

DU Study Abroad at
LUND UNIVERSITY



Please use this booklet in conjunction with the DU Study Abroad Handbook

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Preparing To Study in Lund

Lund University Pre-Arrival Guide for Exchange Students

All the information you need regarding your upcoming study abroad at Lund University is provided in the Pre-Arrival Guide for Exchange Students. In this guide, you can 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!

You are required to read through this guide before you depart.

***** [Download the Pre-Arrival Guide for Exchange Students here](#) *****

Immigration Matters

Most students studying in Sweden will either need a resident permit (non-EU students) or a right of residence (for students with an EU passport). Below you will find helpful information to determine how to apply.

Residence Permit

U.S. passport holders must apply for a residence permit, or *uppehållstillstånd*, for study in Sweden.

The authority responsible for issuing residence permits is the Swedish Migration Board, *Migrationsverket*. U.S. Citizens may apply online at www.migrationsverket.se, for a residence permit. It is strongly recommended that you make your residence permit application after you've been accepted by the program.

*** * * For instructions on the residence permit process * * ***

Click [here](#) AND see the Swedish immigration instructions in your DU Passport checklist

Visa

A visa is a permit required from persons wishing to enter Sweden for a temporary visit or when passing through in transit. In Sweden, entry visas follow the rules set forth by the Schengen agreement.

If you are not a citizen of a Schengen country, you might need a visa to enter the Schengen zone (at time of writing this handbook, US citizens do NOT need a visa). Since rules vary from country to country in Europe, please obtain relevant information from the Swedish Embassy or Consulate in your country of residence before travelling to Sweden. Be aware that the application process may take up to two months.

If you do not need a visa for travel to Sweden, you should be able to show a copy of the decision when you arrive. As soon as possible after you have arrived in Sweden, you should visit the Migration Board to be fingerprinted and photographed. When your residence permit card is ready, it will be sent to your address in Sweden.

Right of Residence (for EU or EEA Citizens)

Students with an EU/EEA country may study in Sweden without a residence permit. For more information, please refer to the [Pre-Arrival Guide for Exchange Students](#).

Travel Arrangements and Getting to Lund

Most students will arrive to Lund via Copenhagen. All students are responsible for understanding the start and end dates of their program for booking their flight. All students should refer to the related items in your DU Passport checklist's *Plan Your Travel* section about booking flights, paying for travel and immigration costs, CGS travel benefits, and travel FAQs.

Academics at Lund University

Academic Requirements

As a DU student studying at Lund University, the following academic requirements apply:

1. Lund University does not have a course add/drop period. Students are required to fully complete every course in which they are registered and will receive a grade at DU for each enrolled course up to the credit transfer limit outlined in the [DU Study Abroad Policies](#) (page 7). Students will receive a grade at DU as outlined in the [DU Global Grade & Credit Scale Guide](#) for every registered course.

2. At minimum, DU students are required to enroll in at least 30 LU credits in order to be a full-time student at Lund University. Students requesting an exception to the enrollment requirement need permission from both their LU Coordinator and their DU OIE advisor.
3. DU will cover each student's Lund University tuition for up to 33 LU credits. Students who register for more than 33 LU credits will be billed separately for the extra credits regardless of whether credit for the course is received. See "Academic Requirements" signature document in your DU Passport checklist for cost per extra course.
4. Students are required to attend at least 80% of scheduled classroom time, if not otherwise specified at the first day introduction meeting for the course.

Registration

Students are required to meet with their Lund University Coordinator during the Orientation Program to finalize their course schedule. Official registration takes place on the first day of each class. Therefore, it is very important not to miss the first lecture. If you are unable to participate in the first lecture, you will have to contact your LU Coordinator beforehand so that you do not lose your place in the course.

