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# Msc in Sociology

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

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The MSc in Sociology will give you the knowledge and skills to adapt to a changing working life and the ability to contribute to development in society. The programme offers courses that look at contemporary life and future challenges from different angles.

A thematic approach will let you explore contemporary sociological research on knowledge, environmental and climate issues, social inequalities and digital social life. Knowledge is studied in contrast with beliefs, facts and conspiracy theories. The driving forces behind societal change and sustainability transition will be examined, as well as the complexity of inequality and its various dimensions, such as social class, geography, rural/urban, women/men, and younger/older. You will also study the sociology of digital arenas, digital phenomena and social debate. The programme gives you considerable freedom to select courses according to interest and future needs.

The programme enables you to develop critical thinking, analytical skills and the ability to conduct societal analysis, as well as to acquire specialised knowledge of sociology. On completion of the programme, you will be awarded a degree of Master of Science (120 credits) specialising in sociology.

The programme will prepare you for PhD studies in sociology as well as for advanced professional work in the government, non-profit, and private sectors.

### In the programme, you will acquire:

- Both broad and specialised knowledge and understanding of sociology.
- The ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations.
- Specialised knowledge of research methods in sociology.
- The ability to identify and formulate research questions critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and undertake advanced tasks and so contribute to the formation of knowledge.

- The skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity.

## PROGRAMME MODULES/COURSES

### Courses and number of credits

**Semester 1:** Sociology of knowledge (7,5 credits), Sociological perspectives on sustainability transition (7,5 credits), Emerging Inequalities (7,5 credits), Digital social life (7,5 credits).

**Semester 2:** The research process (15 credits) and selected courses in research methods given by Graduate School (7,5+7,5 credits).

**Semester 3:** Elective courses, Study abroad or Internship (30 credits).

**Semester 4:** Master's 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, an investigator, a leader or a practitioner working 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 in social sciences, including at least 60 credits in sociology 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/sociology](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/sociology) 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).
- 3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).**





### Selection criteria/additional info

The selection is based on academic qualifications.

### 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](http://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 organise 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.

### 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.

### CONTACT

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