FACT SHEET

Science Student Exchange 2026/2027

FACULTY OF SCIENCE, LUND UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026/2027

Autumn semester: 31 August 2026 – 17 January 2027
Arrival Day: 18 August 2026

Spring semester 2027: 18 January – 5 June 2025
Arrival Day: 11 January 2027

NOMINATION PERIOD

Autumn Semester 2026: 15–31 March 2026

Spring Semester 2027: 15–30 September 2026

Partners nominate students at solemove.lu.se

APPLICATION PERIOD

Autumn Semester 2026: 1–15 April 2026

Spring Semester 2027: 1–15 October 2026

Details will be sent directly to nominated students, who then apply at solemove.lu.se

The following documents (in English) must be attached to the application:

- An official academic transcript, in English
- A list of ongoing courses at the home university (if not listed in the official academic transcript)
- A copy of the passport page with personal data and photograph
- A personal Statement of Purpose (or letter of intent or letter of motivation), max one A4 page
- An explanation of the home university's grading system
- Eligibility form

Learn more at
science.lu.se/apply-for-incoming-exchange

MANDATORY PRESENCE AND BREAKS

While there are no official breaks in the academic calendar, there are practical breaks over Christmas and Easter. Please note that most courses taught during the second period of the autumn semester have scheduled course work and examinations in January.
Learn more at science.lu.se/dates-and-deadlines

ARRIVAL DAY AND ORIENTATION WEEKS

All international students are encouraged to arrive in Lund on the official Arrival Day where mentors and university staff will assist students in settling into their new life in Lund. International mentors will be available at Copenhagen Airport and Lund railway station to welcome and guide students.

Arrival Day marks the beginning of Orientation Weeks, which feature various activities designed to help students integrate smoothly into university and student life.
Learn more at lunduniversity.lu.se/arrival-and-introduction

COURSES AND REQUIREMENTS

The Faculty of Science offers a wide range of subjects within the field of Science. Please note the following:

- Human Geography belongs to the Faculty of Social Sciences.
- Statistics (as opposed to Mathematical Statistics) belongs to the School of Economics and Management (LUSEM).
- Biomedicine belongs to the Faculty of Medicine.

Incoming exchange students must register for 30 credits per semester, with at least 15 credits at the Faculty of Science. Course eligibility is determined by the fulfillment of course prerequisites.

Students need to carefully plan their studies and thoroughly review each course syllabus to ensure they meet the require-

ments. Course changes are usually not permitted once the semester has started.

Exchange students are allowed to take courses at both the bachelor's (undergraduate) and master's (graduate) levels, provided they meet the requirements.

It is crucial that students have sufficient proficiency in English to study the courses available to exchange students. It is recommended that students have a proficiency level equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90, or B2. A formal English proficiency certificate is not required.
Learn more at science.lu.se/choosing-courses

COURSE LOAD, GRADING AND TRANSCRIPTS RESIDENCE PERMITS

A full semester workload is 30 ECTS credits. Typically, a single course module equals 7.5 ECTS credits, but courses can range from 3 to 30 credits. The grading system is criterion-based.

A verifiable digital official transcript can be downloaded from the Student Portal once all course results have been reported. Hard copies are sent only upon request by the home university. Note that written retake exams are available only in Lund.

SWEDISH COURSES

During orientation weeks, exchange students may take a short Swedish language course (SUSA11 or SUSA12) to get an introduction to the language. Students sign up for this course as part of their online application before arriving in Lund.

Longer Swedish language courses (SVEE) worth 7.5 credits are also available for both beginners and advanced speakers. These evening courses can be taken as extra credits if seats are available.

HOUSING

Most international students apply for housing through LU Accommodation, AF Bostäder, BoPoolen, or other agencies. It is recommended to apply to both LU Accommodation and AF Bostäder, as application dates and deadlines may vary.

Please note that exchange students are not guaranteed housing, and meals are not included.
Learn more at lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/housing

RESIDENCE PERMITS

Students from non-EU/EEA countries must obtain a residence permit to study in Sweden if their stay exceeds three months. Applications are processed by the Swedish Migration Agency and should be submitted online. Students must use their Letter of Acceptance from the Faculty of Science in their application.
Learn more at lunduniversity.lu.se/residence-permits

COST OF LIVING

International students should budget approximately 10,000–12,000 SEK per month to cover their expenses.
Learn more at lunduniversity.lu.se/money-and-living-costs

MENTOR PROGRAMME

Exchange students are encouraged to join our International Mentor Programme. This programme helps students with practical matters and introduces them to student activities and Swedish everyday life.
Learn more at lunduniversity.lu.se/mentors-and-friends

STUDENT SERVICES AND STUDENT LIFE

Students requiring learning support should contact the Student Disability Support Services at Lund University when receiving their Letter of Acceptance. Learn more at lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/before-you-arrive/students-disabilities
For detailed information on computer facilities, health care, career services, the Academic Support Center, IT services, and student life in Lund, learn more at lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life

INSURANCE

Incoming exchange students at Lund University are covered by "Student IN" insurance for illnesses or accidents. Learn more at lunduniversity.lu.se/healthcare-and-health-insurance

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