

Lund University, Sweden

Facts

- **Website:**
 - [Lund University](#)
 - [Exchange and Study Abroad](#)
- **Language of instruction:** English and Swedish
- **Semester dates:**
 - Autumn semester: Late August– mid January
 - Spring semester: January–June
- **General costs:** Estimated cost of living is between 7,800 and 10,000 SEK per month; more details can be found below.
- **Academic restrictions at a glance:** The following Schools and Faculties have course requirements and limitations:
 - School of Economics and Management
 - Faculty of Performing Arts
 - Malmö Art Academy
 - Faculty of Medicine
 - Faculty of Engineering
 - School of Architecture
 - Industrial Design, Arts and Music degrees related courses
 - *Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme*

About the University

Founded in 1666, Lund University is Sweden's top-ranked university and one of the oldest universities in northern Europe. With approximately 44,000 students from over 130 countries, Lund is truly a global university. It is considered the best student city in Sweden thanks to its great student societies and traditional student nations. Lund is situated just 10 minutes away from Malmö, the third largest city in Sweden, and only 40 minutes away from Copenhagen airport, making it accessible for air travel.

Sweden is considered one of the safest and most creative countries in the world, and is often ranked amongst the best places to live. Swedes have a very high level of English meaning students can experience Swedish culture without experiencing language barriers.

What to expect

Application process

You apply for study exchanges through SWAY. You can find out more about our [study exchange routes here](#), and more about the [application process here](#).

After applying, if you are allocated an exchange place at Lund University, you will be officially nominated by the European Programmes Team. We will then provide you with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply to any exchange destination if you have been allocated a place there, and if you are officially nominated by us.**

Academics

For support with the academic side of your exchange, your best point of contact is your Exchange Coordinator, [found here](#). The Exchange Coordinator is a member of academic staff who will be a key contact throughout your exchange.

Course/ credit load	<p>One full year of study should equate to 60 ECTS. One semester of study should equate to 30 ECTS.</p> <p>For further information on credit and course requirements during your exchange please visit our page: Academic matters The University of Edinburgh</p>
Courses available and Course enrolment	<p>Students meet with their coordinator to settle their Study Plans on Pre-Registration Day during Orientation Week. They should research their options prior to this meeting.</p> <p>The courses available to exchange students can be found here. Remember to carefully check the admission requirements for each course to see if you will be eligible.</p> <p><i>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**</i></p>
Academic restrictions	<p>Lund University offers courses specifically for Exchange Students (SAS) as well as offering courses in English. You must check your eligibility for courses.</p> <p>Specific course requirements and limitations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is a high demand for courses at the School of Economics and Management. Also 'economics' and 'business administration' are two different disciplines – please carefully read the explanations provided on the exchange course list for the School of Economics and Management and note that a full-time course

	<p>load of Economics, Management and Business cannot be guaranteed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due to a limited number of spaces, the Faculty of Performing Arts, the Malmö Art Academy and the Faculty of Medicine admit students within specific faculty/department agreements. Admittance to courses in these faculties is not guaranteed even if students are eligible.• Faculty of Engineering requires at least 2 years of prior studies.• The School of Architecture demands 3 years of prior studies in the subject, as well as a portfolio.• Industrial Design, Arts and Music demand previous studies and a portfolio as part of the admission process. <p>Please see the Admissions requirements for exchange courses page for further information.</p> <p>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme. Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.</p>
<p>Orientation</p>	<p>Lund University organises an Arrival Day each semester for new students. This date is usually two weeks before term starts.</p> <p>On Arrival Day, student mentors will meet international students at the Copenhagen Airport as well as the Lund train station; the student mentors will take you to the Arrival Day venue. You can then check in, receive your welcome pack and ask any questions at the Information Desk. The two weeks following Arrival Day are Orientation Weeks, similar to Freshers Week, where you can find out about the student societies and book to go on trips and learn more about the Swedish culture.</p> <p>If you cannot arrive on the Arrival Day, it is very important that you inform your contact person at Lund University of your arrival date. Your contact person will either be your exchange coordinator or your programme coordinator.</p> <p>For further information please visit Your arrival in Lund page.</p>

Accommodation

Finding accommodation that you are happy with on your year abroad is very important and there are often many aspects to consider when looking for somewhere to live.

