Programme overview

The Master of Science Programme in Psychology comprises a total of 120 higher education credits, including a Master’s thesis of 30 credits. The programme provides specialisation and breadth in the field of psychology. The aim of the programme is to provide you with a Master’s degree firmly based in current research and to offer broad career opportunities.

Within the programme, you have the possibility of selecting courses of your own interest. Please note that the programme does not lead to a licence as a clinical psychologist.

The first semester focuses on theoretical and practical tools for psychology. The students get a grounding in philosophy of psychology and cognitive science, which encompasses both current areas such as embodied and extended cognition as well as the enduring questions about free will, consciousness and the role of folk psychology. Students participate in day labs with prominent researchers in different subfields, getting hands-on experience with the range of research methods used in the department. Students will also learn advanced methods and statistics, including Bayesian statistics.

In the second semester, students can choose two of the following courses: Social Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Personality Psychology or methods in Abnormal Psychology for the first half semester. The second half semester comprises empirical work in any of those fields.

In the third semester, students can choose between the courses Cognitive Neuroscience or Work and Organisational Psychology for the first half semester. As in semester two, the second half comprises empirical work in either area. These courses increase the students’ understanding and knowledge of psychology through deepening their comprehension of theories and current research and also include elements of practical research experience.

During the fourth and last semester, students complete the programme by writing a Master’s thesis, where they will demonstrate and enhance their understanding of theories and empirical research methods.

Features of this programme

• Advanced methodology and statistics courses
• Flexible structure, elective courses
• Option to write your Master’s thesis as part of cutting-edge research projects

Programme modules/courses

COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS: Theory and Practice of Science in Psychology (15), Advanced Scientific Methods in Psychology (15), Developmental Psychology (7.5), Personality Psychology (7.5), Social Psychology (7.5) or Methods in Abnormal Psychology (7.5), Empirical Work in Social, Development, Personality or Abnormal Psychology (15), Cognitive Neuroscience (15) or Work and Organisational Psychology (15), Empirical Work in Cognitive Neuroscience or Work and Organisational Psychology (15), Master’s degree thesis (30).

Career prospects

A Master’s degree in psychology is an excellent foundation for further research within the different fields of psychology. Other common career options are within the areas of qualified investigative work, HR or health. You could also work with organisational issues, change management, communication and rehabilitation or be self-employed.

In Sweden, it is not about learning out of a textbook and memorising facts, but about developing your own thinking and your interpretation of things. That is what you really need in research; you have to be able to develop your own way of interpreting a topic. I can’t imagine doing my PhD without having done this Master’s programme.”

Holly Knapton from the U.K.
Entry requirements and how to apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A Bachelor’s degree with a major in psychology including at least 15 credits of psychological research methods and statistics. English Level 6 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90). See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on English proficiency levels.

HOW TO APPLY
1. Apply online: Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/psychology. 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 this programme, you must also submit a statement of purpose with your application. See www.psy.lu.se/study/master for instructions.
4. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO
Selection is made based on grades from previous studies and on the statement of purpose.

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. See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on tuition fees.