



Lund University, Faculty of Science Information Sheet Academic year 2019/2020

FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS





Lund University and the Faculty of Science

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 compact university campus encourages networking and creates the conditions for scientific breakthroughs and innovations. The University has a distinct international profile, with partner universities in over 70 countries.

Lund University has an annual turnover of SEK 8 billion, of which two-thirds go to research. Our research is characterised by both breadth and strength and, according to independent evaluations, over 30 of our research fields are world-leading.

The establishment of the world-leading facilities MAX IV and ESS will have a major impact on future scientific and industrial development in both materials science and life science. MAX IV, which was inaugurated in June 2016, is the leading synchrotron radiation facility in the world, while the European research facility ESS will be the world's most powerful neutron source when it opens for research in 2023. Adjacent to these facilities, Science Village Scandinavia is also being developed into a meeting place and testing environment for research, education and entrepreneurship.

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THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Science at Lund University is characterised by first-class research within a variety of areas, from molecular to ecological systems and from biosphere studies to astronomy and high-energy particle physics.

Our research and education are carried out within all major research areas: astronomy, biology, chemistry, earth sciences, environmental sciences, physics and mathematics. The wide spectrum of research, with several world-leading research groups, serves as a platform for outstanding higher education and much of the teaching is carried out in the laboratories connected to the research front line. Our teaching staff are all active researchers, making our students particularly well trained in research methods.

If you want to contribute to sound and sustainable future development, science education at Lund University could be the right choice for you. An education in science is also a gateway to a great number of R&D companies and science parks within the surrounding Öresund region – a hub for high-tech companies and research organisations especially within pharmaceuticals/biotechnology, IT/telecommunication, food, and environment. The Öresund region is at the forefront in Europe within these areas.

The Faculty of Science is highly ranked both in Sweden and internationally for its research and education quality. The faculty is organised into nine departments, gathered in the northern campus area in Lund. There are approximately 950 employees and 3 200 students at the Faculty of Science.

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Exchange studies at the Faculty of Science

APPLYING FOR COURSES/MODULES

When the coordinator at your home university has nominated you for exchange studies, you will receive a link to an online registration form. This is the application for the exchange, and also for the short introduction programme which is offered to all exchange students.

We encourage you to not apply for too many courses or credits, and to make sure you pick the correct course code. Also, please note that some courses are given simultaneously, and may lead to timetabling conflicts – this is important when prioritising your selected courses.

Documents to attach to your application

You need to scan and attach the following documents to your application:

- Official academic transcript
- List of ongoing courses
- Statement of Purpose, one page maximum
- Explanation of the home university's grading system

Please note

- We do not require any paper documents
- Remember to submit the application before the deadline, as we cannot process any late applications
- We require that you take at least half of your credits within the Faculty of Science
- 30 credits correspond to one semester of full-time studies. You can take a maximum of 30 credits per semester, plus one extra course in Swedish language for exchange students.

COURSES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

We advise you to carefully read the entry requirements for the courses you intend to take and make sure that you will receive credits at your home university for each course.

Science courses

Many of our courses are offered in English. Currently, three of our Bachelor's programmes and all of our Master's programmes are held entirely in English. The Master's courses are available to undergraduate students as long as they fulfil the entry requirements.

Read more about our science courses on:

www.science.lu.se/education

Courses at other faculties

As already mentioned, we require that you take at least half of your credits within the Faculty of Science. You may take courses offered at other faculties, but the possibilities to take courses given at the School of Economics and Management, the Faculty of Medicine, or the Faculty of Engineering (LTH) are limited.

Special Area Studies courses (SAS)

As an exchange student at Lund University you have the opportunity to take additional courses outside of your main field of study. You can choose from a wide range of subjects, including Swedish culture and society and also European and global issues. All courses are worth 7.5 credits.

