



- Master of Arts in Human Rights Studies
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Department of History, Division of Human Rights Studies
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2025
- Programme start: August 2025

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Master's programme in the interdisciplinary field of human rights, with a profile within the humanities, combines historical, philosophical, political and legal perspectives on the complex phenomenon that human rights represent in our world. Our teaching faculty reflects the academic width of the Master's programme. We are committed to the view that human rights need to be regarded and studied not only as ethical principles or ground for law and policy, but also as part of the infrastructure of a democratic society. Students have the opportunity to complete an internship or field work as part of their studies.

Special features of this programme:

- A research-oriented programme for students interested in gaining interdisciplinary skills relevant for political and cultural challenges of our time.
- An interactive teaching style with close connections to ongoing research.
- The LUX Humanities Centre, where our department is housed, offers a vibrant environment with library, café and reading rooms.

PROGRAMME MODULES/COURSES

Compulsory courses and number of credits

Semester 1: Human Rights in the Global World: Agents, Indicators and Institutions (15), Human Rights in the History of Politics and Philosophy (15),

Semester 2: Human Rights in Practice: Research Methods, Research Ethics and Project Management (15),

Semester 3: Field course (30),

Semester 4: Master's thesis (30).

Elective courses:

Thematic Specialisation I (7.5), Thematic Specialisation II (7.5) within the field of Human Rights. Within the Field course students choose to do an internship or fieldwork (30).

CAREER PROSPECTS

The programme prepares you for a future in research or for human rights work in the public, non-profit, or private sector. Analytical and practical skills in the human rights field are highly and increasingly sought after. Former students work at NGOs, think-tanks, UN funds and programmes and in the public sector, doing consultancy, communication and research and development.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

Entry requirements

A Bachelor's degree with a major in human rights or other relevant major in the humanities, social sciences, law, or the equivalent. English Level 6. Applicants with a degree in another subject than human rights studies need to show sufficient knowledge in the field through specialisation, courses, or thesis.

How to apply

- 1. Apply online:** Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/human-rights-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:** 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 Human Rights Studies, you must also submit a statement of purpose and two letters of recommendation with your application.
- 3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).**

Selection criteria/additional info

The main criterion of selection is the applicants' estimated capacity to complete the programme. Students who satisfy the entry requirements are selected on the basis of previous study results from courses that are of relevance for this programme, the statement of purpose and two letters of recommendation.

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 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.



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The establishment of the world-leading facilities MAX IV and European Spallation Source (ESS) will have a major impact on future scientific and industrial development in both materials science and life science. MAX IV is the leading synchrotron

radiation facility in the world while ESS will feature the world's most powerful accelerator-based neutron source when it will be operational by the end of 2027. These facilities together with the new University campus in Science Village will constitute a science complex and an international hub for research, education and innovation in which Lund University plays a central role.

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