

- Master of Science in Human Ecology
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Department of Human Geography
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: 15 January 2017
- Programme start: August 2017

## Programme overview

Drawing on fields such as anthropology, geography, sociology and economic history, the programme provides interdisciplinary perspectives and analytical tools for communicating about problems of sustainability. It represents an important complement to technological and natural science approaches towards sustainability by focusing on the cultural dimensions of consumption and resource use, cultural perceptions of environment and economy, and social science perspectives on the global distribution of environmental problems. A central aim is to help students develop skills in communicating across boundaries separating the discourses of different disciplines, cultural traditions, or the interests of business, politics and social movements. The programme encourages critical scrutiny of the debate about sustainability, but also a serious commitment to improving human-environmental relations worldwide. It covers the major social and environmental challenges of our time, including climate change and climate justice, unequal exchange and use of ecological resources, and the shifting of environmental risks and problems to the poorest parts of world society.

This programme is unique in combining perspectives on sustainability from the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. It brings together lecturers and students from various backgrounds in truly interdisciplinary discussions about how culture, power and ecology interact in human-environmental relations. In the third semester, many students are offered internships with

organisations in various parts of the world, giving them the opportunity to apply their insights to practical engagement with sustainability policies. In the past, students have, for example, enjoyed internships with organisations dedicated to improving sustainability in various parts of Latin America. The programme does not shy away from pressing controversial questions regarding global power structures and inequalities of distribution.

## Programme Modules/courses

**COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS:** Culture, Economy, and Ecology (15), Theory of Science and/or Methods (15), Political Ecology, Consumption, and Identity (15), Theory of Science and/or Methods (15), Master's degree thesis (30), Electives and/or practical application (15 or 30).

## Career prospects

Students graduating from this programme will be able to work in fields such as research, education, journalism, environmental management and development aid. Regardless of the choice of profession, they will be equipped to help make the world more sustainable by communicating their insights to others and by being able to critically assess different options regarding policies, lifestyles and patterns of consumption.

## Entry requirements and how to apply

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least a Bachelor's degree, including three semesters (90 credits) of studies in human ecology, or another subject of relevance to the programme, e.g., anthropology, sociology, geography, environmental studies, or equivalent. English 6/English Course B. Please see [www.lunduniversity.lu.se](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se) for details on English proficiency levels.



“The courses on the programme are very diverse and deal with subjects such as sustainability, development and cultural anthropology, which is emphasised by the fact that teachers and students also have very diverse backgrounds. I think it is the perfect programme for someone who is looking for something different, who have many areas of interest and have not yet decided what to focus on – I was interested in so many things and I think this programme is good for that.”

Tessa van Duijvenbode from the Netherlands





#### HOW TO APPLY

**1. Apply online:** Go to [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/human-ecology](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/human-ecology). Click on "Apply" and follow the instructions for the online application at the Swedish national application website [www.universityadmissions.se](http://www.universityadmissions.se). 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).
- **Programme-specific supporting documents:** When applying for the Master's in Human Ecology, you also need to submit the following with your application: a statement of purpose (max 500 words, the template is found on the Human Geography website [www.keg.lu.se](http://www.keg.lu.se)) and an English writing sample (it should be an excerpt, max. 3 pages, from your Bachelor's thesis or another academic text in English).

**4. Pay the application fee** (when applicable).

#### SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO

Selection is based on course grades in the BA degree, the statement of purpose and the English writing sample.

#### TUITION FEES

There are no tuition fees for EU/EEA citizens. For non-EU/EEA citizens the tuition fee for this programme is SEK 100 000 per year. For details on tuition fees, see [www.lunduniversity.lu.se](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se)

### About the Department of Human Geography

The Department of Human Geography is a dynamic entity of Lund University, with a strong international reputation in both research and education in human geography. The Department is active in economic geography, historical and landscape geography, environmental geography, urban/social/political geography, and development geography.

### About Lund University

Lund University was founded in 1666 and is repeatedly ranked among the world's top 100 universities. The University has 42 000 students and more than 7 680 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 Sweden's most attractive study destination. The University offers one of the broadest ranges of programmes and courses in Scandinavia, based on cross-disciplinary and cutting-edge research. The compact university campus encourages networking and creates the conditions for scientific breakthroughs and innovations. The University has a clear international profile, with partner universities in over 70 countries.

Two of the world's leading materials research facilities are currently under construction in Lund: the MAX IV Laboratory, inaugurated in June 2016, is the leading synchrotron radiation facility in the world, and the European research facility ESS, which will house the world's most powerful neutron source.

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