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MSc in Social Anthropology

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

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Social anthropologists seek to understand how people live in societies and how they make their lives meaningful. We investigate the implicit assumptions on which society and culture are based; solid but mostly implicit ideas about the world and its human and non-human inhabitants that vary between social and cultural contexts. The discipline's holistic and relational perspective provides unique tools not only to unveil different ways of perceiving and communicating the world, but also to relate them to each other at a more abstract and conceptual level.

The MSc in Social Anthropology develops your theoretical knowledge and understanding of the discipline's topical debates and theoretical approaches. It advances your ability to formulate anthropological research questions and to design a feasible research project. It provides training in relevant research methods (ethnographic fieldwork in particular), in addition to more general skills in creative problem-solving, critical assessment of academic work, and how to communicate these insights to a wider audience.

The programme leads to a Master's degree in Social Anthropology. It allows a certain freedom to tailor your studies to your own interests during the third semester, when you choose between a two-month fieldwork for the thesis, internship, and/or courses in other disciplines, in Sweden or abroad.

There is also the option to apply for a double degree with Fudan University in Shanghai, which within your two years gives you a degree from both said universities (this offer does not apply to Chinese students). For more information please contact outgoing@sam.lu.se.

Courses and number of credits

- Semester 1: Contemporary social anthropological debates (15 credits), Ethnography in Social Science (15 credits).
- Semester 2: Engaging with social anthropological theory (15 credits), elective courses in anthropological project design and social scientific research methods (15 credits).
- Semester 3: Elective courses, fieldwork, and/or internship, in Sweden or abroad (totalling 30 credits).
- Semester 4: Master's thesis (30 credits)

CAREER PROSPECTS

The anthropological emphasis on holism and 'the insider's perspective', together with the theoretical and methodological skills gained by the programme, prepares you for a future career in a variety of fields dealing with qualified analysis, communication, and information, be it work in government agencies, private companies, NGOs or as an autonomous entrepreneur. The programme also prepares you for PhD-studies and a continued academic career.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

Entry requirements

A Bachelor's degree in social sciences, including at least 60 credits in social anthropology or equivalent. English Level 6. See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on English proficiency levels.

How to apply

1. **Apply online:** Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/social-anthropology. 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 Eng-



“The atmosphere and the culture of the programme are very nice. I also enjoy the way the programme is structured; they emphasise group work, group coordination and communication opposed to just sitting and listening to lectures. It's more active learning versus just evaluations and testing. I feel like I'm getting much more out of it this way.”

Jesse Wasson from the USA





lish, passport) and how you need to submit them at www.universityadmissions.se.

- **Programme-specific supporting documents:** When applying for the MSc in Social Anthropology, you must also submit a statement of purpose (of around one page) with your application. Find more information on the programme webpage.
- **3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).**

Selection criteria/additional info

The selection is based on academic qualifications and 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 SOCIOLOGY

The Department of Sociology was founded in 1947 and is today one of the largest departments at the Faculty of Social Sciences, with about 80 employees and more than 700 full-time students. We have a long and robust tradition of broad, dedicated and diverse teaching and research. Today, the department hosts two disciplines – sociology and social anthropology.

Our research revolves around explaining how people organize themselves in social, cultural and historical contexts. Our researchers are engaged in a variety of fields, creating a rich research environment, which is also reflected in our wide range of courses. The department offers courses and programmes in both English and Swedish at the bachelor's and master's level, and also a PhD-programme in both sociology and social anthropology. The Department of Sociology cooperates with a large number of other departments within Lund University and other universities globally.

CONTACT

Programme webpage:
[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/
social-anthropology](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/social-anthropology)

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