Programme overview

The Master of Science in Global Studies is an interdisciplinary social science Master’s programme which aims to provide you with knowledge of globalisation, conflict and social change. This involves an understanding of theories connected to processes of globalisation and transformation as analysed through various disciplinary frameworks. The programme presents major cultural, economic, political and socio-psychological theories and concepts to enable you to make informed, comparative analyses of how globalisation is linked to conflict and social change.

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. As a student in the programme, you will be able to develop critical thinking skills in relation to global studies and deepen your theoretical knowledge in your disciplinary background. 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.

We have exchange agreements with many universities abroad where you can spend one semester taking courses of relevance to your specific research interest. You can also take advantage of the opportunity to do an internship during the third semester, which provides an excellent opportunity to gain work experience. Previous students have, for example, undertaken internship placements at embassies and at international NGOs, private companies and the public sector.

Programme modules/courses


Career prospects

The programme provides you with both the background knowledge and the practical skills needed to work in a broad range of fields including governmental, non-governmental and the private sector.

You will be prepared for a future career as a policymaker, a leader or a practitioner working on global issues in government agencies, private companies or NGOs, or alternatively, for 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.

“Global Studies takes a bold and innovative step so to speak, which is trying to integrate different social sciences and humanities disciplines into the framework of international relations and political science. Our teachers in particular were very dedicated to being as open and communicative as possible because this programme encompasses all of these disciplines and topics. Consequently, the teaching style is very much oriented towards developing complex critical thinking.”

Pasko Kiscic from Peru
HOW TO APPLY
1. Apply online: Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/global-studies. 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 Global Studies, you also need to 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.

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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