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MSc in Asian Studies

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- Master of Science in Asian Studies
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2025
- Programme start: August 2025

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

This interdisciplinary programme offers a comprehensive understanding of contemporary issues in East and South-East Asia, providing you with the knowledge and skills necessary to assess the region's social, cultural, economic, and political developments. Our curriculum is designed to enable you to specialise based on your regional, thematic, and disciplinary focus.

During your studies, you will read courses covering cross-regional issues and an interdisciplinary course on a country or region of your choice in East and South-East Asia. Our programme offers a unique opportunity to travel to Asia during the fourth semester to conduct fieldwork and gather material for your master's thesis.

Our experienced teachers are engaged in both teaching and research and have broad experience in the region. You will be exposed to a diverse range of cross-regional issues. We focus on the development of different countries, as well as the region's importance in international politics.

As a student in this programme, you will develop a range of skills and abilities that are highly valued in today's global job market. You will learn how to analyze complex issues related to social, cultural, political, and economic developments in East and South-East Asia. You will also develop critical thinking, independent research, and creative problem-solving skills. Our programme fosters the ability to work in an interdisciplinary setting and in a multicultural international environment, making you highly adaptable and able to work in a variety of settings. Upon graduation, you will have the skills required to work in

research, government agencies, international organisations, or employment in other qualified capacities.

PROGRAMME MODULES/COURSES

COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS: **Semester 1:** Introduction to Asian Studies (6 credits), The Economic Transformation of East and South-East Asia (12 credits), Political Systems, Governance, and Democratization in East and South-East Asia (12 credits). **Semester 2:** Region-specific course, choose between China, Japan/Korea, or South-East Asia (15 credits), International Relations of East and South-East Asia (7.5 credits), Methods in Asian Studies in Theory (7.5 credits). **Semester 3:** Elective courses (22.5 credits), Methods in Asian Studies in Practice (7.5 credits). **Semester 4:** Master's Thesis (30 credits).

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates of the MSc Programme in Asian Studies have a number of career opportunities available to them. Many graduates continue to doctoral studies at universities throughout Europe and beyond. Some of our students work in government administration, for example, foreign ministries, embassies and various European Union and United Nations agencies. Others obtain employment in civil society organisations around the world, for example, the Asia Foundation, the Red Cross and Oxfam. In the private sector we find our graduates employed as business analysts, consultants, project leaders, project coordinators, business developers, brand managers, company directors, freelance journalists and newspaper editors.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

Entry requirements

A Bachelor's degree in the social sciences or humanities. English Level 6.

How to apply

1. **Apply online:** Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/asian-studies. Click on "Apply" and follow the instructions



“The Master’s Programme in Asian Studies helped me gain new perspectives and an understanding of cultures, which is important when you work with a continent that is not your own.”

Isis Sartori Reis from Brazil, now working as a Programme Officer at The Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.





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 Asian Studies, you must also submit a statement of purpose and a CV with your application. Find more information on the programme webpage.

3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

Selection criteria/additional info

Selection of students is based on previous academic achievements and the following criteria:

- Grades on courses
- English language level
- Documented knowledge of and/or interest in the field of Asian Studies and statement of purpose
- Non-academic knowledge and/or work experience of relevance to Asian Studies

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 EAST AND SOUTH-EAST ASIAN STUDIES

The Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies is a home for interdisciplinary education and research on contemporary East and South-East Asia, including international relations, economic development, political issues, as well as digital transformations. Building upon strengths in these fields, the Centre is a hub for students and researchers at Lund University interested in the region. It is also integrated into a large network of scholars and institutions in Asia and elsewhere. The Centre runs an interdisciplinary Master's programme and offers individual courses at both bachelor level and master level as well as a PhD. Programme. The Centre is involved in a wide range of activities. These include hosting guest researchers, and organising open lectures, seminars, conferences, film screenings and exhibitions. The Centre also houses a library, the Asia Library, with an interdisciplinary collection that focuses on contemporary issues in East and South-East Asia.

CONTACT

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