Programme overview

The Masters Programme in Asian Studies (MSc) is an interdisciplinary programme aimed at students who after their undergraduate studies want to gain area expertise on contemporary East and South-East Asia. The programme provides students with advanced knowledge about contemporary issues in East and South-East Asia so that they will have the knowledge and concrete skills necessary to understand and assess social, cultural, economic and political developments in the region.

The programme offers students an opportunity to specialise regionally and thematically. Students choose to focus on a country or a region in Asia, but also take courses that are more general and deal with cross-regional issues. Students have the option of spending some time at one of our partner universities in Asia for their fieldwork.

Students on the programme acquire a scientific approach, which prepares them for doctoral studies within a subject focusing on Asian studies. The programme also prepares students for work as ‘policy-makers’ and practitioners in government agencies, private companies and nongovernmental organisations.

As a student on this programme, you will:

• Master of Science in Asian Studies
• 2 years, full-time, 120 ECTS credits
• Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies
• Lund Campus
• Application deadline: January 2020
• Programme start: August 2020

Programme modules/courses

COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS: Asian Studies (6), The Economic Transformation of Asia (12), Political Systems, Governance, and Democratization in Asia (12), Region-specific course (China, Japan/Korea, or Southeast Asia) (15), Methodology in Theory and Practice (15), Elective courses (22,5), Data Collection and Analysis (7,5), Master’s Thesis (30)

Career prospects

Graduates of the MSc Programme in Asian Studies have a number of career opportunities available to them. Many graduates continue to doctoral studies at universities throughout Europe and beyond. Some of our students work in government administration, for example, foreign ministries, the Nordic Council of Ministers, embassies and various UN agencies. Others obtain employment in NGOs around the world, for example, the Asia Foundation, the Red Cross and Oxfam. In the private sector we find our graduates employed as business analysts, consultants, project leaders, project coordinators, business developers, brand managers, company directors, freelance journalists and newspaper editors.

“The Master’s Programme in Asian Studies helped me gain new perspectives and an understanding of cultures, which is important when you work with a continent that is not your own.”

Isis Sartori Reis from Brazil, now working as Junior Programme Officer at The Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
Entry requirements and how to apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A Bachelor’s degree in the social sciences, economics, law or social science-oriented disciplines in humanities from a recognised institution of higher education. English Level 6 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90). See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on English proficiency levels.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Apply online: Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/asian-studies. Click on “Apply” and follow the instructions for the online application at www.universityadmissions.se, the Swedish national application website. Rank the chosen programmes in order of preference.

2. Submit your supporting documents:
   - General supporting documents: Check what documents you need to submit (i.e. official transcripts, degree diploma/proof of expected graduation, translations, proof of English, passport) and how you need to submit them at www.universityadmissions.se.
   - Programme-specific supporting documents: When applying for the MSc in Asian Studies, you must also submit a statement of purpose and a CV with your application.

3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO
Selection of students is based on previous academic achievements and the following criteria:

- Grades on courses
- English language level
- Documented knowledge of and/or interest in the field of Asian studies and statement of purpose
- Non-academic knowledge and/or work experience of relevance to Asian studies

TUITION FEES
There are no tuition fees for EU/EEA citizens. For non-EU/EEA citizens, the tuition fee for this programme is SEK 110 000 per year. See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on tuition fees.

About the Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies
The Centre for East and South-East Asian focuses on interdisciplinary education and research on contemporary East and South-East Asia, including international relations, economic development, civil society and political issues, as well as digital transformations. Building upon strengths in these fields, the Centre is a hub for students and researchers at Lund University interested in the region. It is also integrated into a large network of scholars and institutions in Asia and elsewhere. The Centre is involved in a wide range of activities. These include hosting guest researchers, and organising open lectures, seminars, conferences, film screenings and exhibitions. The Centre also houses a library, the Asia Library, with an interdisciplinary collection that focuses on contemporary issues in East and South-East Asia.

About 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 7 600 staff based in Lund, Helsingborg and Malmö. We are united in our efforts to understand, explain and improve our world and the human condition.

The University offers one of the broadest ranges of programmes and courses in Scandinavia, based on cross-disciplinary and cutting-edge research. Our eight faculties conduct strong research in many different areas, including over thirty research fields in which we are world-leading. The University has a distinct international profile, with partner universities in around 70 countries.

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