Programme overview

The Master’s programme in Pharmaceutical Technology will prepare you for an exciting career in pharmaceuticals, no matter if you aim for working in the pharmaceutical industry, regulatory authorities or for future PhD studies. The programme is one of few with a broad approach that includes the entire pharmaceutical process; from discovery and identification of the active substance, to the development and production of the final drug, covering both biomolecules and small organic pharmaceutical molecules. The programme aims to expose students to as authentic industrial development scenarios as possible, with strong emphasis on laboratory practice and project-based learning.

The Master’s programme in Pharmaceutical Technology focuses on three main areas:

- Small organic molecule drug discovery including pharmacology
- Biological drug discovery including pharmacology
- Product development, production and quality assurance

The Master’s programme in Pharmaceutical Technology engages teachers from several strong interdisciplinary research departments at Lund University. It builds on well-established collaborations with the pharmaceutical industry as well as with other national and international, highly ranked, universities. For the final Master’s thesis project, these collaborations will provide excellent opportunities for research beyond Lund University within a wide range of pharmacy-related research areas, in either academia or industry. Students in this programme will become part of a strong international research environment with access to excellent lab facilities and key equipment utilised within the pharma industry.

Programme modules/courses

**COMPULSORY COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS:**
- Medicinal Chemistry (7.5)
- Pharmaceutical Formulation and Production (7.5)
- Biopharmaceuticals (7.5)
- Project in Pharmaceutical Technologies, Materials or Chemistry (15)
- Project in Life Science including Formulation (15)

**ELECTIVE MANDATORY:** (at least 15):
- Advanced Analytical Chemistry (7.5)
- Organic Chemistry (7.5)
- Biophysical Chemistry (7.5)
- Surface and Colloid Chemistry (7.5)
- Quality and Product Safety (7.5)
- Immunotechnology (7.5)

**ELECTIVES:**
- Intro to Microfluids and Lab-on-a-chip Systems (7.5)
- Chemometrics, DoE and Multivariate analysis (7.5)
- Protein Engineering (7.5)
- Human Physiology (7.5)
- Downstream Processing in Biotechnology (7.5)
- Bioanalytical Chemistry (7.5)
- Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy and Imaging (7.5)

Career prospects

The pharmaceutical industry experiences a continuing and growing demand for the recruitment of highly skilled employees with insight and knowledge covering the entire development process leading to a drug. Graduates of the programme will be well-prepared to meet future challenges in an international, multidisciplinary pharmaceutic environment.

The programme is closely connected to one of northern Europe’s strongest biotech regions, the Medicon Valley, hosting at least 200 international pharmaceutical companies and affiliates. Globally, the trend of small companies delivering lead compounds, analytical methods, and advanced formulation solutions to large pharmaceutical companies is widely spreading. This is a rapidly growing industry in need of qualified employees.

A likely first position for a student from this programme would be as organic or analytical chemist, as biochemist developing new biological pharmaceutical substances, formulator of new drug products, at a position in the quality assurance field or within a regulatory authority. Alternatively, graduates could aim for further specialised studies as a PhD student.

“In our experience, the need for educated young professionals in the area of pharmaceuticals has never been higher. The industry expresses a growing demand for students with broad competences covering the whole development chain as well as the demands for large-scale production. We are proud to launch this new programme, tailor-made to not only meet the needs from industry, but also to pursue a career in academic research.”

Jenny Schelin, Programme Director
Entry requirements and how to apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A Bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering, biotechnology, chemistry, medicinal chemistry or equivalent. At least 10 credits/ECTS in completed, dedicated mathematics courses (including at least 5 credits algebra and analysis, 3 credits statistics). Completed courses of at least 60 credits/ECTS in chemistry, chemical engineering and/or biotechnology, of which at least 5 credits/ECTS in organic chemistry, 5 credits/ECTS in biochemistry/cell biology, and 5 credits/ECTS in analytical chemistry. English Level 6 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90) is also required. See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on English proficiency levels.

HOW TO APPLY
1. Apply online: Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/pharmaceutical-technology. 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: For information on programme-specific documentation, please check the programme webpage.
3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO
The selection is based on academic qualifications.

TUITION FEES
There are no tuition fees for EU/EEA citizens. For non-EU/EEA citizens, the tuition fee for this programme is SEK 145 000 per year. See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on tuition fees.

About the Faculty of Engineering
The Faculty of Engineering, LTH, is as a place for dreams and discoveries. We inspire creative development of technology, architecture and design and teach some of Sweden’s most attractive Master’s programmes, all built on a broad research base. LTH is among the leading engineering faculties in Europe with close to 10 000 undergraduate students. Over 1 000 researchers at LTH work hard to improve the quality of life for people and promote a more careful use of the Earth’s resources. Our vision is: Together we explore and create – for the benefit of the world. A world record in 5G technology, solar cell-driven water purification, early cancer diagnosis, nanotechnology for more efficient solar panels, and a health-promoting oat drink are some of the innovations developed at LTH.

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.

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.

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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