

Exchange Report
Lund University, Sweden
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University Introduction:

Established in 1666, Lund University is one of the most renowned universities in Sweden and Scandinavia. The university town is situated 15 minutes away from Malmö, the third largest city in Sweden. You can easily reach Copenhagen, Denmark by taking 45 minutes train. The School of Economics and Management in Lund University offered both courses in Swedish and in English. Most advanced courses are taught in English.

<http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/>
<http://www.lusem.lu.se/study/exchange>

Study and Courses

Different departments will offer courses specifically for exchange students, in the school of Economics and Management, Swedish Economic History are offered to exchange students. Although the workload is relatively less than the ordinary course, it is unlikely to transfer the credit of those courses back to CUHK as major (you can try it for electives/ UG). As CUHK has a university-wide exchange agreement with Lund University, you can take courses in other departments. However, the disadvantage is that it is quite difficult to add in Economic/ Business courses as CUHK is not under agreement with School of Economics and Management. But I am sure that your coordinator will help you with this. For Accounting major, it is unlikely to transfer back to credit because most of the accounting courses are in Swedish so that we cannot take. You can consider taking economic or other business courses.

The workload in Lund University is quite small compared to CUHK, normally there are several assignments and one final written examination (or take-home exam paper depends on which subject you are taking). It is not really difficult to get a pass. You can even re-register for examination if, unluckily, you failed the examination.

For most of the courses, attendance is not compulsory. In some cases, only the seminars and presentation lessons are compulsory.

Visa Requirement

Study visa is required if you stay for one semester or a full year. Apply your visa at the Swedish Embassy after you have received your acceptance letter and bring along your insurance receipt. The VISA costs you HKD \$1000 and the application will not take long.

Flight ticket

For the arrival of Lund University, you should arrive at Copenhagen airport (Kastrup Airport). There is no direct flight from Hong Kong to Copenhagen. My recommendation would be Qatar Airway, one of the best airlines in the world and it is not expensive. Lufthansa is also a good alternative as she offers student ticket, which you can check in two pieces of luggage. The train (Öresundståg) departs every 20 minute from the airport to Lund Central Station.

Accommodation

Accommodation can be applied through 'LU Accommodation Office', the international housing office of Lund University. You can choose to live in corridor or studio flat, most of the exchange students live in Sparta/ Delphi. They are famous for party! Sparta is closer to the supermarket and the train station than Delphi (But it still takes 35 minutes to walk.....so it is better to have a bike). The rental per month ranges from HKD\$3600 to HKD\$5400. However, because of huge amount of application, most of the students are not offered their first choice in the list. The other alternative is to rent a room by private parties, but they are usually more expensive and hard to find.

Weather

Spring and summer in Sweden is really nice! It is sunny and warm in spring and summer, the temperature is around 20c, the temperature drops to 13-14c at night. Winter in southern Sweden is not very harsh, it is around 0c-5c and it will snow frequently. It is also super windy and cloudy in Lund during winter and autumn. It is important to bring a water-proof and warm shoe as you have to walk through the snow.

Local Travelling

Copenhagen is the biggest city near Lund. You can take the train or bus, it only takes you 45 minutes to travel. Legoland in Denmark is also a famous tourist attraction (although it is quite far away from Copenhagen. You are suggested to travel to Legoland together with Copenhagen. You are reminded Legoland will be closed in winter and will be re-opened in late March every year.

Malmo is the third largest city in Sweden. It takes only 15 minutes from Lund to Malmo, the nearest IKEA is located in Malmo. Actually, there is not much to see in Malmo so I suggest you to go a one day trip.

Lund is in Skanecounty, you can travel to the small city Helsingborg, Ystad and Hyllie by train. If you are going to Stockholm, the most convenient way is to travel by high-speed train, it only takes 4 hours. Another famous attraction in Sweden is northern lights. The season of northern lights is from December to March, Kiruna and Abisko in Northern Sweden are two famous place to watch the magnificent northern light. (I highly recommend you to go there☺that is amazing.)

Check out the website for the train and bus operator in Sweden:

<http://www.swebus.se/>

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Travelling

Lund is quite convenient, you can travel to other European countries from Copenhagen Airport or Malmo Airport. Also, there is bus from Copenhagen to Oslo, Berlin and other cities in Sweden. You can check air ticket through skyscanner website.

Expenses

Dining:

It is quite expensive to dine out in Lund (around HKD70 for lunch) , so I have to cook for the lunch and dinner everyday. It is only around HKD30 to cook for your dinner)/ Different student nations in Lund will offer lunch, which is cheap (HKD 40) and nice!

Transportation:

This is a very expensive item. A 5-10 minutes bus ride costs you HKD 20, so most of the citizens in Lund have got a bike. Lund is a biking city, so a bike is a 'must have'! But a new bike is really pricy, buying a second-hand bike is a good option.

Travelling Expense:

It depends on where, how long you want to travel and the way you go travelling. I have spent around HKD\$32000 and travelled to 9 countries. Remember to bring a backpack so it would be more convenient and cheaper to take the flight.

Textbooks and stationary:

A new book is really expensive. There are many second hand book stores in Lund. There are many textbooks in the library so that you can simply borrow it.

Phone and network:

The school had provided a SIM card for us with HKD\$60 balance inside, as long as there is balance inside, you can enjoy free data! You can also use skype to call back to landline numbers in Hong Kong.

General Impression

Sweden is a really nice country! This is the safest country in the world and you do not have to worry much for your personal safety. You also do not have to worry about the language problem, Swedes speak very fluent English and you do not have to know any Swedish. The main disadvantage of going to Scandinavia (Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Iceland) is the price level.

In Lund University, remember to join the student nations through 'studentLund'(it costs around HKD\$300). Student nations are like the college in CUHK, but they will offer parties, brunch, clubs and different activities for students. You can also check out the events in 'Lundaekonomerna' (The Society of Business students), you will experience Swedish culture and have fun with them.

Note that students in Lund love drinking. Remember to walk away from the drunk people at night to keep yourself safe.