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MSc in Development Studies

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- Master of Science in Development Studies
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Graduate School, Faculty of Social Sciences
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2022
- Programme start: August 2022

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 is a wide variety of social science courses within the Faculty 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, Fieldwork, 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, or 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.

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 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/



“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





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

The applicant's estimated capacity to complete the programme is the primary criterion for selection. Students are selected on the basis of their previous study results (grades on courses and thesis in the Bachelor's degree), proficiency in English and a statement of purpose.

Since this a multidisciplinary programme it is essential to attain an even distribution among different majors within the group. The number of admitted applicants from one major shall not exceed 30 % of all students admitted to the programme. Hence the applicant's major will be used as a selection criterion in case of many applicants from one major. The following main fields of study are eligible as majors: Gender Studies, Development Studies, Human Geography, Political Science, Social Work, Social Anthropology, Sociology and Sociology of Law.

Tuition fees

Tuition fee SEK 110 000 per year for non-EU/EEA citizens. No fee for EU/EEA citizens. 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 around 44 000 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 considered one of the most popular study locations in Sweden. The University offers one of the broadest ranges of programmes and courses in Scandinavia, based on cross-disciplinary and cutting-edge research. The unique disciplinary range encourages boundary-crossing collaborations both within academia and with wider society, creating great conditions for scientific breakthroughs and innovations. The University has a distinct international profile, with partner universities in almost 70 countries.

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