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MSc in Asian Studies

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- Master of Science in Asian Studies
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2023
- Programme start: August 2023

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Interested in an exciting international career? Apply to our Master's Programme in Asian Studies!

This interdisciplinary programme aims to provide you with an advanced understanding of contemporary issues in East and South-East Asia so that you will have the knowledge and concrete skills necessary to understand and assess social, cultural, economic and political developments in the region.

You read courses that are general and deal with cross-regional issues but you also get the opportunity during the second semester to take an interdisciplinary course on a country or region in East and South-East Asia that you want to focus on. The curriculum enables you to specialise based on your regional, thematic, and disciplinary focus and to critically examine and discuss issues within the field of East and South-East Asia. During the fourth semester you will have the possibility to travel to Asia to carry out fieldwork and collect material for your master thesis.

In the programme you will meet teachers who are engaged in both teaching and research and have broad experience in the region. We focus on the development of different countries but also study the region's importance in international politics.

As a student on this programme, you will:

- Learn to analyse complex issues related to social, cultural, political and economic developments in East and South-East Asia.
- Critically, independently, and creatively be able to identify and formulate questions and use appropriate research methods.

- Gain the ability to work in an interdisciplinary setting and in a multicultural international environment.
- Gain the skills required for work in research, government agencies, international organisations or employment in some other qualified capacity.

PROGRAMME MODULES/COURSES

COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS: **Semester 1:** Asian Studies (6 credits), The Economic Transformation of East and South-East Asia (12 credits), Political Systems, Governance, and Democratization in East and South-East Asia (12 credits). **Semester 2:** Region-specific course, choose between China, Japan/Korea, or Southeast Asia (15 credits), International Relations of East and South-East Asia (7.5 credits), Methods in Asian Studies in Theory (7.5 credits). **Semester 3:** Elective courses (22.5 credits), Methods in Asian Studies in Practice (7.5 credits). **Semester 4:** Master's Thesis (30 credits).

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates of the MSc Programme in Asian Studies have a number of career opportunities available to them. Many graduates continue to doctoral studies at universities throughout Europe and beyond. Some of our students work in government administration, for example, foreign ministries, embassies and various European Union and United Nations agencies. Others obtain employment in civil society organisations around the world, for example, the Asia Foundation, the Red Cross and Oxfam. In the private sector we find our graduates employed as business analysts, consultants, project leaders, project coordinators, business developers, brand managers, company directors, freelance journalists and newspaper editors.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

Entry requirements

A Bachelor's degree in the social sciences or humanities. English Level 6.



“The Master's Programme in Asian Studies helped me gain new perspectives and an understanding of cultures, which is important when you work with a continent that is not your own.”

Isis Sartori Reis from Brazil, now working as Junior Programme Officer at The Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.





How to apply

- 1. Apply online:** Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/asian-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 Asian Studies, you must also submit a statement of purpose and a CV with your application. Find more information on the programme webpage.
- 3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).**

Selection criteria/additional info

Selection of students is based on previous academic achievements and the following criteria:

- Grades on courses
- English language level

- Documented knowledge of and/or interest in the field of Asian Studies and statement of purpose
- Non-academic knowledge and/or work experience of relevance to Asian Studies

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 CENTRE FOR EAST AND SOUTH-EAST ASIAN STUDIES

The Centre for East and South-East Asian focuses on interdisciplinary education and research on contemporary East and South-East Asia, including international relations, economic development, civil society and political issues, as well as digital transformations. Building upon strengths in these fields, the Centre is a hub for students and researchers at Lund University interested in the region. It is also integrated into a large network of scholars and institutions in Asia and elsewhere. The Centre is involved in a wide range of activities. These include hosting guest researchers, and organising open lectures, seminars, conferences, film screenings and exhibitions. The Centre also houses a library, the Asia Library, with an interdisciplinary collection that focuses on contemporary issues in East and South-East Asia.

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