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# MSc in Sociology of Law

LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

- Master of Science in Social Science with a major in Sociology of Law
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Division of Sociology of Law
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2021
- Programme start: August 2021

## Programme overview

The Master of Science Programme in Sociology of Law is an interdisciplinary programme aimed at introducing students to the study of law, legal institutions and legal behaviour in a social context. It offers an advanced overview of sociology of law with the possibility of specialisation in socio-legal areas, such as criminal justice, criminology, legal cultures, human rights, the legal profession, governance, law and gender, law and globalisation and regulation.

The objective of the programme is to increase the students' knowledge of how the law and legal institutions work at the national and transnational levels and how they impact the everyday life of ordinary citizens. The programme will provide the students with the skills they need to critically examine, analyse and evaluate the interplay between socio-legal theory and practice, explore legal developments and study implementation problems at the national, international and global levels.

The programme offers a wide range of alternative courses for the individual student within the Faculty of Social Science, providing students with deeper knowledge in their main study discipline or in other fields of interest. Students can also choose from several courses in research methodology to adapt the programme to their particular interests. There are good opportunities to go abroad and take courses at one of the many universities with which we have exchange agreements.

## Programme modules/courses

**COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS:** **Semester 1:** Introduction to Sociology of Law (15 credits), Theory of Science and/or Research methods (15 credits). **Semester 2:** Socio-legal Theory and Practice (15 credits), Theory of Science and/or Research methods (15 credits). **Semester 3:** Elective courses offered in Sweden or abroad or, alternatively, an internship (30 credits). **Semester 4:** Master's degree project (30 credits).

## Career prospects

The skills provided within this programme will help students to gain the deeper social scientific understanding that is required to continue their studies at the PhD level. They will also enable students to pursue careers within fields which deal with public and private inquiries, project assessments and policy evaluation.

Furthermore, the programme will provide students with the vital knowledge required of policy-makers, instructors and practitioners who work with issues related to law and legal institutions, the criminal justice system, the EU and EU regulation at the level of regional authorities and government agencies as well as within the private sector (businesses and firms) and the NGOs at both national and international levels.

## Entry requirements and how to apply

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The equivalent of a Swedish Bachelor's degree with a major (i.e. at least 90 ECTS credits) in one of the following social sciences disciplines: sociology of law, sociology, law, criminology, political science, social work, or the equivalent. 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.



“The programme was really good. The applied courses we had with our professor were excellent and I learned a lot from them. We were a small group of only 25 people, so it was an intimate feel with lots of discussions. It is also a very broad programme; during the last year you have the chance to take courses on other topics that you can customise to the topic of your Masters' thesis. There was also the opportunity to do an internship. The elective courses and the internship opportunity give the programme a flexible dimension.”

Oscar Björkenfeldt from Sweden





### HOW TO APPLY

**1. Apply online:** Go to [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/sociology-law](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/sociology-law). 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 Sociology of Law, you must also submit a statement of purpose with your application.

**3. Pay the application fee** (when applicable).

### SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO

Selection is based on grades on the courses, the Bachelor's degree project 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](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se) for details on tuition fees.

### About the Department of Sociology of Law

Sociology of Law is a department at the Faculty of Social Science, with approximately 30 researchers and teachers. Around 300 students are studying at the department of Sociology of Law each year, both on campus courses and on online courses. Sociology of Law co-operates with a large number of other departments within Lunds University and with other universities in Sweden, Europe and other parts of the world. The department also has a large network of contacts within research and education with organisations and companies outside the University.

### 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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