

» REASONS TO STUDY IN LUND

- Teaching and research are of the highest quality, with rigorous quality control and internationally recognised degrees
- Lund University holds a distinguished position on a European and global level and is highly ranked in a variety of recent studies
- International students are well supported with a comprehensive reception, ranging from enthusiastic mentors to various welcoming events
- Lund – a city of innovations – is renowned worldwide for cutting-edge research and technology
- Lund is well known for its dynamic student life, traditional student societies and a high quality of life.
- The Faculty of Social Sciences offers a campus area located in the medieval center of the town.



» ABOUT LUND UNIVERSITY

Lund University unites long-standing traditions with a modern, dynamic and highly international profile. With eight faculties, and a number of research centres and specialised institutes, Lund University is the biggest provider of research and higher education in Sweden. It was founded in 1666 and is one of the oldest universities in northern Europe. At present, nearly 40,000 undergraduate and 2,500 postgraduate students are enrolled at Lund University. Around 50 programmes taught in English are offered at Lund University.

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LUND UNIVERSITY
 Faculty of Social Sciences



Master of Science in

WELFARE POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT



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» WELFARE POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT AT A GLANCE

Programme Duration: two years (four terms)

Programme start: Autumn term

Degree: Master of Science in Welfare Policies and Management with a major in Political Science, Social Work, or Sociology

Language of instruction: English

Exams: Written and oral exams, written papers, Master's thesis

Fees: Students from within the EU/EEA (and Switzerland) and exchange students will not be charged fees. Other students pay a tuition fee at the amount of 10500 Euro per year (60 credits).

Further information: www.svet.lu.se/wpm



PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The programme is an interdisciplinary social science Master's programme focusing on key issues in the development, policy-making, management and reform of welfare states/regimes. It is based on a comparative approach and highlights differences and similarities across countries, administrative levels and policy areas, including a specific European Union perspective.

The objective of the programme is to provide students with the background knowledge and concrete skills to understand, assess and work with advanced analytical and managerial work within public or private organizations involved in the production of welfare services. Students will adopt a critical social science approach while maintaining an in-depth discipline-oriented specialisation which prepares them for postgraduate studies as well as sustainable Welfare Services production in roles such as policy- and decision makers, in government agencies, private firms and NGOs.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme comprises a total of 120 higher education credits (two years).

The first term begins with a profile course introducing the students to the main themes and issues of the programme. This is followed by a course in research methods in social science.

The second term begins with a compulsory course in Economics directly related to the main theme of the programme. Through the course in Economics students further increase their understanding of the conception of the public sector within economics, emphasizing the elementary analysis of taxation, spending and decision-making. This is followed, in the second half of the second term, by courses in theory of science and research methods.

During the first half of the third term students deepen their knowledge of their major discipline. The second half of the term consists of elective courses to be taken at Lund University or any other recognised university in Sweden or abroad, enabling students to tailor the programme to suit their particular interests. In addition, there is a possibility of an internship (15 credits) relevant to the programme.

During the fourth and last term students complete the programme by writing a Master's thesis, which provides the students with the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of the theories, methods and argumentation pertaining to this field. After completed studies, the students

» MASTER OF SCIENCE IN WELFARE POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT

TERM 1:

Welfare Regimes in Transition. Comparative perspectives on policies, management and reform. Joint introduction, 15 credits
Research methods, 15 credits

TERM 2:

Economics, 15 credits
Theory of science/Research methods, 15 credits

TERM 3:

Specialisation in the student's major discipline, 15 credits
Elective courses, 15 credits

TERM 4:

Master's Thesis in the student's major discipline, 30 credits

will be qualified for a Degree of Master of Science in Welfare Policies and Management with Political Science, or Social Work, or Sociology as the main field of study.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the Master's Programme students must have a Bachelor's Degree (180 ECTS) with a major in Political Science, or Social Work, or Sociology, or the equivalent.

A minimum average grade in the Bachelor's studies equivalent to 3.0 in cumulated grade point average (CGPA) out 4, C in the ECTS grading scale, and B in the American grading scale. English proficiency equivalent to a TOEFL score of at least 550 (paper based), 213 (computer based) or 79 (internet based), or an IELTS score of at least 6.0 (none of the sections under 5.0).

HOW TO APPLY

Application to the Master's programme takes place on-line between December 1st and January 15th at www.studera.nu. Students from the Nordic countries may apply between March 15th and April 15th.

More information about the Master's Programme can be found at www.svet.lu.se/wpm