

- **Master of Science in Welfare Policies and Management with a major in Political Science, Social Work or Sociology**
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Department of Political Science, Department of Sociology and the School of Social Work
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2024
- Programme start: August 2024

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

With a unique combination of perspectives from political science, social work, sociology and economics, this programme provides you with a broad range of knowledge and skills intended for the management and administration of welfare services. The courses are based on a comparative approach, highlighting differences and similarities across countries, administrative levels and policy areas, including a European Union perspective. In addition to being active researchers in their own field of expertise, our teachers have undergone educational training and make use of modern teaching and assessment techniques. We also bring practitioners into our courses and make visits to different types of agencies involved in the production of welfare services.

Knowledge and skills acquired on the programme

- In-depth knowledge of welfare regimes in different parts of the world
- Understanding of public economics, leadership and management in relation to welfare services
- The ability to apply techniques and methods for evaluating public and private welfare programmes
- Advanced analytical and methodological skills

PROGRAMME MODULES/COURSES

Courses and number of credits

- **Semester 1:** Welfare Regimes in Transition – Comparative Perspectives on Policies, Management and Reform (15 credits), Organisation, Leadership and Welfare Management (7.5 credits), Evaluation and Welfare Management (7.5 credits).
- **Semester 2:** An Introduction to Public Economics (15 credits), Elective courses or internship (15 credits).

- **Semester 3:** Courses in political science or courses in social work or courses in sociology (15 credits), Research Methods in the Social Sciences (15 credits).
- **Semester 4:** Master's degree thesis (30 credits).

CAREER PROSPECTS

The programme prepares you for advanced welfare management work in roles such as policy formulation and decision-making at the local, regional, national, European or international level. A degree in Welfare Policies and Management can also lead to employment in the private sector, such as non-governmental institutions or for-profit organisations. In addition, the programme prepares students for doctoral studies and a continued academic career.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

Entry requirements

A Bachelor's degree with a major in political science, or social work, or sociology. English Level 6. See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on English proficiency levels.

How to apply

1. **Apply online:** Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/welfare-policies-management. 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 Welfare Policies and Management, you must also submit a statement of purpose (400–600 words) and an academic writing sample with your application.
3. **Pay the application fee (when applicable).**

Selection criteria/additional info

Selection is made based on grades from your Bachelor's degree, the statement of purpose and the academic writing sample.



Tuition fees

Tuition fee SEK 125 000 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 DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science has been studied at Lund University since 1877. Today, Lund University's Department of Political Science combines an ancient heritage with modern research and education. In recent years, the department has been very successful in competing for external research funding. Our research groups dedicated to central themes such as democratisation, globalisation, diplomacy, peace and conflict studies and environmental policy are at the forefront of international research. The strong research profile of the Department of Political Science is reflected in its teaching. Our courses are developed in connection to research projects, providing students with the opportunity to study current research findings with lecturers who are themselves active researchers within their respective fields. Our educational environment has long been highly internationalised: many of our courses are offered in English.

Studies at the Department of Political Science in Lund create the conditions for a successful professional career within both the public and private sectors. We train people for professional assignments which require qualified analysis and investigation, administration, leadership and information. We also offer opportunities for internships within public authorities

and organisations both in Sweden and abroad. Political science graduates from Lund who have achieved leadership positions within politics, public authorities, foreign policy administration and business and industry are regularly invited to contribute to our courses and programmes, to inspire and share their experiences with current students.

ABOUT LUND UNIVERSITY

Lund University was founded in 1666 and is repeatedly ranked among the world's top universities. The University has around 45 000 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 approximately 75 countries.

Lund University has an annual turnover of EUR 892 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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