



DU *Abroad*

LUND UNIVERSITY

LUND, SWEDEN



Use this guide in conjunction with the DU Study Abroad Handbook

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PREPARING TO STUDY IN LUND

Terminology

LU calls all study abroad students “**exchange students**.” Do not confuse this with DU's definition of “exchange students”: those on specific yearlong study abroad programs.

Pre-Arrival Guide

Find all the information you need in the [Pre-Arrival Guide for Exchange Students](#). **You are required to read through this guide before you depart.**

In the guide, you'll find information about:

- Lund University, Lund, and Sweden
- Travelling to Lund University
- Arrival Day at Lund University
- Orientation Program
- Financial matters
- Insurance and Health care
- Student life in Lund
- Living in Sweden
- Pre-departure check-list
- Much more!

LU Info Sheet

We also recommend you read the [LU Info Sheet](#).

ACADEMICS AT LUND UNIVERSITY

Academic Requirements

The following academic requirements apply to all DU students studying at Lund University:

1. **LU does NOT have a course add/drop period.**
 - You must complete every course you're registered for.
 - You will receive a grade at DU for each enrolled course, up to the credit transfer limit outlined in the [DU Study Abroad Policies](#).
2. **You must enroll in at least 30 LU credits to be a full-time student at LU.**
 - Students requesting an exception to the enrollment requirement need

permission from both their LU Coordinator and their DU OIE advisor.

3. DU will cover your LU tuition for up to 33 LU credits.

- If you register for more than 33 LU credits, you will be billed separately for the extra credits *regardless of whether you receive credit for the course*. Reach out to your OIE advisor for cost per extra course.

4. You're required to attend at least 80% of scheduled classroom time.

- This is true unless otherwise specified at course introduction meeting (first day of class).

Academic Differences

The Swedish academic system is different from the American system. Some differences DU students can expect include:

- **Periods:** Each semester is divided into two periods. Typically, you'll take 2 classes per period. Most classes run for only one period, but there are some classes that may run for both periods (and therefore be worth double the credit).
- **Class Types:** LU offers two types of classes for exchange students: Special Area Studies (SAS) classes and standard university classes.
 - **SAS classes** are all in English. They don't have any prerequisites. They are popular with international students and typically focus on Europe or Scandinavia.
 - **University classes** are any other LU classes that are open to DU students. Check that class is taught in English and whether the prerequisites make sense. These classes are more likely to have Swedish and other international students.
- **Lecture-style classes:** Classes are usually lectures with 25-30 students. You may also have smaller "tutorials," which are similar to US discussion sections.
- **Focus on self-directed study:** Less time in class. Professors expecting you to spend more time studying on your own.
- **Grades:** You will not typically be graded on homework, quizzes, and participation. Most, if not all, of your grade will come from your final exam/project.
- **Grading:** Instructors usually have much higher standards for student work. Whereas we might expect straight As in the US, this is quite uncommon in Sweden. See the [DU Global Grade & Credit Scale Guide](#) to understand how your grades will come back to DU.

- **Scheduling:** Classes may not meet at the same day/time each week. It's common to run into scheduling conflicts. Be sure to have backup courses in case this happens to you. (And get them approved for major/minor/common curriculum credit, if necessary.)

Read more about the [Learning Environment and Teaching Style](#) at Lund.

Registration

You will choose classes (incl. backup options) when you apply to LU. Your LU Coordinator will work with you to confirm these classes before you're admitted to LU.

You are REQUIRED to meet with your LU Coordinator during your orientation at LU to review and finalize your class choices. An official meeting time will be announced before you arrive.

Official registration takes place on the first day of each class. Therefore, you MUST attend the first day of each of your classes. Contact your LU Coordinator beforehand you're unable to do this so that you don't lose your place in the course.

Remember, there is no add/drop period at LU. See *Academic Requirements* above.

Credit & Grades

See the [DU Global Grading & Credit Scales](#) to find out how your credits and grades will transfer back to DU. Remember:

- You must take between 30–33 LU credits per semester.
- LU is the only DU study abroad program where you may be able to take some classes pass/fail. This is because certain LU classes are only offered as pass/fail. You will be able to tell if this applies to you by looking at the syllabus or grading scale for your chosen classes.

ACCOMODATION (HOUSING) IN LUND

LU Accommodation (LUACC) offers housing for international students and manages a limited number of housing options in Lund. Housing area options vary each year and are typically updated in February. DU students may NOT stay in options managed by AF Bostäder, DU Exchange students are the only exception.

DU will cover the fees for any single room housing option for students participating in the Foundational or GMS programs. DU Exchange students pay and find their own housing.

Realities of Housing in Lund

Meet all deadlines! Housing is in extremely high demand in Lund. LU does not guarantee housing for local students. However, they do guarantee it for DU students participating in our Foundational or GMS programs (not Exchange) – *only* if you apply and accept your offer by LUACC's deadlines.

It's important to have realistic expectations for housing abroad. Housing in Lund is very practical; it may not feel fancy or cozy. Walls may be cracked or scuffed. Windows may not have screens. This is typical for student housing in Sweden and part of your cross-cultural experience. You may not be housed with other students from DU or students on short-term study abroad programs. And commutes will vary. See *Accommodation Options* below.

LU is not a “campus university.” University buildings and housing areas are spread all over the city. Some areas are near quiet fields or bus stops that aren't well-lit. Sweden is a very safe country. Locals feel comfortable in these areas, but DU students may need more time to feel comfortable there. Keep this in mind when choosing your housing options. Be sure to look at the [map](#) to see where housing options are located and check out the [Housing Application FAQ](#).

