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# MSc in Global Development, Population and Economic Change

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- Master of Science in Economic Development, Population Studies or Economic History
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- School of Economics and Management
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2025
- Programme start: August 2025

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

When applying to this programme, you select one of three tracks: the Economic Development track, the Population Studies track and the Economic History track.

### Economic Development (120 ECTS)

Economic development is a dynamic process of change over time leading to sustained improvements in general standards of living and increased opportunities for individuals to lead a life of his or her choosing. One of the most pressing global problems is that this process has been slow in many parts of the world. At the same time, the global economy is under transformation, providing potential opportunities for developing countries to catch up. In order to analyse and understand the possibilities for and hindrances to progress in human life conditions across the developing world today, there is a need for a thorough empirical and theoretical understanding of these processes of economic change.

Within this track, many of the most intensely debated topics in the current discussion on economic development are thoroughly dealt with. These include the relation between economic growth, poverty reduction and income inequality, the role of institutions for long term development, the relevance and dynamics of structural change, development lessons from Asia-Pacific, the role of the state and the potential of development assistance.

All topics are discussed in a historical and comparative perspective, applying both quantitative and qualitative techniques depending on the problem at hand. In addition, you can tailor your degree from a broad range of topics covered in elective courses and tutorials.

Upon completion of this track, you will graduate with an MSc in Economic Development.

### Population Studies (120 ECTS)

Population Studies explores the relationship between the population and the economy and how they influence one another. It includes the study of the size, structure, and distribution of populations due to changes in fertility, mortality, migration and ageing. These processes are vital to understanding social and economic change historically and in contemporary societies.

This track will provide you with the theory and methods necessary to analyse and explain policy relevant social and economic phenomena. Key topics include the demographic transition, the labour market, migration patterns, health issues and inequality. We offer quality teaching by some of the world's leading researchers in the field of population studies. The courses are designed to equip you with both practical skills required to manage and analyse quantitative data and the theoretical understanding of population dynamics.

Upon completion of this track, you will graduate with an MSc in Population Studies.

### Economic History (120 ECTS)

Knowledge of the past is essential for understanding today's world and shaping the future. On this track, you will develop advanced insights into the long-term development of societies. By combining analytical tools from economics and the social sciences with a contextual understanding of conditions in the past, you will become able to use the accumulated human experience to solve current-day problems.

Lund University is renowned for its research in economic history. Our educational activities closely align with our research. As a student, you take full advantage of this thriving environment, getting access to state-of-the-art research in your education. Core courses cover thematic fields such as the global economy, population and living standards, institutional change as well as research design and the application of scientific methods. In addition, you can tailor your degree from our broad range of topics covered in elective courses and tutorials.

Upon completion of this track, you will graduate with an MSc in Economic History.

## PROGRAMME MODULES/COURSES

The programme is organised into three different tracks. When applying for the programme, you also select which track you want to specialise in. The different tracks share courses to some extent. The courses outlined below are track-specific and mandatory. You are also required to choose electives offered by the Department of Economic History, regardless of your chosen track. In addition, there may be courses offered by other departments that are possible to include in the chosen track. Each track ends with a degree project (15 credits).

### Core courses – Economic Development Track (7.5 Credits each)

Development of Emerging Economies; Research Design; China and the Asia Pacific Economy; Institutions, Economic Growth and Equity; Econometrics I; Econometrics II; Tutorials: Advanced Topics in Economic Development.

### Core courses – Population Studies Track (7.5 Credits each)

Demographic Transitions; Econometrics I; Econometrics II; Research Design; Global Migration and Societal Change; Tutorials: Advanced Topics in Population Studies.

### Core courses – Economic History Track (7.5 Credits each)

The Global Economy and Long-Term Economic Growth; Research Design; Population and Living Standards; Advanced Analysis of Economic Change; Econometrics I; Econometrics II; Institutions, Economic Growth and Equity; Tutorials: Advanced Topics in Economic History.

## CAREER PROSPECTS

Given the wide scope of the programme and its interdisciplinary nature, graduates can expect employment opportunities within a multitude of areas, depending on the selected track.

The Economic Development track enables you to pursue careers within institutions working on economic development of both emerging econ-





omies and the least developed countries, such as the World Bank, EU, OECD, WTO, NGOs, banks, multinational companies and consulting firms.

The Population Studies track meets the demand for demographic skills at all levels of government, as well as in the private sector. Marketing, insurance and municipal planning are three areas where demographic skills are in increasing demand.

Many graduates from the Economic History track choose to work at national or international organisations in positions requiring analytical skills. Recent graduates work at the European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE), the German parliament, the UN, HSBC, Hong Kong Banking Services and Nordea.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

### Entry requirements

An undergraduate degree (BA/BSc) with at least 60 ECTS credits in economics, economic history, history, statistics, or the equivalent. English Level 6.

### How to apply

**1. Apply online:** Go to [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/global-development-population-economic-change](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/global-development-population-economic-change) (the page will be available in September/October 2024). 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 this programme, you must also submit a CV and a statement of purpose

with your application. See [www.lusem.lu.se/supporting-documents](http://www.lusem.lu.se/supporting-documents) for instructions.

### Selection criteria/additional info

We normally look for undergraduates with excellent results from an internationally recognised university. When assessing your academic record, we take into account your grade average and other merits such as your statement of purpose.

Undergraduates are recommended to have a minimum average grade equivalent to 3.0 out of 4, in cumulated grade point average (CGPA), C in the ECTS grading scale, and B in the American grading scale.

Strong English language communication skills are crucial to gain the full benefit of the programmes we offer.

### Tuition fees

Tuition fee SEK 135 000 per year for non-EU/EEA citizens. No fee for EU/EEA citizens.

## ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

Lund University School of Economics and Management (LUSEM) is one of the leading business schools in the world and offers you a broad education with a competitive competence. LUSEM is triple accredited (2024), and a degree from LUSEM has a good reputation around the world. When graduating from LUSEM you are well equipped for the challenges of your dream career.

### More than a business school

We offer courses and programmes in six subject areas: economics, business administration, economic history, business law, informatics, and statistics. World-class research is conducted at the faculty's six departments and five research centers. At LUSEM you will learn to understand the world around you, develop it for the better and be able to make impact on the society in which you live. You will get both the theoretical knowledge for how to make a difference in society and how to actually make it happen.



## CONTACT

### Programme webpage

(the page will be available in September/October 2024):

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/global-development-population-economic-change](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/global-development-population-economic-change)

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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.

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