Programme overview
The focus of this international Master’s programme is to offer a critical approach to contemporary social and cultural issues in media and communications. Our aim is to broaden understanding of global media structures and processes in modern life. We provide up-to-date engagement with key issues, theories and problems in media, democracy and cultural citizenship, media power, media industries and production, gender, health and society, representation and popular culture, media audiences, cultural diversity and critical animal studies. Courses tackle contemporary debates about knowledge, power and social relations in national and transnational media environments.

Our teaching is based on international expertise in a research-led department, with an emphasis on theorising and researching media, society and culture using real world case studies. Students are taught diverse theoretical, conceptual and empirical tools for research in media and communication, through a mix of mandatory and optional courses and independent research projects. Courses are taught in Lund and connect with collaborative partnerships with NGOs and cultural organisations in the region.

Students on our programme come from a diverse range of backgrounds and professional experiences, including media and cultural industries, NGOs and charity sectors, and develop critical understanding of media and communication during two years of cross-cultural meetings and exchange of ideas. Students participate in a lively research environment, where we run regular international conferences, seminars and events, on topics such as media freedom, and our postgraduate students organise and participate in an annual symposium and book series MSc Excellent Dissertations. Our alumni go on to work in the media and communications field and pursue research track careers in public and commercial spheres.

Programme modules/courses
COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS: Our programme includes a range of dedicated theory and methods courses and optional courses. The portfolio of courses includes: Media and Political Engagement (15 credits), Media Audiences (15 credits), Media, Health and Society (15 credits), Media and Diversity (15 credits), Popular Culture (15 credits), Media and Communication Methodology (15 credits), Digital Media Research (7.5 credits), Digital Ethnography (7.5 credits) and Research Methods (7.5 credits), other optional courses, study abroad (30 credits), internship (15 and 30 credits), Master’s degree thesis (30 credits). Up to 7.5 credits of the second term and 30 credits of the third term can be replaced by elective courses.

Career prospects
Students graduating from this programme will be prepared for professional opportunities in research-led careers, education, academic careers, media and cultural industries, national and international policy and production sectors, commercial and public service organisations, and NGOs. Above all, graduates will have the critical skills necessary to evaluate and understand media in a range of professional and private spheres.

“The programme gave me the amazing opportunity to carry out fieldwork and do an internship in Lebanon. Doing research both independently and with a research institute in the region provided me with valuable experience for my future career. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of the programme, I could explore my different areas of interest and combine them in my Master’s thesis project.”

Elisa Giannozzi from Italy
Entry requirements and how to apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A Bachelor's degree. English Level 6 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90). See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on English proficiency levels. Knowledge of a major Middle Eastern language is not required for admission.

HOW TO APPLY
1. Apply online: Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/middle-eastern-studies. Click on “Apply” and follow the instructions for the online application at the Swedish national application website 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
   - Programme-specific supporting documents: When applying for the Master’s in Middle Eastern Studies, you must also submit a statement of purpose (800 words), a one-page CV and a writing sample (2000 words).
3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Selection of students is based on statement of purpose, transcripts, letters of recommendation, CV and two short writing samples.

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 for details on tuition fees.

About the Center of Middle Eastern Studies
The Center for Middle Eastern Studies was founded in 2007 in an effort to support and coordinate research on the region at Lund University. Research on the Middle East has existed in Lund since the University’s founding in 1666. Over the last few decades, an increasing amount of disciplines across all faculties of the university have begun conducting research and teaching courses on the region. CMES will continue to support these efforts by becoming an international hub in Scandinavia for interdisciplinary research on the Middle East.

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 7,400 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. The 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 over 70 countries.

Lund University has an annual turnover of SEK 8 billion, two-thirds of which are 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.

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