

- Master of Science with a major in Media and Communication
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Department of Communication and Media
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2021
- Programme start: August 2021

Programme overview

The focus of this international Master's programme is to offer a critical approach to contemporary social, political and cultural issues in media and communications. We provide up-to-date engagement with key issues, theories and problems in media engagement, democracy and cultural citizenship, media industries and creativity, gender, health and society, audiences, popular culture and everyday life. Courses tackle contemporary debates about knowledge, power and social relations in national and transnational media environments.

Our teaching is based on international expertise in a high-ranking, research-led department (top 100, QS World University Rankings by subject 2020). We emphasise theorising and researching media, society and culture using real world case studies that are tailor made for our students who are taught diverse theoretical, conceptual and empirical tools for research through a mix of courses and independent research projects. Courses are taught in Lund and connect with collaborative partnerships with NGOs and cultural organisations in the region.

Students on our programme come from a diverse range of backgrounds and professional experiences, including media and cultural industries, NGOs and charity sectors, and develop critical understanding of media and communication during two years of cross-cultural meetings and exchange of ideas. Students participate in a lively research environment, where we run regular international conferences, seminars

and events, on topics such as media freedom, and our post-graduate students organise and participate in an annual symposium and book series MSc Excellent Dissertations. Our community of international students and alumni help prepare you for further research and professional life, and our graduates go on to work in the media and communications field and pursue research track careers in public and commercial spheres.

Programme modules/courses

Our programme includes a range of dedicated theory and methods courses and optional courses. The portfolio of courses includes: Media and Political Engagement (15 credits), Media Audiences (15 credits), Media, Health and Society (15 credits), Media and Diversity (15 credits), Popular Culture (15 credits), Media and Communication Methodology (15 credits), Digital Media Research (7.5 credits), Digital Ethnography (7.5 credits) and Research Methods (7.5 credits), other optional courses, study abroad (30 credits), internship (15 and 30 credits), Master's degree thesis (30 credits). Up to 7.5 credits of the second term and 30 credits of the third term can be replaced by elective courses.

Career prospects

Students graduating from this programme will be prepared for professional opportunities in research-led careers, education, academic careers, media and cultural industries, national and international policy and production sectors, commercial and public service organisations, and NGOs. Above all, graduates will have the critical skills necessary to evaluate and understand media in a range of professional and private spheres.

Entry requirements and how to apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor's degree (180 credits) including 90 credits in media and communication studies or the equivalent. English



“If you feel like you want to become a researcher, this programme is the right choice. This does not mean it is the wrong choice for a career outside of academia, however. This programme turns you into a critical thinker and many of my peers went on to use their skills in such a variety of jobs; everything from working within the European Commission to journalism, PR and a lot of other fields you would not expect media researchers to end up in.”

Kevin Witzemberger from Germany, now PhD candidate at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia





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/media-communication. 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:** When applying for the Master's in Media and Communication, you must submit a CV and a statement of purpose (500 words). We are looking for applicants with a strong fit with our programme profile. When writing your statement, think about the following questions to structure your comments: What do you hope to contribute to our programme? How does your educational background and/or professional expertise prepare you for this programme? In what ways can this programme enrich your educational development? Make sure to carefully consider our profile and follow the tips stated on our website www.kom.lu.se/applicationtips.

3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO

Selection is based on academic qualifications and the 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 110 000 per year. See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on tuition fees.

About the Department of Communication and Media

Communication and Media at Lund University is in the top 100 (QS World University Rankings by subject 2020). Our research-led teaching critically analyses the study of media, society and culture. Our aim is to broaden understanding of knowledge, power and social relations in national and transnational media environments. Strategic research areas include: media engagement, democracy and cultural citizenship; media industries and creativity; gender, health and society; audiences, popular culture and everyday life. We offer teaching and learning at undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral levels in Swedish and English. We are a diverse and interdisciplinary department that has a dynamic research environment with state and privately funded research projects, international publications and collaboration, and regular research seminars and conferences with world-class scholars from around the world. Our graduates are working as teachers and researchers, within the public sector, and in the communications and creative industries.

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.

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