LUND UNIVERSITY FACT SHEET

UNIVERSITY-WIDE EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS 2025/2026

Nomination and application procedures

NOMINATION PERIOD

Autumn semester and academic year: 15–31 March
Spring semester: 15–30 September
Nomination instructions are sent to the student's home university shortly before the nomination period.

APPLICATION PERIOD

Autumn semester: 1–15 April
Spring semester: 1–15 October
Once the nominations have been submitted students receive an email with the log in details that are required for the online application.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The supporting documents **in English** should be uploaded as enclosures in the application. Different faculties may have different requirements; make sure to check before submitting an application.

Mandatory documents:

- Official Transcript of Records (both Bachelor and Master level). Including an explanation of grades
- Statement of Purpose
- CV
- List of ongoing courses – mandatory if not listed in Transcript of Records
- Passport copy
- Eligibility form – mandatory for the Faculty of Engineering and School of Economics and Management.

Other documents:

- Portfolio – mandatory for Architecture, Industrial Design, Music and Fine Arts.
- Proof of language proficiency for studies in languages other than English.

LUND UNIVERSITY WEB

www.lunduniversity.lu.se

EXCHANGE STUDIES

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/exchange-studies

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/calendar

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR EXCHANGE STUDIES

1. Nomination completed by student's home university.
2. Email with application log in details sent to student from the application system SoleMove.
3. Submit application including supporting documents.
4. Letter of Acceptance sent to student via email from the application system SoleMove.
5. Apply for Swedish Residence Permit for Studies using the Letter of Acceptance.
6. Apply for housing.

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.

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 courses, including alternatives, is accurately selected, and approved for accreditation by your home university.

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
- 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
- Swedish Language Courses for exchange students (SVEE): 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

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. 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 level C1, or B2 depending on course, of the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR).

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 demands at least 1 year of previous law studies for undergraduate/Bachelor's level courses and for courses on graduate/advanced level at least 2,5 years (150 ECTS) of previous law studies. For double-degree students; only Law courses count.
- 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.
- The Faculty of Fine and Performing Arts (including Malmö Academy of Music, Malmö Art Academy and Malmö Theatre Academy) requires prior studies in the subject. Portfolio and work sample are required to apply.

Read more about specific department requirements: 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.
- of non-clinical courses on master's level at the Faculty of Medicine for students on university-wide agreements. The Faculty of Medicine mainly admits students within specific faculty/department agreements.
- at the Bachelor's level at the Faculty of Law.
- in Physical Geography
- in Molecular Biology

Courses are not available in the following fields of study:

- Bioinformatics
- Journalism
- The School of Industrial Design is not available for students applying through a university-wide agreement.
- The Faculty of Fine and Performing Arts, (including the Malmö Academies of Music, Art and Theatre) mainly admits students within specific faculty/department agreements.

Note, not all courses in English are open to exchange students.

Lund University - key facts and vision

- Founded in 1666
- Ranking 75 in QS World University Ranking 2024
- Students 46 000 (27% international students)
- Staff 8400
- 9 Faculties
- Campuses in Lund, Malmö and Helsingborg

Lund University's vision is to be a world-class university that works to understand, explain and improve our world and the human condition.

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
- Master's degrees: 1 year, 60 ECTS, 2 years, 120 ECTS

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/degrees-credits

Verifiable transcript

Students can create and print out a verifiable transcript of records, showing study results.
www.lunduniversity.lu.se/transcript-records-ladok

Student accommodation

We recommend all exchange students at Lund University to apply through the following main accommodation agencies:

- LU Accommodation: Part of Student Services at Lund University, offering housing tips and support.
- AF Bostäder: The largest provider of student accommodation in Lund.
- BoPoolen: The housing service run by the Student Unions.

It is recommended to apply for accommodation through several different agencies.
www.lunduniversity.lu.se/housing

Preparing to come

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 to get a good introduction to student life at Lund University. Read more about Arrival Day and Orientation Weeks:
www.lunduniversity.lu.se/your-arrival-lund

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/before-you-arrive

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

LEARNING SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/disabilities

MONEY AND LIVING COSTS

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/living-costs

RESIDENCE PERMIT

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/residence-permit

ETIAS TRAVEL AUTHORISATION

ETIAS travel authorisation is an entry requirement for students from over 60 visa-exempt countries travelling to European countries. It is linked to a traveller's passport, and valid for up to three years or until the passport expires. Students should apply online. The process takes 4-30 days. ETIAS will be in operation from mid-2025.
https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en

Get in touch with a coordinator

FOR UNIVERSITY-WIDE AGREEMENTS
www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-mobility-contacts

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(Lund University International YouTube channel)

www.instagram.com/lunduniversity

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