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# MSc in Asian Studies

LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

- Master of Science in Asian Studies
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2021
- Programme start: August 2021

## Programme overview

Interested in an exciting international career? Apply to our Master's Programme in Asian Studies!

This interdisciplinary programme aims to provide you with an advanced understanding of contemporary issues in East and South-East Asia so that you will have the knowledge and concrete skills necessary to understand and assess social, cultural, economic and political developments in the region.

You choose your country or a region of focus in East and South-East Asia, but also read courses that are more general and deal with cross-regional issues. The curriculum enables you to specialise based on your regional, thematic, and disciplinary focus and to critically examine and discuss issues within the field of East and South-East Asia. During the fourth semester you will have the possibility to travel to Asia to carry out fieldwork and collect material for your master thesis.

In the programme you will meet teachers who are engaged in both teaching and research and have broad experience in the region. We focus on the development of different countries but also study the region's importance in international politics.

### As a student on this programme, you will:

- Learn to analyse complex issues related to social, cultural, political and economic developments in East and South-East Asia.
- Critically, independently, and creatively be able to identify and formulate questions and use appropriate research methods.

- Gain the ability to work in an interdisciplinary setting and in a multicultural international environment.
- Gain the skills required for work in research, government agencies, international organisations or employment in some other qualified capacity.

## Programme modules/courses

**COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS:** **Semester 1:** Asian Studies (6 credits), The Economic Transformation of East and South-East Asia (12 credits), Political Systems, Governance and Democracy in East and South-East Asia (12 credits). **Semester 2:** Region-specific course, chose between China, Japan/Korea, or Southeast Asia (15 credits), Methodology in Theory and Practice (15 credits). **Semester 3:** Elective courses (22.5 credits), Data Collection and Analysis (7.5 credits). **Semester 4:** Master's Thesis (30 credits).

## Career prospects

Graduates of the MSc Programme in Asian Studies have a number of career opportunities available to them. Many graduates continue to doctoral studies at universities throughout Europe and beyond. Some of our students work in government administration, for example, foreign ministries, embassies and various European Union and United Nations agencies. Others obtain employment in civil society organisations around the world, for example, the Asia Foundation, the Red Cross and Oxfam. In the private sector we find our graduates employed as business analysts, consultants, project leaders, project coordinators, business developers, brand managers, company directors, freelance journalists and newspaper editors.

“The Master's Programme in Asian Studies helped me gain new perspectives and an understanding of cultures, which is important when you work with a continent that is not your own.”

Isis Sartori Reis from Brazil, now working as Junior Programme Officer at The Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law





## Entry requirements and how to apply

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor's degree in the social sciences or humanities. English Level 6 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90). See [www.lunduniversity.lu.se](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se) for details on English proficiency levels.

### HOW TO APPLY

- 1. Apply online:** Go to [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/asian-studies](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/asian-studies). Click on "Apply" and follow the instructions for the online application at [www.universityadmissions.se](http://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](http://www.universityadmissions.se).
  - **Programme-specific supporting documents:** When applying for the MSc in Asian Studies, you must also submit a statement of purpose and a CV with your application. Find more information on the programme webpage.
- 3. Pay the application fee** (when applicable).

### SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO

Selection of students is based on previous academic achievements and the following criteria:

- Grades on courses
- English language level
- Documented knowledge of and/or interest in the field of Asian Studies and statement of purpose
- Non-academic knowledge and/or work experience of relevance to Asian Studies.

### TUITION FEES

There are no tuition fees for EU/EEA citizens. For non-EU/EEA citizens, the tuition fee for this programme is SEK 110 000 per year. See [www.lunduniversity.lu.se](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se) for details on tuition fees.

## About the Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies

The Centre for East and South-East Asian focuses on interdisciplinary education and research on contemporary East and South-East Asia, including international relations, economic development, civil society and political issues, as well as digital transformations. Building upon strengths in these fields, the Centre is a hub for students and researchers at Lund University interested in the region. It is also integrated into a large network of scholars and institutions in Asia and elsewhere. The Centre is involved in a wide range of activities. These include hosting guest researchers, and organising open lectures, seminars, conferences, film screenings and exhibitions. The Centre also houses a library, the Asia Library, with an interdisciplinary collection that focuses on contemporary issues in East and South-East Asia.

## 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.

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