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# MA in Human Rights Studies

LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

- Master of Arts in Human Rights Studies
- 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
- Department of History
- Lund Campus
- Application deadline: January 2020
- Programme start: August 2020

## Programme overview

This is a newly launched Master's programme in the interdisciplinary field of human rights, with a profile within the humanities. The programme combines historical, philosophical, political and legal perspectives on the complex phenomenon that human rights represent in our world. The teaching faculty reflects the academic width of the Master's programme. We are committed to the view that human rights need to be regarded and studied not only as ethical principles or ground for law and policy, but also as part of the infrastructure of a democratic society. Students have the opportunity to complete an internship as part of their studies. The programme is offered by the Human Rights Studies division at the Department of History, which is also home to the only PhD programme in interdisciplinary human rights studies in Sweden.

### Special features of this programme:

- A research-oriented programme for students interested in gaining interdisciplinary skills relevant for political and cultural challenges of our time
- An interactive teaching style with close connections to ongoing research
- The LUX Humanities Centre, where our department is housed, offers a vibrant environment with library, café and reading rooms

## Programme modules/courses

**COMPULSORY COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS:** Human Rights in the Global World: Agents, Indicators and Institutions (15), Human Rights in the History of Politics and Philosophy (15), Human Rights in Practice: Research Methods, Research Ethics and Project Management (15), Thematic Specialisation (15), Master's thesis (30).

**ELECTIVE COURSES:** Students choose to do an internship or to study courses in other relevant fields or a combination of the two (30).

## Career prospects

The programme prepares you for a future in research or for human rights work in the public, non-profit, or private sector. This is a newly launched programme, which, as yet, has no graduates. The experience from our Bachelor's programme in Human Rights Studies is that analytical and practical skills in the human rights field are highly and increasingly sought after. Former students work at NGOs, think-tanks, embassies and in the public sector, doing consultancy, communication and research and development.

## Entry requirements and how to apply

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor's degree with a major in human rights or other relevant major in the humanities, social sciences, law, or the equivalent. Applicants with a degree in another subject than Human Rights Studies need to show sufficient knowledge in the field through specialisation, courses, or thesis. English Level 6 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90). Please 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/human-rights-studies](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/human-rights-studies). 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).
- **Programme-specific supporting documents:** When applying for the Master's in Human Rights Studies, you must also submit a statement of purpose and two letters of recommendation with your application.

### 3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The main criterion of selection is the applicants' estimated capacity to complete the programme. Students who satisfy the entry requirements are selected on the basis of previous study results from courses that are of relevance for this programme, the statement of purpose and two letters of recommendation.

## TUITION FEES

There are no tuition fees for EU/EEA citizens. For non-EU/EEA citizens, the tuition fee for this programme is SEK 110 000 per year. See [www.lunduniversity.lu.se](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se) for details on tuition fees.

## About Lund University

Lund University was founded in 1666 and is repeatedly ranked among the world's top 100 universities. The University has 40 000 students and 7 600 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 the most popular study location in Sweden. Lund University offers one of the broadest ranges of programmes and courses in Scandinavia, based on cross-disciplinary and cutting-edge research. The University has a distinct international profile, with partner universities in around 70 countries.

Lund University has an annual turnover of SEK 8.5 billion, more than half of which is destined for research. Our eight faculties conduct strong research in many different areas, including over thirty research fields in which we are world-leading. Many scientific breakthroughs and pioneering innovations have originated from Lund University.

The world-leading research facilities MAX IV and ESS which are being established in Lund will be of great significance for research and industrial development within materials and life sciences. MAX IV is the world's foremost synchrotron radiation facility and the ESS will be the most powerful neutron source in the world once it opens for research in 2023. Science Village Scandinavia is developing nearby and is destined to become a meeting place and a test environment for research, education and entrepreneurship.

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