Read more about the Special Area Studies courses on:

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/SAS

Important dates

APPLICATION PERIODS

Student exchange and course selection

Autumn: 1 April – 25 April
Academic Year: 1 April – 25 April
Spring: 1 October – 25 October

Accommodation for exchange students

Autumn: 1 April – 25 April
Academic Year: 1 April – 25 April
Spring: 1 October – 25 October

SEMESTER PERIODS 2019/2020

Autumn: 2 September – 19 January
Arrival day: 20 August
Spring: 20 January – 7 June
Arrival day: 13 January

NOMINATION PERIODS FOR PARTNERS

Autumn: 25 March – 23 April
Academic Year: 25 March – 23 April
Spring: 25 September – 23 October

More relevant dates are available on:

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/academic-calendar

Swedish language courses

At Lund University you have the opportunity to take free preparatory Swedish courses, for example the Swedish Language Courses for Exchange Students (SVE) and the Introductory Swedish Language Course (SUSA). The latter is a short 3 credit introduction to the Swedish language and to the Swedish culture and society. The course is offered to all exchange students before ordinary courses start.

Read more about the language courses on:

www.sol.lu.se/en/subjects/sfs

www.sol.lu.se/en/subjects/sfs/exchange-students/susa

STUDY STRUCTURE AND GRADING SYSTEM

Study structure

Full-time study corresponds to 30 credits per semester. You are required to follow a full-time semester study plan of 30 credits per semester. Examination is usually conducted at the end of each course.

Grading system

As an exchange student at the Faculty of Science you will be graded according to one of our two scales, which vary between courses.

- U – G – VG (Fail – Pass – Pass with Distinction)
- U – G (Fail – Pass)

Read more about the grading system on:

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/grading-system

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

We require proficiency in English or Swedish, depending on the language of the course. It is of great importance, and in your interest, that your language skills are at a satisfactory level. We trust your home university to assess that the English proficiency of their students is of a satisfactory level for academic studies (B2).

APPLYING FOR ACCOMMODATION

You apply for accommodation separately. The accommodation application is open during the same period as the exchange application. It is up to you and your coordinator to remember to apply for accommodation in time. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee housing for all exchange students, but we will do what we can to help you find accommodation.

Read more about applying for accommodation on:

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/housing

QUESTIONS ABOUT COURSES?

Questions concerning courses are kindly addressed to the subject's departmental coordinator. Contact information can be found on page 6.



Pre-arrival information

WELCOME TO LUND

The main Lund University campus is set in the charming cobblestoned city of Lund, which dates back to 990. Today students make up almost half of the population in the city. The University and its students give Lund a youthful and vibrant atmosphere, which has led to an active cultural life full of activities and entertainment. In Lund everything is close at hand and within reach on foot or by bicycle, which adds to its appeal.

When it comes to travel opportunities, Lund is in a great location. Perhaps most importantly, Copenhagen Airport is just a 35-minute train ride from Lund, meaning you are connected with the whole world from this major international airport.

Read more about Lund on:

<https://visitlund.se/en>

HOUSING

You can apply for housing through LU Accommodation or use an accommodation agency. LU Accommodation is a part of Student Services at Lund University. Other accommodation agencies include the Student Unions' housing service Bo-Poolen and AF Bostäder. You can also find housing through the student nations. Student housing often consists of a corridor room or a studio flat.

Read more about housing on:

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/housing

LIVING COSTS

The Swedish currency is the krona. It is abbreviated SEK. To compare, SEK 100 is roughly EUR 10 or USD 12. A typical Swedish student budget is SEK 8 000 per month covering food, housing, clothing, books/materials and leisure time. If you rent accommodation from LU Accommodation you can expect typical rents to range from SEK 3 200–4 800 per month, depending on the specific accommodation you are offered.

Read more about living costs on:

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/living-costs

HEALTH INSURANCE

As an exchange student at Lund University you have free health insurance. The cover is restricted to the period of time you are in Sweden, as specified in your letter of acceptance. If you're from the EU/EEA you should bring your European Health Insurance Card. You may bring additional health insurance if you want to.

Read more about health insurance on:

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/preparing-to-come/health-and-insurance

RESIDENCE PERMIT

Most students from countries outside the EU/EEA need to have a residence permit to study in Sweden. If this is the case for you, we advised you to apply for residence permit as soon as you receive your letter of acceptance. The permit must be valid and you need to bring it with you when you travel to Sweden. Applications for residence permits are processed by the Swedish Migration Board and *not* the University.

Read more and apply for residence permit on:

www.migrationsverket.se/info/studera_en.html

MORE PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/pre-arrival



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