

- Master of Science in Cultural Criminology
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Department of Sociology
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2021
- Programme start: August 2021

Programme overview

What are the attractions in dealing drugs, being a graffiti writer, or trying to rehabilitate criminals? Cultural criminology aims to explain and understand how people involved in deviance, crime or social control go about their everyday life and how they interact with others.

Instead of focusing on statistics such as increases in crime or correlations of numbers, which criminology often has relied upon, we ask what governs relationships in the drug world or that of prostitution, among buyers, sellers and the police. We aim to get inside the experiences of committing or controlling crime and to grasp the biographical and emotional aspects.

If you are a graffiti writer, what are the thrills? What tools are you expected to use, what vocabulary and even what clothes are you expected to wear?

Investigating corruption, we find important cultural themes governing both those involved in corruption and the anti-corruption movement. Actors navigate between different conceptions of what is considered a gift and a bribe, linked to differences between countries but also between professions and historical periods.

We are interested in how media represents crime but also in personal experiences and detailed accounts of life inside institutions. We primarily use fieldnotes, interviews, texts, images and Internet data.

In short, cultural criminology is about local cultures, sub-cultures and a multitude of cultural characteristics associated with crime or deviance.

As a student on the programme, you will acquire:

- Knowledge and understanding within criminology, anthropology and sociology, including knowledge of the disciplinary foundation of the fields and general knowledge of current research issues.
- Specialised knowledge of research methods in cultural criminology.
- The ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex cultural criminological phenomena, issues and situations.
- The ability to identify and formulate research questions critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work.
- The skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity.

Programme modules/courses

COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS: Cultural Criminology: Theories, Concepts and Perspectives (15), Methods and Social Analysis (15), Applied Cultural Criminology (15), Ethnography in Social Science or selected courses in theory of science and research methods (in total 15 credits), elective courses/study abroad/internship (30), Master's thesis (30).

Career prospects

Crime and punishment are continuously topical in public debate. Furthermore, they constitute the basis for many of modern society's professions and professional activities: prison officers, crime prevention officers, university lecturers, police officers, social analysts, etc. This programme will also prepare you for PhD-studies and a continued academic career.





Entry requirements and how to apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor's degree with a major (i.e. at least 90 ECTS credits) in social anthropology, sociology or equivalent. English 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/cultural-criminology. Click on "Apply" and follow the instructions for the online application at 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.
- **Programme-specific supporting documents:** When applying for the MSc in Cultural Criminology, you also need to submit a statement of purpose (of around one page) with your application.

3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO

The 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.

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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.

The establishment of the world-leading facilities MAX IV and ESS will have a major impact on future scientific and industrial development in both materials science and life science. MAX IV is the leading synchrotron radiation facility in the world, while the European research facility ESS will be the world's most powerful neutron source when it opens for research in 2023. Adjacent to these facilities, Science Village Scandinavia is also being developed into a meeting place and testing environment for research, education and entrepreneurship.

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