Law (15), Theory of Science and/or Research Methods (30), Socio-legal Theory and Practice (15), elective courses offered in Sweden or abroad or, alternatively, an internship (30), Master’s degree project (30).

Career prospects

The skills provided within this programme will help students to gain the deeper social scientific understanding that is required to continue their studies at the PhD level. They will also enable students to pursue careers within fields which deal with public and private inquiries, project assessments, and policy evaluation.

Furthermore, the programme will provide students with the vital knowledge required of policy-makers, instructors and practitioners who work with issues related to law and legal institutions, the criminal justice system, the EU and EU regulation at the level of regional authorities and government agencies as well as within the private sector (businesses and firms) and the NGOs at both national and international levels.

Entry requirements and how to apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least a Bachelor’s degree including three semesters (90 credits) of studies in sociology of law or another subject of relevance to the programme, e.g. sociology, law, political science, social work, or the equivalent. 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/sociology-law. 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 Sociology of Law, 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 based on grades on the courses, the Bachelor’s degree project, 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 Sociology of Law

Sociology of Law is a department at the Faculty of Social Science, with approximately 30 researchers and teachers. Around 300 students are studying at the department of Sociology of Law each year, both on campus courses and on internet courses. Sociology of Law cooperates with a large number of other departments within Lunds University and also with other universities in Sweden, Europe and other parts of the world. The department also has a large network of contacts within research and education with organisations and companies outside the University.

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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