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MSc in Development Studies

LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

- Master of Science in Development Studies
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Graduate School, Faculty of Social Sciences
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2021
- Programme start: August 2021

Programme overview

The Master of Science in Development Studies is an interdisciplinary social science Master's programme focusing on problems of poverty and development.

The objective of the programme is to provide you with background knowledge and practical skills to understand, assess and work in development-related fields, whether in direct poverty reduction or in other aspects of social, economic and institutional development. You will acquire a critical social science approach and will conduct your own research within the context of the Master's thesis. You will be trained in various social science methods, both qualitative and quantitative. You will also gain general skills like problem-solving, working in teams, cultural understanding, writing independent reports as well as conceptual, analytical and evaluative skills.

The programme offers you a wide range of alternatives. There are many social science courses within the Faculty of Social Science to provide you with deeper knowledge within your disciplinary background or in other fields beneficial to your research interests. You will be given the chance to take an active part in shaping your education by tailoring your studies to your interests and career goals, especially in the second half of the programme.

There are good opportunities to go abroad and take courses at one of the many universities with which we have exchange agreements. If you wish to work in development-related fields, you can also choose to do an

internship. Previous students have worked, for example, at embassies spread over the world, in governmental and non-governmental development agencies within the UN and the EU and in various NGOs, and in the private sector.

Programme modules/courses

COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS: **Semester 1:** Theories and Issues in Development (15 credits), Research Methods course (15 credits). **Semester 2:** Historical Aspects of Development (15 credits), Theory of Sciences/Research Methods (15 credits). **Semester 3:** Elective courses, Internship, and/or Studies Abroad (totalling 30 credits). **Semester 4:** Master's degree thesis (30 credits).

Career prospects

The programme provides you with both the background knowledge and the practical skills needed to work in development-related fields. You will gain a critical understanding of trends and debates within development work. You will be prepared to make contributions to sustainable development in a role such as policymaker or practitioner in government agencies, private firms and NGOs. Alternatively, you can pursue doctoral studies and a continued academic career.

Entry requirements and how to apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor's degree with a major in one of the following social sciences disciplines: development studies, gender studies, human geography, political science, social work, social anthropology, sociology and sociology of law or equivalent. A major is equivalent to a minimum of 90 ECTS credits or 50% of all degree coursework solely within one social science discipline. English Level 6 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90). See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on English proficiency levels.



“Lecturers at the Graduate School give very good and frank comments. It builds you up for the work ahead and this aspect also really helped with my writing skills. By the end of the programme, you have in-depth knowledge of methods and theory. I think I've gained a lot of experiences and, if I'm put on the field, I know I'll perform.”

Patience Owusuwaah from Ghana





HOW TO APPLY

- 1. Apply online:** Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/development-studies. 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 MSc in Development Studies, you must also submit a statement of purpose with your application. The programme-specific questions you must answer in your statement of purpose are available on the programme webpage.
- 3. Pay the application fee** (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO

Selection is made based on grades on the courses in the Bachelor's degree, as well as 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.

CONTACT

Programme webpage

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/development-studies

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About the Faculty of Social Sciences

The Faculty of Social Sciences offers a wide variety of Master's programmes that are either interdisciplinary, thematic programmes or programmes in certain disciplines. The variety of programmes and courses makes it possible for most students to find something to suit their interests. You can obtain a Master's degree in a traditional discipline such as Political Science or Sociology, or in a thematic field such as Development Studies or Global Studies. The degree you attain depends on the courses you take and within which discipline you write your Master's thesis. All Master's programmes at the Faculty give you eligibility for PhD studies. We also offer a Bachelor's degree programme in Development Studies.

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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