

- Master of Laws in International Human Rights Law
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Faculty of Law
- Lund Campus Faculty of Law
- Application deadline: January 2025
- Programme start: August 2025

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Founded more than 30 years ago, the LL.M. in International Human Rights Law is a world-leading, well-established Master of Laws programme which combines academic rigor with concrete, implementation-oriented discussions. The LL.M. Guide for Law Programs Worldwide ranks it among the top 10 in the field.

Since the programme is taught in collaboration with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, you will benefit both from the resources of a prestigious law school and from the institutional knowledge of a renowned implementation-oriented human rights institution. Throughout your two years in Lund, we aim to train your contextual legal awareness, conceptual and analytical clarity, and practical skills.

Our carefully curated set of courses is designed to equip you with an understanding of how international human rights law is made, applied, enforced and debated in the global context. We study and teach these themes from multiple perspectives and with reference to diverse experiences. You will be taught by an international faculty whose teaching and research skills meet the highest international standards.

As an LL.M. student in Lund, you will form part of a lively and ambitious cohort of students from countries located on all continents. You will benefit from interacting with a diverse and dynamic community of scholars and practitioners in the field, including guest professors, visiting distinguished scholars and experts. Notable guests at the Faculty and RWI have included Kofi Annan, Shirin Ebadi, Hans Corell, Chris Patten, Rosalyn Higgins, Gro Harlem Brundtland and Anne Orford.

Upon graduation, you will have a degree held in high esteem and join our ever-growing group of international human rights alumni working all over the world.

## PROGRAMME MODULES/COURSES

This programme leads to a Master of Laws in International Human Rights Law (LL.M.).

**COMPULSORY COURSES (AND NUMBER OF CREDITS, IN TOTAL 97.5):** Semester 1: International Law (15), International Human Rights Law I (15) Semester 2: International Human Rights Law II (15), Elective courses (15) Semester 3: Humanitarian Law (7.5), Human Rights and Remedies (15), Elective courses (7.5) Semester 4: Master's Thesis (30).

**ELECTIVE COURSES:** In total 22.5 credits. Elective courses can be offered in areas such as migration law, business and human rights, environmental law, international criminal law, democratic policing etc..).

## CAREER PROSPECTS

Our graduates find employment with international organisations, NGOs, private law firms, academia and national public authorities. The UN system or regional organisations, international or domestic courts, the public or the private sector – you will have a broad choice. Our LL.M. prepares you thoroughly for the challenges of your future profession and gives you a competitive advantage within the international human rights law context.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

### Entry requirements

At least a three-year Bachelor's degree in law (LL.B or equivalent). English Level 6. See [www.lunduniversity.lu.se](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se) for details on English proficiency levels.

### How to apply

- 1. Apply online:** Go to [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/human-rights-law](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/human-rights-law). 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 the LL.M. Programme in International Human



Rights Law, you must also submit a statement of purpose, a CV, and two letters of recommendation with your application.

#### **Selection criteria/additional info**

Selection is based on academic achievement, the statement of purpose, letters of recommendation, and other merits.

#### **Tuition fees**

Tuition fee SEK 140 000 per year for non-EU/EEA citizens. No fee for EU/EEA citizens.

#### **ABOUT THE FACULTY OF LAW**

The Faculty of Law aspires to expand and maintain its role as an international player in legal scholarship, second to none in a growing number of areas. In the world university ranking 2024 by Times Higher Education, Lund University was ranked No 38 in the field of law. Our legal education is based on strong research traditions and close links to different actors of the legal community in Sweden and beyond. Our graduates find career opportunities in an increasing variety of legal professions worldwide, including national and international legal institutions, NGOs, academia and the private sector.

Our students have consistently excelled over the years and this has paved their way to attractive career options. Student teams from Lund University's Master's programmes and the Swedish professional law degree programme, have successfully competed

at International Moot Court competitions and won prestigious prizes on several occasions.

#### **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.

Lund University has an annual turnover of EUR 938 million, of which two-thirds go to research in our nine faculties, enabling us to offer one of the strongest and broadest ranges of research in Scandinavia.

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