Programme overview
The Master of Science in Social Studies of Gender is an interdisciplinary social science Master’s programme that aims to provide you with the core elements through which current gender theories and research, in dialogue with established academic disciplines, have contributed to the understanding of broader social processes. The major objective of the programme is to improve your ability to critically examine, evaluate and discuss the field’s most important theoretical perspectives and research results. With these skills in social science and gender analysis, you will be able to formulate and analyse interconnections between theory and practice concerning gender, class, ethnicity and sexuality.

You will develop skills in critical thinking in relation to social studies of gender and develop theoretical knowledge in your major discipline. You will be trained in various social science methods, both qualitative and quantitative. You will also gain general skills like problem-solving, working in teams, cultural understanding, writing independent reports as well as conceptual, analytical and evaluative skills.

You will be given the chance to take an active part in shaping your education by tailoring your studies to your interests and career goals, especially in the second half of the programme.

There are also good opportunities to go abroad during the third semester and take courses at one of the many universities with which we have exchange agreements. You can also take advantage of the possibility to do an internship for one semester, which provides an excellent opportunity to gain work experience. Previous students have, for example, undertaken work placements at embassies and in international NGOs, private companies and the public sector, where a gender perspective is crucial.

Programme modules/courses
COURSES AND NUMBER OF CREDITS: Gender, Class, Ethnicity and Sexuality (15), Research Methods (15), Critical Feminist Perspectives in Social Theory (15), Theory of Sciences/Research Methods (15), Master’s degree thesis (30). Elective courses and/or studies abroad, and/or internship (30).

Career prospects
The critical social science perspective acquired during the programme, together with in-depth knowledge of theories in your disciplinary background prepares you for professional work in a variety of fields, such as organisational management, development, communication and social policy. In addition, the programme prepares students for doctoral studies and a continued academic career.

Entry requirements and how to apply
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A Bachelor’s degree with a major in one of the following social sciences disciplines: development studies, gender studies, human geography, political science, social work, social anthropology, sociology and sociology of law or equivalent. A major is equivalent to a minimum of 90 ECTS credits or 50% of all degree coursework solely within one social science discipline. English Level 6 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90). See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on English proficiency levels.

“It is a very diverse programme, not only because of the different nationalities of the students and teachers, but also because of the different academic backgrounds that materialised the interdisciplinary nature of the programme. Critical thinking is at the centre and the different perspectives, visions and knowledge of the students are brought together. This, combined with the Swedish system of collaborative learning and student cooperation, has been a very rewarding experience.”

Andrea Del Carmen Tock from Guatemala
HOW TO APPLY

1. Apply online: Go to www.lunduniversity.lu.se/gender-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 Social Studies of Gender, you must also submit a statement of purpose. The programme-specific questions you must answer in your statement of purpose are available on the programme webpage.

3. Pay the application fee (when applicable).

SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO
Selection is made based on grades on the courses and thesis in the Bachelor’s degree, as well as the statement of purpose.

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 Faculty of Social Sciences
The Faculty of Social Sciences offers a wide variety of Master’s programmes that are either interdisciplinary, thematic programmes or programmes in certain disciplines. The variety of programmes and courses makes it possible for most students to find something to suit their interests. You can obtain a Master’s degree in a traditional discipline such as Political Science or Sociology, or in a thematic field such as Development Studies or Global Studies. The degree you attain depends on the courses you take and within which discipline you write your Master’s thesis. All Master’s programmes at the Faculty give you eligibility for PhD studies. We also offer a Bachelor’s degree programme in Development Studies.

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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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