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MA in East-and Central European studies

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- Master of Arts in Eastern and Central European Studies
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology, Centre for Languages and Literature
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2026
- Programme start: August 2026

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Join our master programme in East and Central European Studies and take part of a fascinating journey into the heart of a historically and culturally rich region. From its early modern history through the transformative events of the Cold War era to contemporary political shifts, the knowledge gained is not only academically enriching but also highly relevant in today's interconnected but also increasingly conflict-ridden world. Beyond offering a nuanced understanding of the area's diverse political, cultural and social dynamics, our programme equips you with invaluable insights into the geopolitical landscape as well as offer training in communication and project management skills.

As a student on this programme, you will learn to:

- independently distinguish, formulate and investigate different themes and problems of relevance in Eastern and Central Europe;
- critically review and compile sources in at least one Eastern and Central European language,
- apply subject-relevant knowledge of science theory and methodology, with emphasis on aspects that are central to studies of Eastern and Central Europe;
- use in-depth knowledge of complex cultural, political and historical problems of particular relevance for Eastern and Central Europe to analyse different kind of situations and make informative assessments about them;
- develop project management and communication skills.

PROGRAMME MODULES/COURSES

Semster 1

- History, Culture and Society of Central, East and Southeast Europe (15 credits).
- Russia and Eastern Europe - the Present and the Past (15 Credits).

Semester 2

- Theory and Methodology of Area Studies (15 credits).
- Project Management and Communication Strategies (15 credits).

Semester 3

Elective courses / internships (30 or 2x15 credits). The semester is devoted to internship or elective courses which are considered relevant to the programme's profile.

Semester 4

Thesis project, 30 credits.

CAREER PROSPECTS

Knowledge and competence in central and eastern European societies, languages and cultures is relatively scarce in western Europe. But political and economic trends indicate that it is a competence that will grow in demand, both among different levels of governmental bodies (from UN and EU to local government) and NGOs as well as among private businesses who want to reach out to the growing markets in these regions.

Not least is demand for this kind of education high in the Øresund region. Organizations such as UN City Copenhagen, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Oxfam Sweden, FN, Kultur Skåne, the Danish Cultural Institute and the Swedish Institute all have a constant need for employees with solid language skills, a good ability to produce information material, lead projects and provide competent socio-political analysis on issues relating to these regions. The compulsory course in project management, will also prepare our students for work in the business community as communicators, project managers, consultants and social analysts.

There is also a demand for postgraduate Eastern and Central European scientists within higher education. After completing a master's degree in the subject, students have the opportunity to continue as doctoral students at the department, but also to apply for employment in the global academic market.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

Entry requirements

Admission to the program requires a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in humanities or social sciences or the equivalent. The undergraduate level degree must include an independent written work corresponding to the Bachelor's thesis.

Another requirement is demonstrated knowledge of English equivalent to English 6, as well as requirements for documented language skills equivalent to either 60 credits at the university level mother tongue in one of the following languages: Albanian, Belarusian, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Modern Greek, Moldavian, Montenegrin, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Slovenian, Ukrainian or Yiddish.

How to apply

1. **Apply online:** Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/east-central-european-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:** 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 Master's in Eastern and Central European Studies, you must also submit a statement of purpose, two letters of recommendation and documentation proving your knowledge of the European languages mentioned under Entry requirements.

3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

Selection criteria/additional info

Selection among eligible applicants will be made on the basis of:

- academic qualifications (grades from courses with subject content of particular relevance to the education, in particular the degree project),
- documents on completed language training in one of the region's languages, work certificates (where available),
- certificates on knowledge of English corresponding to English 6,
- two letters of recommendation and a letter of presentation explaining why the applicant is suitable for the program and what he/she expects from it.

When selecting among applicants, special consideration is given to the focus of the degree project or the student's previous selection of courses, exchange studies and internships in Eastern and Central Europe, as well as documented experience of working in the region.

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 CENTRE FOR LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

At the Centre for Languages and Literature (known as SOL), you can study languages, literature, film, European studies and Central and Eastern European studies. SOL is also home to Lund's largest student library and a popular cafeteria. We offer free-standing courses in 28 different subjects and a number of study programmes, including Creative Writing and Arabic Studies. complex societal challenges. in around 70 countries, the University's profile is distinctly international.

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