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MSc in Global Studies

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- Master of Science in Global Studies
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Graduate School, Faculty of Social Sciences
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2025
- Programme start: August 2025

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Master of Science in Global Studies is an interdisciplinary social science Master's programme which aims to provide you with knowledge of globalisation, conflict, and social change. This involves an understanding of theories connected to processes of globalisation and transformation as analysed through various disciplinary frameworks. The programme presents major cultural, economic, political, and socio-psychological theories and concepts to enable you to make informed, comparative analyses of how globalisation is linked to conflict and social change.

You will be trained in various social science methods, both qualitative and quantitative. You will also gain general skills like problem-solving, working in teams, cultural understanding, writing independent reports as well as conceptual, analytical, and evaluative skills. As a student in the programme, you will be able to develop critical thinking skills in relation to global studies and deepen your theoretical knowledge in your disciplinary background. You will be given the chance to take an active part in shaping your education by tailoring your studies to your interests and career goals, especially in the second half of the programme.

We have exchange agreements with many universities abroad where you can spend one semester taking courses of relevance to your specific research interest. You can also take advantage of the opportunity to do an internship during the third semester, which provides an excellent opportunity to gain work experience. Previous students have, for example, undertaken internship placements at embassies and at international NGOs, private companies, and the public sector.

PROGRAMME MODULES/COURSES

COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS: **Semester 1:** Introduction to Global Studies (15 credits), Theory of Science/Research methods courses (15 credits). **Semester 2:** Globalisation, Conflict, Security and the State (15 credits), Research Methods (15 credits). **Semester 3:** Elective courses, Internship, Fieldwork, and/or Studies Abroad (totalling 30 credits). **Semester 4:** Master's degree thesis (30 credits).

CAREER PROSPECTS

The programme provides you with both the background knowledge and the practical skills needed to work in a broad range of fields including governmental, non-governmental, and the private sector.

You will be prepared for a future career as a policymaker, a leader, or a practitioner working on global issues in government agencies, private companies or NGOs, or alternatively, for doctoral studies and a continued academic career.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

Entry requirements

A Bachelor's degree with a major in one of the following social sciences disciplines: development studies, gender studies, human geography, political science, social work, social anthropology, sociology, or sociology of law, or equivalent. A major is equivalent to a minimum of 90 ECTS credits solely within one social science discipline. English Level 6.

How to apply

1. **Apply online:** Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/global-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:**
 - **General supporting documents:** Check what documents you need to submit (i.e. official transcripts, degree diploma/



“Global Studies takes a bold and innovative step so to speak, which is trying to integrate different social sciences and humanities disciplines into the framework of international relations and political science. Our teachers in particular were very dedicated to being as open and communicative as possible because this programme encompasses all of these disciplines and topics. Consequently, the teaching style is very much oriented towards developing complex critical thinking.”

Pasko Kistic from Peru





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 Global Studies, you also need to submit a statement of purpose with your application. The programme-specific questions you must answer in your statement of purpose are available on the programme webpage.
- **3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).**

Selection criteria/additional info

The applicant's estimated capacity to complete the programme is the primary criterion for selection. Students are selected on the basis of their previous study results (grades on courses and thesis in the Bachelor's degree), proficiency in English, and a statement of purpose. Since this a multidisciplinary programme it is essential to attain an even distribution among different majors within the group. The number of admitted applicants from one major shall not exceed 30 % of all students admitted to the programme. Hence the applicant's major will be used as a selection criterion in case of many applicants from one major. The following main fields of study are eligible as majors: Gender Studies, Development Studies, Human Geography,

Political Science, Social Work, Social Anthropology, Sociology, and Sociology of Law.

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 GRADUATE SCHOOL

Graduate School at the Faculty of Social Sciences is home to five international and interdisciplinary master's programs, including the Master of Science in Global Studies. As a unit for interdisciplinary studies, our students come from a range of academic backgrounds and are taught by academic staff from various disciplines across the faculty. All of our programs and elective courses are taught in English and promote both internationalisation and research methodology training within the social sciences. During their third term, students have the opportunity to pursue an internship, elective courses, or study abroad, gaining skills and experience that will enhance their academic and professional profiles after graduating. Alumni of our master's programs are well-equipped for studies on the doctoral level, governmental or NGO work, or careers in the public or private sectors worldwide.

CONTACT

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