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# MSc in Environmental Studies and Sustainability Science

LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

- Master of Science in Environmental Studies and Sustainability Science
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- LUCSUS (Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies)
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2021
- Programme start: August 2021

## Programme overview

As our world is facing serious societal and environmental challenges the need for graduates with the skills and tools necessary for solving complex sustainability challenges is increasing. Do you want to be part of solving key sustainability challenges and become an agent for change?

Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies (LUCSUS) is a world class sustainability centre for research, teaching and impact where we work to understand, explain, and catalyse social change and transformations in relation to material limits in the biosphere.

The master's programme in Environmental Studies and Sustainability Science (LUMES) provides students with skills and tools for solving complex sustainability challenges related to climate change, depletion of natural resources, global health, inequality, governance and societal transformations from a local to global level. Building on our students previous knowledge and experiences, emphasis is placed on understanding present societal development patterns and the environmental problems they create, as well as approaches for formulating strategies for future sustainable pathways. The programme takes an interdisciplinary and holistic approach to sustainability, which provide students with a broad knowledge of the interaction between cultural, economic, environmental, political, and social dimensions of sustainability.

### Unique programme qualities:

The LUMES programme is set in an interdisciplinary and internationally excellent educational and research environment. Students are exposed to different perspectives, world views and ex-

periences, offering a unique opportunity for students to broaden their perspectives and learn about sustainability challenges in other parts of the world.

Courses are taught by teachers and researchers from both the social and natural sciences with the aims of creating graduates that are able to grasp, analyse and formulate governance strategies and practices for transformational change. In addition, interpersonal and academic skills are developed through strong emphases on group work, presentations, academic writing and direct interactions with society.

Since the programme started in 1997, LUMES has had over 900 students from roughly 100 countries.

## Programme modules/courses

### COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS:

**Semester 1:** Earth Systems Science (10), Social Theory and Sustainability (10), Sustainability Science (10)

**Semester 2:** Governance of Sustainability (7.5), Urban and Rural Systems and Sustainability (10), Economy and Sustainability (7.5), Knowledge to Action (5)

**Semester 3:** In the third semester, students choose a range of elective courses adding up to 30 credits. Course selection changes year to year. Students should select four courses within LUCSUS of 7.5 credits each.

**Semester 4:** Master's degree project (30).

Please see [www.lumes.lu.se](http://www.lumes.lu.se) for further details.

## Career prospects

The need for graduates that are able to address complex social, environmental and economic challenges from a holistic perspective is increasing. A MSc in Environmental Studies and Sustainability Science opens employment opportunities for a wide array of career paths in various private sectors, governmental, non-governmental and academic settings.

Our former students are working for transnational companies, international non-governmental environmental organisations, and state authorities as well as international organisations such as the World Bank and the United Nations.



"I came to LUMES wanting to expand my capacities as a global citizen to impact positive change for Ghana. Now, at the end of the programme, I believe I can do just that. LUMES teaches you to see and understand with different eyes, a quality needed more than ever in today's world where difference seems to be emphasised above all else."  
Abdallah Smith from Ghana





Many graduates have also continued with doctoral studies and are now working at universities around the world.

## Entry requirements and how to apply

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

An undergraduate degree (BA/BSc) with a major (90 ECTS credits) in topics relevant for the programme. English Level 6. LUMES is a transdisciplinary programme and we strive to have an as diverse group of students as possible; therefore, we admit students from all academic backgrounds. All majors are relevant. English Level 6 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90). See [www.lunduniversity.lu.se](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se) for details on English levels.

### HOW TO APPLY

- 1. Apply online:** Go to the webpage [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/environmental-studies](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/environmental-studies). Click on "Apply" and follow the instructions for the online application at the Swedish national application website [www.universityadmissions.se](http://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](http://www.universityadmissions.se).
  - **Programme-specific supporting documents:** When applying for this programme, you must also submit a statement of purpose, a CV and letters of recommendation with your application. Instructions can be found at [www.lumes.lu.se](http://www.lumes.lu.se).
- 3. Pay the application fee** (when applicable).

### SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO

The selection is based on previous academic performance, relevant work experience, the statement of purpose and letters of recommendation.

### TUITION FEES

There are no tuition fees for EU/EEA citizens. For non-EU/EEA citizens, the tuition fee for this programme is SEK 125 000 per year. See [www.lunduniversity.lu.se](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se) for details on tuition fees.

## About LUCSUS

Lund Lund University Centre for Sustainability Science (LUCSUS) is a place for education, research and collaboration on questions related to sustainable development. We combine critical perspectives with solutions-based approaches. At the core of our work is the belief that sustainability is a complex field, best understood and explained through interdisciplinary research in close collaboration with society. Our research focuses on sustainability challenges and is often conducted in international cooperation.

In addition to our international Master's Programme in Environmental Studies and Sustainability Science (LUMES), we also offer a PhD programme in sustainability science.

LUCSUS runs an extensive outreach and impact activities programme to advance the societal dialogue on sustainability. Through this programme, we communicate our research to society, in close collaboration with stakeholders, governments and non-governmental organisations. Learn more about the Centre at [www.lumes.lu.se](http://www.lumes.lu.se).

## About Lund University

Lund University was founded in 1666 and is repeatedly ranked 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.

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.

Lund University has an annual turnover of more than EUR 830 million, of which two-thirds go to research in our nine faculties, enabling us to offer one of the strongest and broadest ranges of research in Scandinavia.

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