Programme overview

The Bachelor’s programme in Development Studies is interdisciplinary and focuses on economic, social and political processes and their links to development cooperation. The aim is to provide the knowledge needed in order to critically examine and understand the preconditions for, and process of, development.

The programme draws on the scientific traditions from four different disciplines – sociology, political science, human geography and economic history.

Programme modules/courses

The programme is structured so that students get an introduction to the subject during year one (consisting of four 15 credit courses), acquire a specialisation through depth (30 credits in one of the four major disciplines) and width (30 credits optional courses) in year two, which can also be spent abroad, and further specialisation and preparation for the working life (including an opportunity to do an internship or a minor field study) in year three.

The courses within the programme are: Development in a Historical Perspective – Economic, Social and Political Transformation (15 credits), Development Policy in Practice (15 credits), Development Theories (15 credits), Theory of Science and Research Methods – An Introduction (15 credits), selected courses in Lund or elsewhere (in total 60 credits), Development Cooperation in Practice (15 credits), Research Methods in Development Contexts (15 credits), Field Work, Internship and Research Overview (15 credits), Bachelor’s thesis (15 credits).

Career prospects

The programme provides students with the background knowledge needed to work in development-related fields. Students also gain a critical social science approach that provides preparation for graduate and doctoral studies and proves valuable in various professions within government agencies, private firms and NGOs.

Entry requirements and how to apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the programme, the student must fulfil the general entry requirements and courses corresponding to the following Swedish Upper Secondary School courses: Civics A, or Civics 1b/1a1+1a2. 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/bsc-development-studies. Click on “Apply” and follow the instructions for the online application at the Swedish national application website www.universityadmissions.se. Rank the chosen programmes in order of preference.
2. Submit your 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

3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO
The general average (GPA) of your higher secondary school leaving certificate.

TUITION FEES
There are no tuition fees for EU/EEA citizens. For non-EU/EEA citizens, the tuition fee for this programme is SEK 100 000 per year. See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on tuition fees.

About the Department of Human Geography
The Department of Human Geography is a dynamic entity of the University of Lund with a strong international reputation for both research and education in human geography. The Department is active in economic geography, historical and landscape geography, environmental geography, urban/social/political geography, and development geography.

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.

Lund is the most popular study location in Sweden. Lund University offers one of the broadest ranges of programmes and courses in Scandinavia, based on cross-disciplinary and cutting-edge research. The University has a distinct international profile, with partner universities in around 70 countries.

Lund University has an annual turnover of SEK 8.5 billion, more than half of which is destined for research. Our eight faculties conduct strong research in many different areas, including over thirty research fields in which we are world-leading. Many scientific breakthroughs and pioneering innovations have originated from Lund University.

The world-leading research facilities MAX IV and ESS which are being established in Lund will be of great significance for research and industrial development within materials and life sciences. MAX IV is the world’s foremost synchrotron radiation facility and the ESS will be the most powerful neutron source in the world once it opens for research in 2023. Science Village Scandinavia is developing nearby and is destined to become a meeting place and a test environment for research, education and entrepreneurship.

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