ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020/2021

Autumn semester 2020: 31 August 2020–17 January 2021
Arrival Day: 17 August
LUSEM Pre-Registration Day: 20 August

Study period 1: 31 August–30 October
Study period 2: 2 November–17 January

Spring semester 2021: 18 January–6 June
Arrival Day: 11 January (preliminary)
LUSEM Pre-Registration Day: 13 January (preliminary)

Study period 3: 18 January–23 March
Study period 4: 24 March–6 June

There are no official breaks in the academic calendar. In practice, there is a break over Christmas (22 Dec–6 Jan), as well as over the Easter period (see public holidays information). All mandatory work for bachelor courses that require students’ presence in Lund, will finish before the Christmas break.

Key dates and deadlines: lusem.lu.se/exchange/calendar

PARTNER NOMINATION

Autumn semester 2020: 15 March–31 March 2020
Spring semester 2021: 15 September–30 September 2020

Partners nominate students online for one or two semesters in our new mobility system solemove.lu.se.

APPLICATION FOR STUDENTS

Autumn semester 2020: 1–25 April 2020
Spring semester 2021: 1–25 October 2020

Nominated students apply online in Solemove – our new mobility system. Details will be sent directly to nominated students. The following documents must be attached with the application: a transcript (in English), Statement of Purpose, CV, and a list of ongoing courses.

How to apply: lusem.lu.se/exchange/application

APPLY FOR HOUSING

To find somewhere to live, most international students apply through LU Accommodation, AF Bostäder, BoPoolen or other accommodation agencies. We recommend that you apply to both LU Accommodation and AF Bostäder. The application dates and deadlines may vary. Exchange students are not guaranteed housing. Visit lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/housing for more information.

COURSES AND REQUIREMENTS

LUSEM offers courses for exchange students within business administration, business law, economics, economic history, informatics and statistics. Exchange students are expected to take the majority of their courses at LUSEM. Courses are in high demand, and have varying prerequisites. Courses on graduate level are only open to graduate level students, and seat availability cannot be guaranteed. Students should apply for four to five courses, each with two alternatives. All courses, including alternatives, must be approved by the home university before applying.

Changes can only be made due to conflicting schedules. Visit lusem.lu.se/exchange/courses for more information regarding courses, syllabi and prerequisites.

Nominated exchange students are not required to submit English language test scores. The recommended level of English proficiency is equivalent to IELTS 6.5/TOEFL PB/IB 575/90 or CEFR B2 level.

COURSE LOAD, GRADING AND TRANSCRIPTS

A full semester workload is 30 ECTS credits. A single course module typically equals 7.5 ECTS credits, but some are worth 5, 6 or 10 credits. If you need to apply for up to 5 courses in order to reach 30 ECTS credits, this is accepted. The grading system used is a criterion-based grading scale A-F.

A verifiable digital transcript can be downloaded from the Student Portal once the results for all courses have been reported. Hard copies are only sent upon request by the home university. Written retake exams are only available in Lund.
ARRIVAL DAY AND ORIENTATION WEEKS

All international students are recommended to arrive in Lund on the official Arrival Day, where mentors and university staff help you settle into your new life in Lund. International mentors will meet you at Copenhagen airport and at the railway station in Lund. Arrival Day is the start of the Orientation weeks, which include a variety of activities that aim to help you settle in smoothly at the University and in student life.

Visit lunduniversity.lu.se/arrival-and-introduction for more information to prepare your arrival.

SWEDISH COURSES

The orientation weeks include a short Swedish language course, SUSA11 or SUSA12, designed especially for exchange students to give an introduction to the Swedish language. You sign-up for the language course as part of the online application for nominated exchange students, before coming to Lund.

You can also apply for longer courses in Swedish Language (SVEE courses) worth 7.5 credits. There are courses for beginners, as well as relatively advanced speakers. All courses are scheduled in the evenings. If there are seats available, you can take the course as an “extra” course on top of your 30 ECTS credits, but priority is given to students who include it in their 30 ECTS study plan.

PRE-REGISTRATION DAY

On Pre-Registration Day there will be an information meeting where students will meet their coordinators, are offered a campus tour and will get to meet other exchange students.

MENTOR PROGRAMME

In order to help students settle in and adjust to Swedish everyday life, Lund University offers an International Mentor Programme. Application to joining a mentor group is done in Solemove. Participation is voluntary.

STUDENT SERVICES AND STUDENT LIFE

More information on computer facilities, health care, career services, Academic Support Center, IT service and support, and student life in Lund, can be found at lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life.

RESIDENCE PERMITS

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. Use your Letter of Acceptance from LUSEM in your application. Processing may take up to three months – apply well in advance. Read more at the Swedish Migration Agency website migrationsverket.se/english/private-individuals.

COST OF LIVING

You will need approximately 8.000 SEK per month to cover your expenses. For more details about living costs in Sweden, please visit lunduniversity.lu.se/money-and-living-costs.

INSURANCE

The Swedish government provides a special insurance for exchange students covering, for example, illness and accidents. Learn more at lunduniversity.lu.se/health-and-insurance.

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