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MSc in Psychology

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- Master of Science in Psychology
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Department of Psychology
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2025
- Programme start: August 2025

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Master of Science Programme in Psychology comprises 120 higher education credits, including a Master's thesis of 30 credits. The programme provides specialisation and breadth in the field of psychology. The aim of the programme is to provide you with a Master's degree firmly founded in scientific scholarship and knowledge of current theory and research in Psychology, and offering broad career opportunities. Within the programme, you have the possibility to choose courses within specific subject areas of psychology. Please note that the programme does not lead to a license as a clinical psychologist.

The first semester focuses on theoretical and practical tools for psychology. The students get fundamental knowledge in philosophy of psychology and cognitive science, which encompasses both current areas such as embodied and extended cognition as well as the enduring questions about free will, consciousness and the role of folk psychology. Students participate in day labs with prominent researchers in different fields of Psychology, getting hands-on experience with a range of research methods used in psychological research today. Students will also train in advanced research methods and statistics, including Bayesian statistics.

In the second semester, students have the possibility to choose three of the following advanced theoretical courses: Cognitive Neuroscience, Developmental Psychology, Personality Psychology, Social Psychology, or Work and Organisational Psychology. In addition, all students study the Specialised Topics course, where advanced research skills are trained in a selection of specific focus areas. All courses are studied in

parallel, throughout the semester. In the third semester, students continue their advanced study in the selected fields. The last part of the semester comprises empirical work leading to preparing a research plan or conducting a pilot study. Together, the second and third semesters aim at increasing the students' understanding and knowledge of psychology through comprehension of theory and current research in typical and atypical psychological processes, mechanisms and outcomes, and combining this with practical research experience.

During the fourth semester, students work on a Master's Thesis, further deepening their knowledge of psychology and training in skills of relevance to research, development and scientific investigation in different professional contexts. Importantly, students train independent critical thinking, planning and carrying out a project to completion, as well as advanced communication skills. The Thesis may be an independent project, or part of ongoing, cutting-edge research at the Department of Psychology.

Features of this programme:

- Advanced methodology and statistics courses
- Deepened knowledge within selected areas in Psychology
- Extensive research skills training
- Flexible structure
- Option to write the Master's thesis as part of cutting-edge research projects

PROGRAMME MODULES/COURSES

COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS: Theory and Practice of Science in Psychology (15), Advanced Scientific Methods in Psychology (15), Advanced Developmental Psychology I (7.5), Advanced Social Psychology I (7.5), Advanced Personality Psychology I (7.5), Advanced Cognitive Neuroscience I (7.5) or Advanced Work and Organisational Psychology I (7.5), Specialised Topics (7.5), Advanced Developmental Psychology II (7.5), Advanced Social Psychology II (7.5), Advanced Personality



“I am continuously impressed with the quality and diversity of the topics taught. My first course focusing on the philosophy of psychology and practical research methods has been fascinating so far. Furthermore, everyone here, staff and students alike, are very enthusiastic and kind people which makes the study environment a joy to be in. I am thrilled that I chose Lund, and I am very much looking forward to what more the programme has to offer.”

Sylvana from Spain, Psychology student at Lund University





Psychology II (7.5), Advanced Cognitive Neuroscience II (7.5) or Advanced Work and Organisational Psychology II (7.5), Empirical Work in the field of psychology (7.5), Master's Thesis in Psychology (30).

CAREER PROSPECTS

A Master's degree in psychology is an excellent foundation for further research within the different fields of psychology. Other common career options are within Research and Development (R&D), managing change or HR, communication or implementation, within different contexts e.g. education, healthcare, social policy, or other industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

Entry requirements

A Bachelor's degree with a major in psychology including at least 15 ECTS credits of psychological research methods and statistics. English Level 6.

How to apply

- 1. Apply online:** Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/psychology. 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/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 this programme, you must also submit a statement of purpose with your application. More information can be found at the programme website: www.psy.lu.se/study/master

3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

Selection criteria/additional info

Selection is made based on grades from previous studies and on the statement of purpose.

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 DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

The department in large offers five programs and freestanding courses within the field of psychology. Many researchers at the department collaborate in national and international multi-disciplinary research groups. The research activities are well connected to both education and practice. Research is organised in divisions representing different areas of psychology:

- Clinical psychology
- Cognitive psychology
- Cognitive neuroscience and neuropsychology
- Developmental psychology
- Personality and social psychology
- Work and organisational psychology

The department has about 100 employees, 1 200 undergraduate and graduate students and 20 PhD students.

CONTACT

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