Fact Sheet 2025/26 Exchange Studies

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES | LUND UNIVERSITY

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester 2025:
Semester: 1 Sept 2025 –18 Jan 2026
Arrival Day: 19 August, 2025

Spring Semester 2026:
Semester: 19 Jan 2026 – 7 June 2026
Arrival Day: 12 January, 2026 (preliminary)

Examination period is included in semester period.There is no official break in the academic calendar for Christmas or Easter. However, in practice there is usually a break in classes over the Christmas/New Year and Easter periods, including public holidays.

Academic calendar: **www.lunduniversity.lu.se/admissions/study-lund-university/academic-calendar**

NOMINATION

Nominations shall be submitted via our online system SoleMove (partner universities will receive login details via email).

Nomination periods:
Fall Semester: 15 March–31 March
Spring Semester: 15 September–30 September

APPLICATION

Once the nominations have been submitted students receive an email with the login details that are required for the online application.

Application periods:
Fall semester: 1 April–15 April
Spring Semester: 1 October–15 October

ARRIVAL DAY

On Arrival Day student mentors meet the international students at the airport in Copenhagen and at the railway station in Lund. They accompany them from the railway station to the Arrival Day venue, where students check in and Welcome Packages are distributed. Arrival Day is compulsory if exchange students want to participate in the Orientation Program. **www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/before-you-arrive/your-arrival-lund/arrival-day**

ORIENTATION PROGRAM & SWEDISH LANGUAGE COURSE

We offer an extensive 1 or 2 week Orientation Program, free of charge to exchange students. It includes some lectures in the Swedish language and an introduction to the university and the cities of Lund and Helsingborg, tours and social activities. The language course renders academic credits. Throughout the semester, different social activities are also organized.
www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/before-you-arrive/arrival-introduction/orientation-weeks

MENTOR PROGRAM

In order to help students settle down and adjust to Swedish everyday life students can participate in a student mentor group: **www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/before-you-arrive/your-arrival-lund/mentors-and-friends**

COST OF LIVING

You need approximately 9,000 SEK/month to cover your living and study expenses, housing included. Note that EURO is not used in Sweden. **www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/before-you-arrive/money-and-living-costs**

COURSES & RESTRICTIONS

Courses

Course guide for exchange studies at Faculty of Social Sciences: **www.sam.lu.se/en/education/exchange-studies/incoming-exchange-students/faculty-courses-exchange-students**

Check courses offered by other faculties as complementary studies: **www.lunduniversity.lu.se/admissions/exchange-and-study-abroad/exchange-studies/find-exchange-courses**

Course load

1.5 Swedish university credits equal 1.5 ECTS-credits, representing one week of full-time studies. Exchange students are expected to take a full-time course load of 30 credits per semester. Course modules generally vary in scope from 7.5 credits to 15 credits. The study rate lies between 25% and 100%. Examination may take various forms and can be based on active participation in seminars, oral presenta- tions-individually and in groups-, written examinations in the form of papers and critical reflections on the course literature.

Restrictions

Exchange students coming on an agreement with the Faculty of Social Sciences, or one of the Faculty of Social Sciences' departments, must take at least half of their credits (15 ECTS) at the Faculty of Social Sciences. While students may include external courses in their applications, they are neither prioritized nor guaranteed admission to courses outside the Faculty of Social Sciences.

GRADING

The grading scale may vary between the different faculties and departments: **www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-services-and-support/grades-credits-and-certificates/grading-system**
A verifiable digital transcript can be downloaded from the Student Portal once the results have been reported. Hard copies are only sent upon request by the home university.

HOUSING

To find somewhere to live, most international students apply through LU Accommodation, which manages a limited number of rooms and flats in Lund, Helsingborg and Malmö. The application dates and deadlines may vary, and exchange students are strongly recommended to apply as soon as possible.
www.luaccommodation.lu.se/

We recommend exchange students to search for accommodation actively through several different agencies,such as AF Bostäder and BoPoolen.nu, and beware of fraudsters and housing scams. Read more at:**www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/housing**

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/student-life/before-you-arrive/health-and-insurance

RESIDENCE PERMIT

Students from countries outside the EU/EEA need to have a residence permit to study in Sweden, when staying for more than three months. All applications for residence permits are processed by the Swedish Migration Agency and you can apply online.
Read more att: **www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/before-you-arrive/residence-permits**

USEFUL LINKS

Lund University: **www.lunduniversity.lu.se**
Faculty of Social Sciences: **www.sam.lu.se/en**
Campus Helsingborg: **www.ch.lu.se/en/**
Housing: **www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/housing**
International Desk: **https://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/current-students/student-services-and-support/international-desk**
City of Lund: **www.lund.se/en**
City of Helsingborg: **www.helsingborg.se**
Study in Sweden: **www.studyinsweden.se**

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