



Lund University, Faculty of Science: Partner Information Sheet Academic year 2015/2016

FOR OUR TASSEP AND BILATERAL PARTNERS





Lund University and the Faculty of Science

LUND UNIVERSITY

Lund University gives students the tools to explore and understand themselves and the world around them. They are taught how to think freely, creatively and critically, and to develop their ability to work across disciplinary boundaries and externally to tackle demanding problems. This lays the foundation for lifelong learning. Lund is also Sweden's most popular student city and has the highest proportion of students among the population. With a thriving student life and clubs and societies for all tastes, everything is within cycling distance and the atmosphere in Lund is both international and intimate – just the place for making international friendships for life.

Lund University is one of the oldest learning institutions in Scandinavia. Officially established in 1666, Lund University can arguably trace its roots to 1436 when it was recognised as a studium generale, an institution of international excellence. Steeped in centuries of tradition, Lund University has always been at the forefront of innovation with its modern and dynamic approach. Innovation and creativity remain the bedrock of Lund University, where learning is about critical thinking and pushing boundaries to reveal new thoughts and ideas. Lund University has had the privilege of educating many Nobel laureates, prime ministers, a president and several notable leaders in society.

Ultrasound, dialysis and the world's fastest growing technology, Bluetooth, are all examples of revolutionary discoveries that have their roots in research at Lund University. Research at Lund University is known for its strong interdisciplinary focus and its cooperation with industry and business. Our interdisciplinary research and the diversity we offer as a comprehensive university have contributed to our success in recent years in obtaining major research grants. Over EUR 550 million a year goes to research at the university, which gives Lund one of Sweden's strongest and broadest research

environments. More than 30 of Lund's research fields are world leading, according to independent evaluations.

www.lunduniversity.lu.se

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 teachers are all recruited from among the active researchers; thus our students are particularly well trained in scientific methods.

If you want to contribute to sound and sustainable future development, science education at Lund University is 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 800 employees and 1 700 students at the Faculty of Science.

www.science.lu.se

Top reasons to study at Lund University

- Sweden's top-ranked university and ranked 60th in the world.*
- The number 1 choice for international students studying in Sweden.
- A non-profit, public university founded in 1666 – one of the oldest and broadest universities in northern Europe.
- Sweden's broadest range of programmes taught in English – 100 Master's degrees, 5 Bachelor's degrees, exchange, study abroad and PhD studies.
- Ericsson, Sony Mobile, Tetra Pak, Gambro and AlfaLaval are among the large, well-known companies located in Lund with which the University cooperates.
- The Malmö region, including Lund, is the 4th most inventive in the world.**
- A member of the international research-intensive university networks LERU and U21.
- Lund is the home to 30 world-leading research and innovation environments.
- Lund is considered the best student city in Sweden with the unique combination of traditional student nations (social clubs), an academic society and student unions organising events and activities year round.
- Sweden is ranked as the 2nd best country in the world when it comes to providing higher education.***
- An international environment where 90% of Swedes speak English.
- Sweden is one of the safest countries in the world and ranked as one of the best in which to live.

* QS World University Ranking 2014

** Forbes: The World's 15 Most Inventive Cities 2013

*** Universitas 21 ranking 2014



Welcome to Lund

Lund is a small, safe city steeped in history, yet with the healthiest and youngest population in the country. It is also where Lund University's main campus is located. There are 130 nationalities in Lund, making it a truly international city in which to study.

Lund is located in southern Sweden, right next to Denmark, over the Öresund Bridge. From Lund, Copenhagen (the largest Scandinavian city) is less than an hour away by train or car, you can drive into Germany in approximately 4 hours, whilst Sweden's third largest city Malmö is just a 10 minute train ride away. Copenhagen Airport, the closest major international airport, is only 35 minutes by train from Lund.

As one of the oldest cities in Sweden, dating back to 990, Lund is a city of contrasts where 1 000 years of history blends with modern knowledge and ideas. The combination of business, students and researchers from around the world has given birth to Lund's unique character as a city of strong research-based global industries. The Malmö region, including Lund, is the 4th most inventive region in the world.*

The city itself is compact and charming, with picturesque old houses, romantic cobbled streets and beautiful green surroundings. Student cafés, nightlife, a vibrant and intellectually stimulating atmosphere, rich culture and a wide assortment of leisure activities all contribute to making your stay a memorable experience.

The University lies in the heart of the city. In Lund everything is close at hand and within reach on foot or by bicycle, which adds to its appeal. In addition, there is a comprehensive public transport system including buses and trains to transport you in and around Lund, Sweden and nearby Copenhagen.

MORE INFORMATION

Pre-arrival

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/pre-arrival

* Forbes: The World's 15 Most inventive Cities
2013



Housing and living costs

Lund is a very small and compact city. Wherever your housing is located, you are never that far from lectures, whether by foot, bike or bus.

CORRIDOR ROOMS AND STUDIO FLATS

Student corridor rooms are single bedrooms furnished with a bed and desk, either with a private en suite toilet, shower and wash basin or shared bathroom facilities. Corridor rooms have a shared kitchen and living area and a shared laundry room.

