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BSc in Development Studies

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- Bachelor of Science in Development Studies with a major in either Economic History, Human Geography, Political Science or Sociology
- 3 years, full-time, 180 ECTS credits
- Interdisciplinary Bachelor's programme offered at the Department of Human Geography in cooperation with the Department of Economic History, the Department of Political Science and the Department of Sociology
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2025
- Programme start: August 2025

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Bachelor's programme in Development Studies is interdisciplinary and focuses on economic, social and political processes and their links to development. The aim is to provide the knowledge and skills to critically examine and understand the preconditions for, and process of, development.

The programme draws on the scientific traditions from four different disciplines – economic history, human geography, political science, and sociology.

PROGRAMME MODULES/COURSES

The programme comprises a total of 180 credits divided over three years. The courses in the first and third years are compulsory for the programme.

The first year gives an introduction to historical, geographical and methodological issues in development studies and is divided into four fifteen-credit courses. The first semester serves as an introduction to development studies. It gives a historical background, which looks at the causes of development and under-development. The semester also reviews contemporary issues in the social and political transformation of the developing world. During this semester, the implementation of development policy, as well as aid issues are highlighted. The second semester gives a more detailed and critical account of development theory, and also covers methodological issues from both quantitative and qualitative perspectives.

The second year gives the students the possibility to choose courses offered by the four departments involved in the programme. In order to be eligible for a Degree of Bachelor of Science a minimum of 30 credits must be completed within one of these departments during the second year. Students will also study elective courses equaling another 30 credits. This is a possibility to either further specialize within their chosen major or broaden their degree.

The third year focuses on practical training and preparation for the bachelor's thesis. The first semester covers the practical features of development cooperation and research. The final

semester presents an opportunity to do fieldwork or an internship with potential employers such as NGOs, government agencies, or private companies engaged in development work. The programme concludes with a 15 credit Bachelor's thesis.

Courses within the programme are:

Year one

- UTVC21: Development in a Historical Perspective – Economic, Social and Political Transformation, 15 credits
- UTVC22: Development Policy in Practice, 15 credits
- UTVC23: Development Theories, 15 credits
- UTVC24: Theory of Science and Research Methods: An Introduction, 15 credits

Year two

- 30 credits within the chosen major subject (economic history, human geography, political science or sociology)
- Elective or exchange courses up to 30 credits.

Year three

- UTVC25: Development Cooperation in Practice, 15 credits
- UTVC36: Research Methods in Development Studies, 15 credits
- Fieldwork, internship, or literature studies, 15 credits
- Bachelor's thesis in the chosen major subject, 15 credits

CAREER PROSPECTS

The programme provides students with the background knowledge needed to work in development-related fields. Students also gain a critical social science approach that provides preparation for graduate and doctoral studies and proves valuable in various professions within government agencies, private firms and NGOs.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the programme, the student must fulfil the general entry requirements and courses corresponding to the following Swedish upper secondary school courses: Civics A, or Civics 1b/1a1+1a2. English Level 6.

How to apply

1. Apply online: Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/bsc-development-studies. Click on "Apply" and follow the instructions for the online application at www.universit-yadmissions.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.

- **3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).**

Selection criteria/additional info

The general average (GPA) of your higher secondary school leaving certificate.

Tuition fees

Tuition fee SEK 115 000 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 HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

The Department of Human Geography is a dynamic entity of Lund University, with a strong international reputation in both research and education in human geography. The Department is active in economic geography, historical and landscape geography, environmental geography, urban/social/political geography, and development geography.

ABOUT LUND UNIVERSITY

Lund University was founded in 1666 and is repeatedly ranked among the world's top universities. The University has around 47 000 students and 8 800 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 about 70 countries.

Lund University has an annual turnover of EUR 938 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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