



STUDY AT LUND UNIVERSITY

In Sweden about half of the people study at university or college at some time, roughly as many men as women. An academic education makes it easier to find work and opens many doors to the future. A university education is therefore a good investment which in many cases can also be used in other countries. More and more employers want staff who are familiar with other cultures and who speak several languages. Moreover, the labour market is becoming increasingly international.

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Lund University is the biggest in Sweden, with just over 39,000 students. It has been educating people for almost 350 years. Today's education covers virtually all fields. As a student you can take full programmes or separate courses in engineering, science, humanities, medicine, law, economics, social sciences, and theology. The university's academies of drama, art, and music are located in Malmö. Pilots are trained in Ljungbyhed, and in Helsingborg the university provides education for engineers, marine biologists, communicators, social workers, and business administrators for tourism, hotels and restaurants, and the health sector.

Lund University is Sweden's most international university. It has students, researchers, and teachers from many different cultures and countries. The university collaborates with hundreds of universities all over the world. Many foreign students come to Lund, while many students from Lund do some of their studies abroad. Increasing numbers of young Swedes with a foreign background choose to study at Lund University. Since a wide range of nationalities and cultures helps to enhance the quality of education, the university works actively to recruit more students with an immigrant background.

HOW DO I GET IN?

You must have some prior knowledge to start at the university. There are two levels: basic eligibility and special eligibility. All university programmes require basic eligibility. This is attained on all high-school programmes by fulfilling certain requirements. Most programmes

also require special eligibility. This means having extra knowledge in some subjects. Sometimes there are many applicants for a programme and not all can be admitted. A selection then has to be made. They are divided into groups and their school grades and/or the results of the university entrance exam are considered. For more information see the current application prospectus.

A foreign high-school education which gives eligibility for university in the home country applies in Sweden too, but you also have to be able to demonstrate skills in Swedish and English.

If your high-school grades are not sufficient for admission to the desired programme, it is possible to improve them. This can be done through municipal adult education (Komvux), at a folk high school, or by taking the university entrance exam. The exam is held twice a year, and a good result in it increases your chances of admission to a programme. However, the requirements for basic and special eligibility must always be satisfied. You can take the university entrance exam as often as you want.

More information about the exam can be found at www.lu.se/hogskoleprovet or Central Study Counselling, telephone 046-222 01 00 between 10 and 12.

WHAT TO CHOOSE?

At Lund University you can choose among 140 different programmes and well over 1,000 courses. If you choose to take a programme, the university has determined in advance which courses are included and you are guaranteed a place on these. If you choose to take separate

courses, you have to apply independently each term. This requires greater responsibility but it also gives more freedom.

UNIVERSITY CREDITS AND DEGREES

Each course gives ECTS credits. One week's full-time study is worth 1.5 credits. A term's full-time study corresponds to 30 credits. If you have studied for two years you will have 120 credits, equivalent to a university degree. A bachelor's degree (fil. kand.), or three years' study, is 180 credits while a master's degree (fil. mag.), or four years' study, is 240 credits.

INFORMATION ABOUT EDUCATION

In Utbildningsmagasinet you will find information about the university's programmes and courses. There is also a special prospectus, Anmälningkatalogen. These can be ordered by calling 046-222 70 54. If you need advice you can contact the university's study counsellor at the same number. You can also talk to the study counsellors employed at most schools. The university's website, www.lu.se/valjastudier, has prospectuses and other information about education.

If you are working or for some other reason cannot come to the place of study, many courses can be taken by Internet. You have close contact via computer with teachers and fellow students. Some courses are wholly net-based while others involve some meetings at the university.

LANGUAGE SERVICE

All students can turn to the university's Study Workshop with its language ser-

vice when they need help with academic writing and improved study techniques. Students with immigrant background can also get help with Swedish. More information about the Study Workshop can be found on the university website: www.lu.se/studieverkstad.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

It costs nothing to study at the university. Of course, you need money for food, accommodation, books, and other material. The most common way to get money is to apply for study assistance from CSN (Centrala studiestödsnämnden). In Sweden roughly 80% of all students have study assistance. It is not common to finance one's studies with grants. The grants that exist are small and function only as an extra contribution.

All students who have lived in Sweden for at least two years are entitled to apply for study assistance. It does not matter whether you have money in the bank or how much the family earns. Study assistance consists of two parts: a grant and a loan. The grant is roughly a third of the total and does not have to be paid back. The loan must be paid back later. At the earliest six months after completion of studies you start repaying the loan, the amount depending on how much you have borrowed, the interest rate, how many years you can pay, and how much you earn.

For more information about study assistance contact CSN on telephone 0771-27 60 00 or 060-18 60 00 or at www.csn.se.

WHERE CAN I LIVE?

It is important to be able to study at home when you do not have teaching at the university. If you live close to the university you can of course live at home. If you want to or have to move, there are different forms of accommodation to choose from. A good way to get into student life is to have a room on a “corridor” where you share a kitchen and dining room with other students. There are also student flats and private alternatives. Some students live outside Lund, for example in Malmö or Eslöv, where it can be easier to find a place to live. Commuting distances are short and public transport is good.

The Student Union (AF) and the different student “nations” provide corridor rooms and other accommodation of different sizes. It can be difficult to find a student room, so it is important to register your interest as soon as you are admitted to a programme. Contact AF Bostäder on 046-19 15 00 or at www.lu.se/boende. The accommodation provided by the student nations can be reached on the same website.

BoPoolen is a housing agency with which you can register before you know whether you have been admitted to a programme. Their number is 046-222 04 40 or 046-222 17 75 and their website is www.lus.lu.se/bopoolen/.

Central Study Counselling has telephone hours from 10–12 at 046-222 01 00.

Prospectuses can be ordered from 046-222 70 54 or www.lu.se/katalogbestallning.

Information about the university entrance exam can be obtained via the university’s Central Study Counselling or online at the website of the National Agency for Higher Education, www.studera.nu.

Registration date

Deadline for registration for the spring term: 15 October

Deadline for registration for the autumn term: 15 April.



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