MA in Visual Culture
LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

• Master of Arts in Visual Culture
• 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
• Department of Arts and Cultural Sciences
• Lund Campus
• Application deadline: January 2020
• Programme start: August 2020

Programme overview
This Master’s programme aims to strengthen the students’ theoretical knowledge and understanding of the vital importance of images and other visual expressions for communication in society. Visuality is studied from a critical and intermedial perspective, which includes elements of sound or music, and where aspects such as power, history, environment, social relations, gender and ethnicity are central. The programme is mainly constructed as an interdisciplinary combination of Art History and Visual Studies, Film Studies and Musicology.

Furthermore, the role of visual communication (and to some extent its auditory reinforcements) is analysed – in artistic as well as mass medial forms – when it comes to shaping the major issues of life. The programme covers both mass culture and art, for instance: design objects, architecture and urban environments; painting, photographs and sculptures; film, video and television.

Programme modules/courses
COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS: Visual Culture: Theory and Methodology (15), Critical Approaches to Globalisation in Visual Culture (15), Environment and Nature (15), Representations of Violence in the Visual Arts and Media (15), Histories of Modern Visualities (15), Image and the Body (15) and Master’s degree project (30).

Career prospects
After completing the programme, you will be able to actively mediate your knowledge of the visual field, thereby satisfying society’s needs for critical tools of analysis. Future career prospects include work within cultural administration and production, planning and shaping of public space, cultural journalism/criticism, teaching and research within the field of visual studies, as well as in a wider research context, given the growing importance of visual knowledge in other areas, e.g. the biosciences, pedagogy, etc.

Entry requirements and how to apply
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
To be eligible for admission to the programme, a Bachelor’s degree in one of the following disciplines is required: art history and visual studies, film studies, musicology, design studies, architecture, or the equivalent. 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/visual-culture. 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.

“The Visual Culture programme appealed to me because it was so broad and interdisciplinary. I found a similar programme in New York, but it just wasn’t as good.”

Marissa Frayer from USA
• Programme-specific supporting documents: When applying for the Master’s in Visual Culture, you must also submit a statement of purpose with your application.

3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO
Selection is based on a statement of purpose and academic qualifications within a relevant field of study.

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.

About the Department of Arts and Cultural Sciences
The Department of Arts and Cultural Sciences is a strong humanities environment. Here, students and researchers are offered inspiring opportunities to combine a number of different subjects and cooperate across different disciplines. The department aims to contribute to dynamic theoretical and subject development within the field of cultural sciences through its research and broad selection of courses and programmes. It is also important to emphasise the transferrable skills that students gain through their studies. An important part of the department’s work is to promote humanities perspectives and the study of culture and all its various expressions and interpretations.

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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