***** Please note that there is no "add-and-drop period" at Lund University. While full-time enrollment is covered by your DU tuition, if you register for more than 33 LU credits, you will be billed separately for the extra credits, regardless of whether credit was received *****

Credit and Grades

***** Please see the [DU Global Grading and Credit Scales](#) for DU credit and grade equivalencies *****

Housing in Lund

Accommodation (Housing)

LU Accommodation (LUACC) offers housing for international students and manages a limited number of corridor rooms and studio flats in Lund. Internet is available, but is not always included in the rental fees, therefore you may be required to pay for that out of pocket. Please note most internet connections available are not wireless, so in most cases you need a network cable.

Lund University does not offer a meal plan, therefore students are responsible for purchasing and cooking their own meals while in Sweden.

Please also note that there is a great demand for housing in Lund. Although Lund U guarantees accommodation to DU students, if a student fails to apply by Lund's deadlines, accommodation can no longer be guaranteed.

Accommodation Options

Students should carefully research housing options offered via LU Accommodation, including [housing areas](#) and [room types](#).

- **Area:** See a [map](#) and [description](#) of housing areas offered by LU Accommodation in Lund. [Sparta](#) is a popular location choice for DU students. Lund University does not have a campus; university buildings, including housing areas, are spread all over the city. Be sure to look at the [map](#) to see where housing options are located and check out the [Housing Application FAQ](#). Note that many Apartment-style rooms are geographically isolated. Students in the Malmo program should choose housing in Malmo.
- **Room Type:** Most students choose Corridor Rooms, generally a single room situated in a corridor of 10–12 rooms where you live among Swedish or other international students. See more about the [room types](#). Students in Corridor Rooms have access to a shared living room in addition to a shared kitchen. In some cases, bathrooms are also shared.

Housing Application

The application to LUACC is made in an online application at the same time you apply for Lund—usually April for fall term students and October for winter/spring students.

A link to the housing application is available at: luaccommodation.lu.se. Housing related questions can be directed to: luacc@se.lu.se. Please note that you will not be able to make any changes to your application once it has been submitted. DU will cover the fees for any single room housing option. DU will not cover fees for private studios or apartment options.

Accepting Your Housing Offer

You will receive a room offer directly from LU Accommodation once your application is reviewed. Information about the housing offer will be found when logging in to your [online housing portal](#). There you can find detailed information about the offer and required refundable deposit. When you are logged in to the booking system you need to also accept the offer, and sign the contract online. This usually happens in June for fall term students. You must accept your room offer and pay your deposit by the provided deadline.

Note that the housing offer is only available to you during a limited time period, normally 7 days, and if you do not accept the offer before the deadline, it will be offered to another applicant. If you do not pay the room deposit by the deadline, LU Accommodation will cancel your room reservation. Please note that 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. It is highly recommended that you accept a housing offer from LU Accommodation immediately after receiving it.

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

Internet Access

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.

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

Students will be asked to pay a fully refundable housing [deposit](#) (approx.. SEK 2000 per semester) to LU Accommodation upon confirming their housing assignment. Please note this is not considered part of the Housing fee, as it is fully refundable to the student so long as they cause no damage to their housing. As such, students must pay this directly to LU Accommodations via the [online housing portal](#).

Pillows and Blankets

LU Accommodation does not provide a pillow, blanket, bed linen, towels or a shower curtain. Pillows and blankets will be on sale on 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, internet, utilities, meals, kitchen supplies, etc. Note that there are often costs associated with internet access in Sweden. See *Internet Access* above.

Important Contacts

For general questions, contact the International Desk on studentreception@lu.se. If you have specific questions regarding your courses and studies, please contact your coordinator at Lund University.

Contact details for all Lund University faculties are available on LU's [Courses for Exchange Students](#) page.

For DU-specific questions, please contact your OIE advisor:

Find your OIE Advisor on the program brochure:

- [Lund University, Foundational](#)
- [Lund University, Exchange](#) (yearlong)
- [Lund University, Malmo Academy of Music](#)

For Lund-specific questions, please contact your LU Coordinator:

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