Many host institutions do offer university accommodation but please do note, **this is not always guaranteed**. You may also need to pay for things like agent or

administrative fees that is not always the case here in Edinburgh. It is a good idea to do your research so you do not have any surprises!

University accommodation and application process	<p>LU Accommodation's application periods follow the cycle of admissions for exchange and master students each year. You can apply sometime during April and October each year. The period is open for about 25 days, which is followed by an allocation process that can vary in length. Accommodation is not guaranteed for international students and applicants who do not receive accommodation are put on a waiting list.</p> <p>For further information about the accommodation and application procedure please visit this page.</p>
Private accommodation	<p>Guidance on alternative housing options can be found on this page.</p>

Costs

It is important to budget for different expenses while on exchange. Your exchange destination may be more expensive than Edinburgh, and different expenses may be required. For example, rent may be higher; you might need to take public transport more; essentials may be more expensive or different, like sun cream in warmer climates or woolly socks in colder climates! These costs will add up so it is good to have an estimate of how much money you might need.

Estimated cost of living	<p>Estimated cost of living is 7,800 – 10,000 SEK per month. Please visit Lund University's Money and Living Cost page for further details.</p> <p><i>Please note that you may also be required to pay for administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange.</i></p>
Insurance	<p>Exchange and Study Abroad students are covered by the Swedish State's Insurance for Foreign Students. Please visit the Health and Insurance page for Terms and Conditions and further details.</p> <p>Furthermore, eligible students studying at one of our European partner institutions should apply for a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).</p> <p>For up-to-date information on healthcare in Sweden and using UK issued EHIC cards after Brexit please see UK Government's website.</p>

Student Loans and Grants	<p>Consult our funding webpages for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.</p> <p>If you receive a student loan or grant, you may still be eligible to receive them during your exchange. Contact your funding providers for more information on the availability and eligibility of funding during your exchange, as well as any additional support they may offer. For example: some loan providers offer travel grants to students.</p>
Tuition fees	<p>While on exchange, you will continue to pay fees to the University of Edinburgh, as appropriate, and your fee status will determine how much you pay.</p> <p>Consult our webpage here and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>

Living

Employment	<p>Those with EU passports should not face any barriers to employment. Non-EU/EEA students face restrictions on the hours they can work and will need to apply for a work permit.</p> <p>For up to date information on working in Sweden after Brexit please see UK Government's Guidance on Living in Sweden</p>
Visas	<p>The visa process will vary from country to country, and your own citizenship will influence the visa process you need to undertake. You must make sure to enter your host country on the appropriate visa.</p> <p>You can find more information on visas and residence permits on Lund University's Residence Permit page and Migrationsverket (Swedish Migration Agency).</p> <p>Here in SWAY we cannot give specific visa advice. Please research using the relevant embassy and government websites for more information. There is more information on our webpage about things to consider regarding visas here.</p> <p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p>
Disability	<p>Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulties or disabilities and</p>

you wish to study abroad please contact The European Programmes Team via email: europe.outgoing@ed.ac.uk.

We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability Office as well.

What other students had to say about the University

The best part

“ I liked the city, the school and most of the courses that were taught as well as the amazing people I met.

“ Very good student town and cycling everywhere was great!

“ The campus, the people that I met, my class, the city, everything was amazing, and everyone was super welcoming. Lund is a great student city, there was always things to do and see and places to go visit in Sweden. The courses were also great, the teachers invited working designers from various countries and companies to guide us in our projects which was great to get a fresh perspective.

Advice for future exchange students

“ Sometimes the smaller places you haven't heard of are the most warm, welcoming and wonderful! It's good to consider places that aren't big cities.

“ If you do not receive your first option then be open to your second, exchanges are very competitive to get into and your second option may surprise you sometimes.

Accommodation

“ Make sure you start looking very early, as soon as you are accepted, housing was not guaranteed in my host institution and there was a big demand for accommodation. Get in touch with people you know there or call the host institution for support, look in Facebook, see your options!

“ Apply to lots of things, as early as possible. Look into nation housing - you don't have to be a member of a nation to get a room at one of their accommodations!

General advice

“ Be prepared to not be as comfortable as in your home country, it takes a while to get used to but surround yourself with good people and friends who will help you with your journey. Take the time to explore and go visit places.

“ Be prepared to feel out of your comfort zone, you are going to be meeting new people and going to new places, you should take advantage of all opportunities, it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience.