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# MA in Middle Eastern Studies

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- Master of Arts in Middle Eastern 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 two-year international interdisciplinary Master's Programme in Middle Eastern Studies aims to develop deeper knowledge about the Middle East of today. The programme trains students in critical thinking and gives them the ability to apply this to current events and debates in and about the region. The programme also aims to educate students in social sciences theories and various research methodologies, as well as to provide opportunities for the application of methodological skills.

In this programme, we analyse The Middle East as a historically changeable concept rather than a delimited geographical region. Particular emphasis is given to the processes, norms, and flows that continuously shape the Middle East, such as migration, refugeeship, legal, political, social, and economic conditions, as well as cultural and gender constructs.

## PROGRAMME MODULES/COURSES

**COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS:** First semester: Introduction to Middle Eastern Studies (15), Methods for Research in the Social Sciences, (15). Second semester: Middle Eastern Studies: Theory and Society (15), Courses in theory of science and/or research methods (15). Third semester: Field course, Internship Course, or Elective Courses (15) and Elective Courses within Middle Eastern Studies (15) or Study Abroad (30) with at least 15 credits in elective Middle Eastern Studies courses that must be pre-approved by the program director. Fourth semester: Master's degree thesis (30).

## CAREER PROSPECTS

The programme offers courses in multiple focus areas and optional language training. It provides a solid foundation for a career in Middle Eastern analysis, diplomacy, government, development, culture, or enterprise, as well as for further academic research and PhD studies.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

### Entry requirements

A Bachelor's degree. English Level 6. Knowledge of a Middle Eastern language is not required for admission.

### How to apply

1. **Apply online:** Go to [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/middle-eastern-studies](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/middle-eastern-studies). Click on "Apply" and follow the instructions for the online application at [www.universityadmissions.se](http://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](http://www.universityadmissions.se).
  - **Programme-specific supporting documents:** When applying for the MA in Middle Eastern Studies, you must also submit a statement of purpose. 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



“The programme gave me the amazing opportunity to carry out fieldwork and do an internship in Lebanon. Doing research both independently and with a research institute in the region provided me with valuable experience for my future career. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of the programme, I could explore my different areas of interest and combine them in my Master's thesis project.”

Elisa Giannozzi from Italy





and thesis in the Bachelor's degree), a statement of purpose including CV, proficiency in English and academic writing.

#### **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](http://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**

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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.

Lund University has an annual turnover of more than EUR 880 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 European Spallation Source (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 ESS will feature the world's most powerful neutron source when it starts producing neutrons in 2023. These facilities together with the new University campus in Science Village will constitute a science complex and an international hub for research, education and innovation in which Lund University plays a central role.

#### **CONTACT**

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