Programme overview
The two-year international interdisciplinary Master’s Programme in Middle Eastern Studies aims to develop deeper knowledge about the Middle East of today. The programme trains students in critical thinking and gives them the ability to apply this to current events and debates in and about the region. The programme also aims to educate students in social sciences theories and various research methodologies, as well as to provide opportunities for the application of methodological skills.

The Middle East is analysed as a historically changeable concept rather than a delimited geographical region. Particular emphasis is given to the processes, norms and flows that continuously shape the Middle East, such as migration, refugeeship, legal, political, social and economic conditions, as well as cultural and gender constructs.

Programme modules/courses
COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS:

First semester: Introduction to Middle Eastern Studies (15), Methods for Research in the Social Sciences, (15).

Second semester: Middle Eastern Studies: Theory and Society (15), Courses in theory of science and/or research methods (15).

Third semester: Field course (15) or Internship course (15) credits or Elective courses, (15) and Elective courses within Middle Eastern Studies (15).

Fourth semester: Master’s degree thesis (30).

Career prospects
The programme offers courses in multiple focus areas and language training in the Middle East. It provides a solid foundation for a career in Middle Eastern analysis, diplomacy, government, development, culture, or enterprise, as well as for further academic research and PhD studies.

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 levels. Knowledge of a 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).

“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
SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Selection of students is based on previous study results, a short writing sample and a statement of purpose including CV.

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 Centre for Middle Eastern Studies
The Centre 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 the Faculty of Social Sciences
The Faculty of Social Sciences offers a wide variety of Master’s programmes that are either interdisciplinary, thematic programmes or programmes in certain disciplines. The variety of programmes and courses makes it possible for most students to find something to suit their interests. You can obtain a Master’s degree in a traditional discipline such as Political Science or Sociology, or in a thematic field such as Development Studies or Global Studies. The degree you attain depends on the courses you take and within which discipline you write your Master’s thesis. All Master’s programmes at the Faculty give you eligibility for PhD studies. We also offer a Bachelor’s degree programme in Development Studies.

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. 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 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.

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, which was inaugurated in 2016, 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, destined to become a meeting place and a test environment for research, education and entrepreneurship.

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