Studio flats are self-contained rooms with a combined bedroom, living area, small kitchenette and bathroom with a shower, toilet and wash basin. No areas are shared except the laundry room. One-bedroom apartments, shared apartments or lodging with a family are other student housing options. Rooms and flats are usually furnished with a bed, mattress, desk, chair, bookshelf and basic lighting fixtures.

LU Accommodation is a service at Lund University which manages some of the student housing available in Lund, Helsingborg and Malmö. The Academic Society, student nations and local private landlords provide additional student housing options.

LIVING COSTS

The Swedish currency is the krona, abbreviated as SEK. A typical Swedish student budget is SEK 7,800/month (approximately USD 1,100 or EUR 900) 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 2,700 – 4,500 per month, depending on the specific accommodation you are offered.

MORE INFORMATION

Housing

www.luaccommodation.lu.se

Living costs

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/living-costs

Health insurance and residence permit

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Health insurance is free for our incoming students. The cover is restricted to the period of time that the students are in Sweden, as specified in the student's Letter of Acceptance, and extends only to health claims arising while the student is physically present in Sweden. Students from the EU/EEA should bring their European Health Insurance Card. All students may bring additional health insurance if they want to.

RESIDENCE PERMIT

In general, all students from countries outside the EU/EEA need to have a residence permit to study in Sweden. Students who need a residence permit are advised to apply as soon as you receive your admission results/notification of selection results, or your letter of acceptance if you are an exchange student. 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.

MORE INFORMATION

Health Insurance for exchange students

www.kammarkollegiet.se/sites/default/files/villkor_engelska_student_in.pdf

Swedish Migration Board

www.migrationsverket.se/info/studera_en.html

Exchange studies at the Faculty of Science

APPLYING FOR COURSES AND ACCOMMODATION

Student exchange and course selection

The coordinator at the home university will receive an online nomination link through which they will list their nominated students.

The students will then receive a link to an online registration form. This is the application for the exchange, and also for the Swedish Language and Orientation Program.

Scans of the following documents must be attached to the application:

- Official academic transcript
- List of ongoing courses
- Statement of Purpose
- 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 encourage the applying students not to apply for too many courses (or credits), and to make sure to state the correct course code (not to be mistaken for the application code). Also please note that some courses are given simultaneously, and may lead to timetabling conflicts – this is important when prioritising your selected courses.

Student accommodation

Accommodation is applied for separately. The accommodation application is open during the same period as the exchange application. It is up to the student and the student coordinator to remember to apply for accommodation in time. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee housing for our incoming students, but we do what we can to help.

The accommodation application form is found at:
www.luaccommodation.lu.se

Relevant dates

APPLICATION PERIODS

Student exchange and course selection

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

Accommodation for exchange students

Academic Year	April 1 – April 25
Autumn	April 1 – April 25
Spring	Oct 1 – Oct 25

SEMESTER PERIODS

Autumn:	August 31 – January 17
Arrival day:	August 18
Spring:	January 18 – June 5
Arrival day:	To be confirmed, usually mid-January

More relevant dates are available at:
www.lunduniversity.lu.se/academic-calendar

COURSES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Courses offered at the Faculty of Science

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.

The student should carefully read the entry requirements for the courses they intend to take and make sure that they will receive credits at their home university for each specific course.

Courses given at the Faculty of Science can be combined as long as the entry requirements are met. This is also possible for courses offered at other faculties; however, we suggest that the student contact the specific science subject's departmental coordinator to discuss the proposed course (generally, it is not always possible to take courses given at the School of Economics and Management, the Faculty of Medicine, or the Faculty of Engineering (LTH)).

Our science courses:

www.science.lu.se/education

Special Area Studies courses (SAS)

Lund University offers exchange students the opportunity to take additional courses outside their chosen studies in a wide range of subjects, including Swedish culture and society and also European and global issues. All courses are worth 7.5 credits.

More information about the SAS courses:

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/SAS

Swedish language courses

Lund University offers free preparatory Swedish courses to all exchange students.

Swedish is offered within the Swedish Language and Orientation Programme (SUSA). This is a short 3 credit introduction to the Swedish language, and is given to all our exchange students before ordinary courses start. The course also provides a short introduction to Swedish culture and society.

The Swedish Language Courses for Exchange Students (SVEE) are open to all students within exchange agreements (i.e. not to Bachelor's students, Master's students, or free movers). The SVEE courses are applied for separately.

More information about language courses:

www.sol.lu.se/sfs/exchange

QUESTIONS ABOUT COURSES?

Questions concerning courses are kindly addressed to the subject's departmental coordinator (contact information can be found on the next page).

STUDY STRUCTURE, GRADING SYSTEM AND LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Full-time course load per semester

Full-time study corresponds to 30 credits per semester. Exchange students 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 of 2012 Lund University no longer uses the ECTS Grading Scale. Transcripts will contain a grading table stating the percentage of the students having been awarded each of the grades. Incoming students taking courses at the Faculty of Science will be graded according to one of our two scales (which varies between courses):

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

Language requirements

We require proficiency in English or Swedish, depending on the language of the course. We trust the sending universities to assess that the English proficiency of their students is of a satisfactory level for academic studies (B2). Please note that it is of great importance, and in the students' interest, that their language skills are at a satisfactory level.



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Please note:

Questions regarding Erasmus should be directed to the departmental coordinators.



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