Programme overview

How can economic change in the past help us understand future sustainable development? The programme is taught in English and aimed at recent high school graduates with a strong academic background, international career ambitions and the drive to gain knowledge and skills in global context analysis, both in the public and private sector.

Economic history is concerned with how economic change in the past can help us understand the future. It uses concepts and theories from the social sciences to study the development of different economies and understand them in their social, political and cultural contexts. It combines the skills of the economist and the historian, the statistician and the sociologist. Meanwhile, economics tackles a broad range of problems, from economic development barriers to international financial crises.

This programme combines the two complementary fields of economic history and economics. It will appeal if you want training in the application of economic theory and quantitative methods to real problems. You will examine important global issues, for example mechanisms driving economic growth and development over time at both national and regional levels, and the importance of education and human capital in economic change. While the scope is global, the Scandinavian experience will be central when identifying lessons to be learned.

The BSc in Economy and Society offers:

- A vast, yet focused curriculum in economic history and economics, combined with complementing electives in other social sciences
- International perspectives from faculty members and students
- Team-based projects enhancing cross-cultural learning
- Opportunities of internships in companies and/or exchange studies abroad at one of our partner universities
- Study and career advice

Programme structure

The programme starts by introducing basic concepts and theories within central areas of the programme, including general skills such as for example working in teams, academic writing, and oral presentations.

The courses that follow after the first semester add additional perspectives and models that provide further, in-depth insights into the practical and theoretical areas that are related to the broad field of Economy and Society. This is combined with further training in more practical skills such as written and oral presentations. You can customise semester 5 according to your own preferences.

As a final part of the programme, you will conduct your own research and demonstrate the ability to independently apply the different ideas and theories introduced by the different courses. This will result in a Bachelor’s degree project (thesis).

Programme modules/courses

COURSES AND NUMBER OF ECTS CREDITS:

Year 1, semester 1:
The Rise of Europe and the Atlantic Economy (7.5); Colonialism and Economic Change in Africa, Asia and Latin America (7.5); Economic growth in Modern Europe, North America and the OECD Club (7.5); The Global South: Comparative Economic Development since 1945 (7.5).

Year 1, semester 2:
Microeconomics (10); Financial Economics (5); Demographic Challenges (7.5); Skill Training 1: Statistics and Data (7.5).

Year 2, semester 3:
Business and Society – a Dynamic Perspective (7.5); Skill Training 2: The Art of Writing and Reporting (7.5); Macroeconomics (10); International Economics (5).

Year 2, semester 4:
Regional Development and Growth (7.5); Global Sustainability (7.5); Two elective courses (15 in total, 7.5 each). The course packages are pre-set, and include courses from the School of Economics and Management and the Social Science faculty.

Year 3, semester 5:
Electives (30): International exchange studies; or internship; or elective courses at LUSEM or Lund University.

Year 3, semester 6:
Research Design, Methods and Data Collection (15); Bachelor’s thesis (15).
Career prospects
The skills you will develop by studying economy and society are attractive to a range of employers. Our graduates are likely to find work in a variety of industries, including: politics and government, banking and finance, NGOs, charities and international development as well as press and media.

Entry requirements and how to apply
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
General and courses corresponding to the following Swedish upper secondary school studies: Mathematics 3b/3c and Social Studies 1b/1a1 + 1a2. English Level 6 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90). See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on English proficiency.

HOW TO APPLY
1. Apply online: Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/bsc-economy-and-society. 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: No programme-specific documents (such as a CV or letters of recommendation) are required when you apply to this programme.
3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO
Seats are allocated according to the general average (GPA) of your higher secondary school leaving certificate.

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. See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on tuition fees.

About the School of Economics and Management
Graduates from the School of Economics and Management are well prepared to be leaders of tomorrow. The commitment to making a difference drives the School’s learning culture in its focus on student learning, innovation and engagement – all in an international atmosphere. We aim at supporting our students in their learning journeys’ towards being capable of tackling global challenges. We do this via a high degree of case-based learning, inviting our students to take part in experiential learning in a way that connects theories with practice. We have a highly qualified faculty with an international outlook, and innovative pedagogical approaches, making sure that our teaching is state-of-the-art. All our programmes reflect the Scandinavian flair on ethics and sustainability, providing a solid foundation for future career ambitions. At LUSEM you learn both to make a difference, and to make it happen!

About Lund University
among the world’s top 100 universities. The University has 40 000 students and more than 8 000 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 degree programmes and courses in Scandinavia, based on cross-disciplinary and cutting-edge research. Because of its wide disciplinary range, interdisciplinary collaborations and engagement with wider society, Lund University is particularly well equipped to meet complex societal challenges. With partner universities in around 70 countries, the University’s profile is distinctly international.

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