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MSc in Social Studies of Gender

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- Master of Science in Social Studies of Gender
- 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 Social Studies of Gender is an interdisciplinary social science Master's programme that aims to provide you with the core elements through which current gender theories and research, in dialogue with established academic disciplines, have contributed to the understanding of broader social processes. The major objective of the programme is to improve your ability to critically examine, evaluate, and discuss the field's most important theoretical perspectives and research results. With these skills in social science and gender analysis, you will be able to formulate and analyse interconnections between theory and practice concerning gender, class, ethnicity, and sexuality.

You will develop skills in critical thinking in relation to social studies of gender and develop theoretical knowledge in your major discipline. 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. 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.

There are also good opportunities to go abroad during the third semester and/or take courses at one of the many universities with which we have exchange agreements. You can also take advantage of the possibility to do an internship for one semester, which provides an excellent opportunity to gain work experience. Previous students have, for example, undertaken work placements at embassies and in international

NGOs, private companies and the public sector, where a gender perspective is crucial.

PROGRAMME MODULES/COURSES

Courses and number of credits

Semester 1: Gender, Class, Ethnicity and Sexuality course (15 credits), Theory of Science/Research Methods courses (15 credits). **Semester 2:** Critical Feminist Perspectives in Social Theory (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 critical social science perspective acquired during the programme, together with in-depth knowledge of theories in your disciplinary background, prepares you for professional work in a variety of fields such as organisational management, development, communication, and social policy. In addition, the programme prepares students 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. See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on English proficiency levels.

How to apply

1. **Apply online:** Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/gender-studies. Click on "Apply" and follow the instructions for the online application at www.universityadmissions.se.



"It is a very diverse programme, not only because of the different nationalities of the students and teachers, but also because of the different academic backgrounds that materialised the interdisciplinary nature of the programme. Critical thinking is at the centre and the different perspectives, visions and knowledge of the students are brought together. This, combined with the Swedish system of collaborative learning and student cooperation, has been a very rewarding experience."

Andrea Del Carmen Tock from Guatemala





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 Social Studies of Gender, you must also submit a statement of purpose. 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 Social Studies of Gender. 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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