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# LUND UNIVERSITY FACT SHEET

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS 2023/2024

### Nomination and application procedures

#### NOMINATION PERIOD

Autumn semester and academic year: 15–31 March

Spring semester: 15–30 September

Nomination instructions are sent to the student's home university shortly before the nomination period.

#### APPLICATION PERIOD

Autumn semester: 1–15 April

Spring semester: 1–15 October

Once the student has been nominated by the home university, the student will receive an activation email via our application system with further instructions one day before the application period opens.

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The supporting documents in **English** should be uploaded as enclosures in the application. Different faculties may have different requirements; make sure to check before submitting an application.

Mandatory documents:

- Official Transcript of Records (both Bachelor and Master level). Including an explanation of grades.
- Statement of Purpose
- CV
- List of ongoing courses – mandatory if not listed in Transcript of Records.

Other documents:

- Portfolio – mandatory for students within Architecture, Industrial Design, Music and Fine Arts.
- Eligibility document – mandatory for students in Engineering
- Proof of language proficiency for studies in languages other than English.

#### LUND UNIVERSITY WEB

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se)

#### EXCHANGE STUDIES

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-studies](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-studies)

#### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/calendar](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/calendar)

#### APPLICATION PROCESS FOR EXCHANGE STUDIES

1. Nomination completed by student's home university.
2. Email with application log in details sent to student from the application system SoleMove.
3. Submit application including supporting documents.
4. Apply for housing via LU Accommodation.
5. Letter of Acceptance sent to student via email from the application system SoleMove.
6. Apply for Swedish Residence Permit for Studies using the Letter of Acceptance.

Read more about exchange application and acceptance:

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-application](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-application)



# Courses and study requirements

## LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English and Swedish

## COURSE LOAD

Exchange students are expected to study full-time, 30 credits/semester (usually 4 courses of 7,5 credits each). Note that full-time studies is a condition for getting a residence permit from the Swedish Migration Agency.

Lund University has no formal add and drop period at the beginning of the semester, which means that there are limited chances to change courses upon arrival. Therefore, it is important that your choice of courses, including alternatives, is accurately selected, and approved for accreditation by your home university.

## COURSES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

700 courses suitable for exchange students are offered across a wide range of subjects.

- Find courses in English per Faculty: [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/find-exchange-courses](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/find-exchange-courses)
- Special Area Studies (SAS) in English: Exchange students can apply for 'Special Area Study' (SAS) courses in subjects such as Swedish culture and society, European studies, regional courses and global issues of contemporary interest. These courses do not usually require previous studies in the subject as an admission requirement. This gives exchange students the opportunity to gain new knowledge in subjects that may be outside of the student's normal degree programme. [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/sas](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/sas)
- Swedish Language Courses for exchange students (SVE): [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-swedish](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-swedish) (not available for Danish and Norwegian students). Swedish Language Courses can be counted within or in addition to a full-time study load.
- Introductory Swedish Course (SUSA) for exchange students during the Orientation Weeks: [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-swedish](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-swedish)

## STUDYING IN SWEDISH

Students with a background in Scandinavian studies or who have studied in a Nordic school system may be able to apply for courses with Swedish as the language of instruction. Find courses and programmes in Swedish: [www.lu.se/lubas/courses-programmes](http://www.lu.se/lubas/courses-programmes). Please note! If you find a course on a webpage stating "Kan bara sökas inom utbildningsprogram" – the course is not available.

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

It is recommended that the student's level of English language proficiency is equivalent to IELTS 6.5/ TOEFL 90.

The Swedish language requirement for exchange students wishing to study Swedish-taught courses is level C1, or B2 depending on course, of the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR).

## SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

The admission requirements (prerequisites) for each course can be found on the website of the relevant department. Many courses require at least 1 year of full-time studies within the subject area.

- Faculty of Law demands at least 1 year of previous law studies for undergraduate/Bachelor's level courses and for courses on graduate/advanced level at least 2,5 years (150 ECTS) of previous law studies.
- Faculty of Engineering requires at least 2 years of prior studies.
- School of Architecture requires 3 years of prior studies in the subject. Portfolio required to apply.
- The Faculty of Fine and Performing Arts (including Malmö Academy of Music, Malmö Art Academy and Malmö Theatre Academy) requires prior studies in the subject. Portfolio and work sample are required to apply.

