Programme overview

The MSc in Social Anthropology provides students with a strongly research-based Master’s degree. The programme combines deep subject knowledge with broadened perspectives and links with wider society. The MSc in Social Anthropology applies deep and broad perspectives to an understanding of social communities and culture as a coherent whole.

The programme provides specialisation in the scholarly approach that is fundamental to students aiming to pursue PhD studies, but which is also of considerable value for advanced work as a policy or operational officer in organisations and activities at different levels.

Furthermore, the programme provides students with broadened theoretical perspectives, expanded knowledge of qualitative methodology, skills to adapt to a changing working life and the ability to contribute to development in society and working life.

In the programme, students will acquire:

- Knowledge and understanding of social anthropology, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge of certain areas of the field as well as specialised insight into current research and development work
- Specialised knowledge of research methods in social anthropology
- The ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, even with limited information
- 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:

- Social Anthropology: Theory and Method Course (15), Methods and Social Analysis or Methods for Research in the Social Sciences (15), Modern Classics (15), Ethnography in Social Science (15) or Field Work (7.5) and Evaluation Research – Theories and Methods (7.5), elective courses/study abroad/internship (30), Master’s thesis (30).

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 policy maker, a leader or a practitioner working in government agencies, private companies or NGOs, or, alternatively, for doctoral studies and a continued academic career.

“The atmosphere and the culture of the programme are very nice. I also enjoy the way the programme is structured; they emphasise group work, group coordination and communication opposed to just sitting and listening to lectures. It’s more active learning versus just evaluations and testing. I feel like I’m getting much more out of it this way.”

Jesse Wasson from the USA
Entry requirements and how to apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A Bachelor’s degree that includes at least 90 credits in social anthropology 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/social-anthropology. 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 Social Anthropology, you must also 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.

About the Department of Sociology
The Department of Sociology at Lund University was founded in 1947 and is part of the Faculty of Social Sciences. The department currently has about 1 100 students and about 100 researchers and teachers.

We conduct research in a variety of fields, which is also reflected in our wide range of courses given both on campus in Lund and as internet courses. We offer courses and programmes on both the undergraduate and postgraduate level. The department of Sociology cooperates with a large number of other departments within Lund University and other universities globally.

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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