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MSc in Sociology of Law

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

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Master of Science Programme in Sociology of Law is an interdisciplinary programme aimed at introducing students to the study of law, legal institutions and legal behaviour in a social context. It offers an advanced overview of sociology of law with the possibility of specialisation in socio-legal areas, such as criminal justice, criminology, legal cultures, human rights, the legal profession, governance, law and gender, law and globalisation and regulation.

The objective of the programme is to increase the students' knowledge of how the law and legal institutions work at the national and transnational levels and how they impact the everyday life of ordinary citizens. The programme will provide the students with the skills they need to critically examine, analyse and evaluate the interplay between socio-legal theory and practice, explore legal developments and study implementation problems at the national, international and global levels.

The programme offers a wide range of alternative courses for the individual student within the Faculty of Social Science, providing students with deeper knowledge in their main study discipline or in other fields of interest. Students can also choose from several courses in research methodology to adapt the programme to their particular interests. There are good opportunities to go abroad and take courses at one of the many universities with which we have exchange agreements.

PROGRAMME MODULES/COURSES

Courses and number of credits

Semester 1: Introduction to Sociology of Law (15 credits), Theory of Science and/or Research methods (15 credits).

Semester 2: Contemporary Sociology of Law (15 credits) and Theory of Science and/or Research methods (15 credits) or Master's degree project (15 credits), for one-year Master's.

Semester 3: Elective courses offered in Sweden or abroad or, alternatively, an internship (30 credits).

Semester 4: Master's degree project (30 credits).

CAREER PROSPECTS

The skills provided within this programme will help students to gain the deeper social scientific understanding that is required to continue their studies at the PhD level. They will also enable students to pursue careers within fields which deal with public and private inquiries, project assessments and policy evaluation.

Furthermore, the programme will provide students with the vital knowledge required of policy-makers, instructors and practitioners who work with issues related to law and legal institutions, the criminal justice system, the EU and EU regulation at the level of regional authorities and government agencies as well as within the private sector (businesses and firms) and the NGOs at both national and international levels.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

Entry requirements

The equivalent of a Swedish Bachelor's degree with a major (i.e. at least 90 ECTS credits) in one of the following disciplines: sociology of law, sociology, law, criminology, political science, social work, or the equivalent. English Level 6. See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on English proficiency levels.



“The programme was really good. The applied courses we had with our professor were excellent and I learned a lot from them. We were a small group of only 25 people, so it was an intimate feel with lots of discussions. It is also a very broad programme; during the last year you have the chance to take courses on other topics that you can customise to the topic of your Masters' thesis. There was also the opportunity to do an internship. The elective courses and the internship opportunity give the programme a flexible dimension.

Oscar Björkenfeldt from Sweden





How to apply

- 1. Apply online:** Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/sociology-law. 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 the MSc in Sociology of Law, you must also submit a statement of purpose with your application.
- 3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).**

Selection criteria/additional info

Selection is based on grades on the courses, the Bachelor's degree project 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 OF LAW

Sociology of Law is a department at the Faculty of Social Science, with approximately 30 researchers and teachers. Around

300 students are studying at the department of Sociology of Law each year, both on campus courses and on online courses. Sociology of Law co-operates with a large number of other departments within Lunds University and with other universities in Sweden, Europe and other parts of the world. The department also has a large network of contacts within research and education with organisations and companies outside the University.

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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