Programme overview
Drawing on fields such as anthropology, geography, sociology and economic history, the programme provides interdisciplinary perspectives and analytical tools for communicating about problems of sustainability. It represents an important complement to technological and natural science approaches towards sustainability by focusing on the cultural dimensions of consumption and resource use, cultural perceptions of environment and economy, and social science perspectives on the global distribution of environmental problems. A central aim is to help students develop skills in communicating across boundaries separating the discourses of different disciplines, cultural traditions, or the interests of business, politics and social movements. The programme encourages critical scrutiny of the debate about sustainability, but also a serious commitment to improving human-environmental relations worldwide. It covers the major social and environmental challenges of our time, including climate change and climate justice, unequal exchange and use of ecological resources, and the shifting of environmental risks and problems to the poorest parts of world society.

This programme is unique in combining perspectives on sustainability from the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. It brings together lecturers and students from various backgrounds in truly interdisciplinary discussions about how culture, power and ecology interact in human-environmental relations. In the third semester, many students are offered internships with organisations in various parts of the world, giving them the opportunity to apply their insights to practical engagement with sustainability policies. In the past, students have, for example, enjoyed internships with organisations dedicated to improving sustainability in various parts of Latin America. The programme does not shy away from pressing controversial questions regarding global power structures and inequalities of distribution.

Programme Modules/courses
COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS: Culture, Economy and Ecology (15), Theory of Science and/or Methods (15), Political Ecology, Consumption, and Identity (15), Theory of Science and/or Methods (15), Master’s degree thesis (30). Electives and/or practical application (15 or 30).

Career prospects
Students graduating from this programme will be able to work in fields such as research, education, journalism, environmental management and development aid. Regardless of the choice of profession, they will be equipped to help make the world more sustainable by communicating their insights to others and by being able to critically assess different options regarding policies, lifestyles and patterns of consumption.

Entry requirements
At least a Bachelor’s degree, including three semesters (90 credits) of studies in human ecology, or another subject of relevance to the programme, e.g. anthropology, sociology, geography, environmental studies, or equivalent. English Level 6 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90). Please see www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on English proficiency levels.

“Getting to learn and interact with students from different study backgrounds and different countries has been incredible. That, combined with the clear dedication of purpose-driven professors and instructors, has made for an enriching experience.”
Josie Flatgard from the USA
HOW TO APPLY
1. Apply online: Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/human-ecology. 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:
   • 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 Master’s in Human Ecology, you must also submit a statement of purpose (max. 500 words, the template is found on the Human Geography website www.keg.lu.se) and an English writing sample (which should be an excerpt of max. 3 pages from your Bachelor’s thesis or another academic text in English)
3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO
Selection is based on course grades in the Bachelor’s degree, the statement of purpose and the English writing sample.

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 Department of Human Geography
The Department of Human Geography is a dynamic entity of Lund University, with a strong international reputation in 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.

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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.

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