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# MSc in Human Ecology – Culture, Power, Sustainability

LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

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

## Programme overview

Drawing on fields such as anthropology, geography, sociology and economic history, the programme provides interdisciplinary perspectives and analytical tools for communicating about problems of sustainability. It represents an important complement to technological and natural science approaches towards sustainability by focusing on the cultural dimensions of consumption and resource use, cultural perceptions of environment and economy, and social science perspectives on the global distribution of environmental problems. A central aim is to help students develop skills in communicating across boundaries separating the discourses of different disciplines, cultural traditions, or the interests of business, politics and social movements. The programme encourages critical scrutiny of the debate about sustainability, but also a serious commitment to improving human–environmental relations worldwide. It covers the major social and environmental challenges of our time, including climate change and climate justice, unequal exchange and use of ecological resources, and the shifting of environmental risks and problems to the poorest parts of world society.

This programme is unique in combining perspectives on sustainability from the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. It brings together lecturers and students from various backgrounds in truly interdisciplinary discussions about how culture, power and ecology interact in human–environmental relations. In the third semester, many students are offered internships with organisations in various parts of the world, giving them the opportunity to apply

their insights to practical engagement with sustainability policies. In the past, students have, for example, enjoyed internships with organisations dedicated to improving sustainability in various parts of Latin America. The programme does not shy away from pressing controversial questions regarding global power structures and inequalities of distribution.

## Programme Modules/courses

**COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS:** Culture, Economy and Ecology (15), Theory of Science and/or Methods (15), Political Ecology, Consumption, and Identity (15), Theory of Science and/or Methods (15), Master’s degree thesis (30). Electives and/or practical application (15 or 30).

## Career prospects

Graduate students will be able to work in fields such as research, education, journalism, environmental management and development aid.

## Entry requirements

A Bachelor’s degree, including three semesters (90 credits) of studies in human ecology, or another subject of relevance to the programme, e.g. anthropology, sociology, geography, environmental studies, or equivalent. English Level 6 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90). Please see [www.lunduniversity.lu.se](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se) for details on English proficiency levels.

## HOW TO APPLY

**1. Apply online:** Go to [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/human-ecology](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/human-ecology). Click on “Apply” and follow the instructions for the online application at the Swedish national application website [www.universityadmissions.se](http://www.universityadmissions.se). Rank the chosen programmes in order of preference.



“Getting to learn and interact with students from different study backgrounds and different countries has been incredible. That, combined with the clear dedication of purpose-driven professors and instructors, has made for an enriching experience.”

Josie Flatgard from the USA





## 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 Master's in Human Ecology you must submit your transcript of records and a statement of purpose of max. 1000 words (the template is found on the Human Geography website [www.keg.lu.se](http://www.keg.lu.se) ).

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

### SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO

Selection is based on course grades in the Bachelor's degree 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 Human Geography

The Department of Human Geography is a dynamic entity of Lund University, with a strong international reputation in both research and education in human geography. The Department is active in economic geography, historical and landscape geography, environmental geography, urban/social/political geography, and development geography.

## 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.

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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