LUACC does their best to give students their top choices, but assignments are based on availability. Due to the high demand, it is almost impossible to switch housing once assigned. Increase your chances of getting your preferred housing options:

- Attend the LU Applying to Lund University & LU Housing session (in March for students starting in Fall)
- Apply as soon as the housing application opens
- Be very clear in your LUACC application about what is important to you: being near other DU students, being centrally located, being on a floor with locals, etc.
- Accept your housing offer within 7 days

Accommodation Options

Carefully research housing options offered via LU Accommodation, including [housing areas](#), [room types](#), and amenities.

- **Area:** See a [map](#) and [description](#) of housing areas offered by LUACC. Some housing options are on the outskirts of town and involve a commute; these are better suited for students who seek privacy. Students in the Malmo program should choose housing in Malmo.
- **Room Type:** Most students choose a Corridor Room: generally a single room situated in a corridor of 10–12 rooms where you live among other international students. Students in Corridor Rooms have access to a shared living space in

addition to a shared kitchen. In some cases, bathrooms are also shared. See more about the [room types](#).

Meals

Lund University does not offer a meal plan, but fully equipped kitchens are available. Students are responsible for purchasing and cooking their own meals while in Sweden.

Internet Access

Internet is available in all housing options. Wireless access is not included, so in most cases you need to purchase a router and/or network cable.

Make sure you understand your internet access:

- **Your Room: Fees & Required Supplies** – Many housing options offer a wired internet connection, but be sure to check the internet access details for [your housing area](#). If your housing offers a wired connection, you will need to bring an Ethernet (LAN) cable and/or wireless router to connect to the internet in your room.
- **Campus: Eduroam** – Like DU, LU uses [Eduroam](#) for wireless internet access on campus. Be sure to register at DU before you go abroad to ensure you will have access to LU's Eduroam system. See [Accessing Wireless Networks at the University of Denver](#) and [Wireless Internet at LU](#) for more details. Please reach out to [DU University Technology Services](#) with any questions you have about connecting to Eduroam at DU.
- Contact [LU Accommodation](#) with any questions about internet access in your housing area.

Housing Application

You'll apply to LUACC online around the same time you apply to Lund University—usually April for students starting in fall, and October for students starting in winter. Send housing-related questions to luacc@service.lu.se and/or your OIE advisor.

You will not be able to make any changes to your application once it has been submitted.

Accepting Your Housing Offer

You will receive a room offer directly from LU Accommodation once your application is reviewed.

You must accept your room offer and pay your refundable deposit by the provided deadline.

The housing offer is only available to you during a limited time period, normally 7 days. If you don't accept the offer and pay the refundable deposit before the deadline, it will be offered to another applicant and LUACC may cancel your room reservation.

LU Accommodation can only make *one* room offer per student. If you choose not to accept the offer, you will not have housing in Lund and will therefore not be able to study abroad. We highly recommended that you accept the housing offer from LU Accommodation immediately after receiving it.

You can find information about your housing offer by logging into the [LU online housing portal](#). There, you'll see detailed information about the offer and required refundable deposit. You'll need to accept the offer, sign the contract online, and pay the deposit here. This usually happens in mid-June for fall term students.

See LU Accommodation's [FAQ: Room Offer](#) page for more details.

Damage Deposit, Rental Fees, & Other Housing-related Costs

Rental Fees

DU will pay Lund University for your rental fees. You will be billed the DU Housing Fee.

Refundable Damage Deposit

You will pay a fully refundable housing [deposit](#) (approx.. SEK 2000 per semester) directly to LU Accommodation. You must do this to accept your housing assignment. This is not considered part of the DU Housing Fee, as it is fully refundable to you so long as you cause no damage to your housing. Therefore, you must pay this directly to LU Accommodations via the [online housing portal](#).

Pillows & Blankets

LU Accommodation does not provide a pillow, blanket, bed linen, towels or a shower curtain but sell a Bedding Package (approx.. SEK 800) that includes these things. If you purchase the packet before arriving it will be available in your room when you arrive. You can also buy it during Arrival Day. There is often a group trip to IKEA during the orientation program.

Other Costs

Fees and costs outside of rent are the students' responsibility. These fees/costs include, but are not limited to utilities, meals, kitchen supplies, etc. Note that there are often costs associated with wireless internet access in Sweden. See *Internet Access* above.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

General Questions

For any general questions contact the [International Desk](#).

Specific Questions

If you have specific questions regarding your courses and studies, please contact your coordinator at Lund University (see below). Contact details for all Lund University faculties are available on LU's [Courses for Exchange Students](#) page.

For DU-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, contact your OIE advisor:

Find your OIE Advisor on the program brochure:

- [LU Foundational](#) (semester)
- [LU Malmö Academy of Music](#)
- [LU Exchange](#) (yearlong)
- [LU Global Masters Scholars](#)

For LUND-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, contact your LU Coordinator:

Baiba Thomaeus, Incoming Exchange Student Coordinator, Lund University
Email: baiba.thomaeus@er.lu.se

For MAM-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, contact your Malmö Academy of Music Coordinator:

Sara Engblom, Coordinator at Office of the Malmö Academy of Music, Lund University
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For GLOBAL MASTERS SCHOLARS-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, contact the DU Director of Strategic Partnerships:

TBA, Director, Strategic Partnerships, Internationalization, University of Denver
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