Read more about specific department requirements: [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-requirements](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-requirements)

## RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- There is a limited availability of courses at the Lund University School of Economics and Management (LUSEM). Students applying through a university-wide agreement can at most be accepted to 15 credits at LUSEM per semester.
- There is a limited availability of non-clinical courses at the Faculty of Medicine for students on university-wide agreements. The Faculty of Medicine mainly admit students within specific faculty/department agreements.
- There is a limited availability of courses in Molecular Biology.
- Courses in Bioinformatics are not available.
- Courses at the School of Industrial Design are not available for students applying through a university-wide agreement.
- Courses in Journalism are not available.
- The Faculty of Fine and Performing Arts, (including Malmö Academy of Music, Malmö Art Academy and Malmö Theatre Academy) mainly admit students within specific faculty/department agreements.
- Note, not all courses in English are open to exchange students.

## The University at a glance

Lund University's vision is to be a world-class university that works to understand, explain and improve our world and the human condition.

- Founded in 1666
- Ranked among the top 100 universities in the world in the QS Ranking 2024
- 9 Faculties and several interdisciplinary research institutes, centres and facilities
- 3 campuses in Lund, Malmö and Helsingborg
- Students 45 000 (28% international students)
- Staff 8600

## Student accommodation

There are several different housing providers, LU Accommodation is one of them. An active search approach is encouraged since there is a shortage of housing at the beginning of each semester. It is recommended to apply for accommodation through several different agencies.

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/housing](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/housing)

### LU ACCOMMODATION

Read about accommodation options and apply via LU Accommodation: [www.luaccommodation.lu.se](http://www.luaccommodation.lu.se)

It is strongly recommended that students apply as soon as the application period opens.

Application periods for LU Accommodation:

Beginning of May – studies during the autumn semester

Beginning of November – studies during spring semester

## Degrees and credits

1 LU credit = 1 ECTS

- Undergraduate and graduate: 30 ECTS/semester, 60 ECTS/year
- Bachelor's degrees: 3 years, 180 ECTS
- Master's degrees: 1 year, 60 ECTS, 2 years, 120 ECTS

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/degrees-credits](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/degrees-credits)

## Preparing to come

### ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION WEEKS

The Orientation Weeks for international students include a variety of activities that aim to help students settle in smoothly at the University and in student life.

Taking part in the Orientation Weeks is not mandatory, but something that is strongly recommended to get a good introduction to student life at Lund University. Read more about Arrival Day and Orientation Weeks:

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/your-arrival-lund](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/your-arrival-lund)

### PRE-ARRIVAL GUIDE

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/before-you-arrive](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/before-you-arrive)

### INSURANCE

All exchange and Study Abroad students are covered by the Swedish State's Insurance for Foreign Students.

Find Terms and Conditions:

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/insurance](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/insurance)

### LEARNING SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/disabilities](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/disabilities)

### MONEY AND LIVING COSTS

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/living-costs](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/living-costs)

### RESIDENCE PERMIT

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/residence-permit](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/residence-permit)

### ETIAS TRAVEL AUTHORISATION

Applies from 2024 for students from over 60 visa-exempt countries to enter most European countries. It is valid for up to three years or until the passport expires. Students should apply online. The process takes 4-30 days.

[https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias\\_en](https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en)

## Verifiable transcript

Students are responsible for printing their Lund University verifiable transcript of records and send it to their home university.

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/transcript-records-ladok](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/transcript-records-ladok)

## Lund University in social media

[www.facebook.com/lunduniversity](https://www.facebook.com/lunduniversity)

[www.youtube.com/LundUniversity](https://www.youtube.com/LundUniversity)

(Lund University International YouTube channel)

<https://twitter.com/lunduniversity>

[www.instagram.com/lunduniversity](https://www.instagram.com/lunduniversity)



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