Nomination and application procedures

NOMINATION PERIOD
Nomination instructions are sent to the students’ home university shortly before the nomination period.

Autumn and academic year: 15–31 March
Spring: 15–30 September

APPLICATION PERIOD
Once the nominations have been submitted students receive an email with the log in details that are required for the online application.

Autumn semester: 1–25 April
Spring semester: 1–25 October

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
All supporting documents need to be uploaded in the application; no hard copies are to be sent to Lund University.

- Official Transcript of Records including all courses and degrees taken as well as ongoing courses.
- CV
- Statement of Purpose (describing your motivation to study at Lund University as well as your academic interests)
- Portfolio required for studies in Industrial Design, Architecture, Arts and Music
- Swedish language certificate, level 3, is required if the student intends to study Swedish-taught courses.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR EXCHANGE STUDIES
1. Nomination completed by student’s home university.
2. Email with application log in details sent to student by Lund University.
3. Submit application including supporting documents.
4. Apply for housing via LU Accommodation.
5. Letter of Acceptance sent via email to the student by Lund University.

Read more about exchange application and acceptance: www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-application
Courses and Study Requirements

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION**
English and Swedish

**COURSE LOAD**
Exchange students are expected to study full-time, 30 credits/semester (usually 4 courses of 7.5 credits each). Note that full-time studies is a condition for getting a residence permit from the Swedish Migration Agency.

It is advisable to carefully think through the selection of courses before putting together the study plan since it might be difficult to make changes at a later stage in the process. Lund University has no formal add and drop period at the beginning of the semester, which means that there are limited chances to change courses upon arrival. Therefore, it is important that your choice of priority/alternative for each course is accurately selected.

**COURSES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS**
700 courses suitable for exchange students are offered across a wide range of subjects.

- Find courses in English per Faculty: [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/find-exchange-courses](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/find-exchange-courses)
- Special Area Studies (SAS) in English: Exchange students can apply for ‘Special Area Study’ (SAS) courses in subjects such as Swedish culture and society, European studies, regional courses and global issues of contemporary interest. These courses do not usually require previous studies in the subject as an admission requirement. This gives exchange students the opportunity to gain new knowledge in subjects that may be outside of the student’s normal degree programme. [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/sas](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/sas)
- Swedish Language Courses for exchange students (SVE): [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-swedish](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-swedish) (not available for Danish and Norwegian students). Swedish Language Courses can be counted within or in addition to a full-time study load.
- Introductory Swedish Course (SUSA) for exchange students during the Orientation Weeks: [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-swedish](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-swedish)

**STUDYING IN SWEDISH**
Students with a background in Scandinavian studies or who have studied in a Nordic school system may be able to apply for courses with Swedish as the language of instruction. Find courses and programmes in Swedish: [www.lu.se/lubas/courses-programmes](http://www.lu.se/lubas/courses-programmes). Please note! If you find a course on a webpage stating “Kan bara sökas inom utbildningsprogram” – the course is not available.

**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS**
It is recommended that the student’s level of English language proficiency is equivalent to IELTS 6.5/TOEFL 90.

The Swedish language requirement for exchange students wishing to study Swedish-taught courses is B2 or C1 (depending on course) or equivalent.

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**
The admission requirements (prerequisites) for each course can be found on the website of the relevant department. Many courses require at least 1 year of full-time studies within the subject area.

- Faculty of Law requires 2 years of prior studies in the subject.
- Faculty of Engineering requires at least 2 years of prior studies.
- School of Architecture requires 3 years of prior studies in the subject. Portfolio required to apply.
- Courses at the School of Industrial Design at Lund University are only open to students enrolled at an Industrial Design program at their home university. Portfolio required to apply.

Read more about specific department requirements: [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-requirements](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-requirements)

**REstrictions and limitations**
- There is a limited availability of courses at the Lund University School of Economics and Management (LUSEM). Students applying through a university-wide agreement can at most be accepted to 15 credits at LUSEM per semester.
- Courses in Journalism are not available.
- The Faculty of Performing Arts, the Malmö Art Academy and the Faculty of Medicine mainly admit students within specific faculty/department agreements.
- Note, not all courses in English are open to exchange students.
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ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION WEEKS
The Orientation Weeks for international students include a variety of activities that aim to help students settle in smoothly at the University and in student life.

Taking part in the Orientation Weeks is not mandatory, but something that is strongly recommended in order to get a good introduction to student life at Lund University. Read more about Arrival Day and Orientation Weeks: [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/arrival-and-introduction](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/arrival-and-introduction)

FIND PRE-ARRIVAL GUIDE
[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/preparing-to-come](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/preparing-to-come)

LUND UNIVERSITY DURING THE PANDEMIC
Lund University is continuously following the Government’s and Swedish Public Health Authority’s recommendations regarding measures to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. The University has remained open for studies during the pandemic, but teaching has been conducted online from the 18 December 2020.

Stay updated via lunduniversity.lu.se where you can also find useful links to other authorities’ websites with official information about covid-19 in Sweden: [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/universitys-handling-coronavirus](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/universitys-handling-coronavirus)

Find Corona virus FAQ for incoming exchange students: [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/coronavirus-faq-incoming-exchange-students](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/coronavirus-faq-incoming-exchange-students)

INSURANCE
All exchange and Study Abroad students are covered by the Swedish State’s Insurance for Foreign Students. Find Terms and Conditions: [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/insurance](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/insurance)

LEARNING SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/disabilities](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/disabilities)

MONEY AND LIVING COSTS
[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/living-costs](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/living-costs)

RESIDENCE PERMIT
[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/residence-permit](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/residence-permit)

Degrees and credits

NUMBER OF CREDITS PER SEMESTER AND GRADING SYSTEM
1 LU credit = 1 ECTS

Undergraduate and graduate:
30 ECTS/semester, 60 ECTS/year

Bachelor’s degrees: 3 years, 180 ECTS
Masters’ degrees: 1 year, 60 ECTS, 2 years, 120 ECTS

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/degrees-credits](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/degrees-credits)

Student Accommodation

There are several different housing providers, LU Accommodation is one of them. An active search approach is encouraged since there is a shortage of housing at the beginning of each semester. It is recommended to apply for accommodation through several different agencies. [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/housing](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/housing)

LU ACCOMMODATION
Read about accommodation options and apply via LU Accommodation: [www.luaccommodation.lu.se](http://www.luaccommodation.lu.se)
It is strongly recommended that students apply as soon as the application period opens.

Application periods for LU Accommodation:
Autumn semester: 1–25 April
Spring semester: 1–25 October

[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/housing](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/housing)

Coordinators at Lund

FOR UNIVERSITY-WIDE AGREEMENTS
[www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-mobility-contacts](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-mobility-contacts)
Lund University in Social Media

www.facebook.com/lunduniversity

www.facebook.com/internationaldesk
(events & updates for international students at Lund University)

www.youtube.com/LundUniversity
(Lund University International YouTube channel)

https://twitter.com/lunduniversity

www.instagram.com/lunduniversity