

Master of Arts in Ethnic and Migration Studies

120 credits





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This Master's programme relates ethnicity and migration to global economic and cultural change, as well as to systems of domination and movements of resistance. The programme is interdisciplinary, integrating the humanities and the social sciences. It is animated by a commitment to critical, innovative and useful approaches to some of the most pressing issues and urgent concerns of the contemporary world order.

Students of different academic backgrounds are welcome to an international community with numerous visiting researchers and academic activities. You will attain a comprehensive grasp of the field of ethnic and migration studies and will be well prepared for positions in local, national and international organisations, administration, business, government, media and the cultural sector, as well as for further post-graduate studies and research.

The programme consists of a mix of mandatory courses along with electives that will allow you an individual specialisation, options to study abroad, options for internships and research tutorials with faculty. Teaching involves formats with a high level of student participation, including lectures, workshops, seminars and individual/group instruction. Within the frame of the courses, you are provided with the opportunity to specialise and focus on chosen lines of study. In addition to your course work, you will follow thematic seminars and tutorial meetings with the faculty. During your second year, beginning early in the third semester, you will also attend seminars that address questions of method and topic selection in preparation for the master's thesis. The fourth semester is mainly devoted to the composition of your master's thesis.

Areas of focus include historical and sociological perspectives on the ways in which migration has shaped human history and society; in-depth theoretical knowledge in the field of intersectional migration studies; globalisation and its link to changing conditions for work and migration; the European Union migration and asylum policies, the relation of race, ethnicity and migration to cultural and aesthetic expressions such as narratives, visual arts, theatre and cinema.

The Faculty as well as guest professors make up an interdisciplinary and internationally experienced team, covering all aspects of the programme's curriculum and beyond. They are engaged in research concerning the issues addressed in the courses, thus making possible a direct connection between course content and on-going research in the various subfields of the programme.

Example of specific focus areas within the programme:

- Historical perspectives on ethnicity and migration
- Intersectional migration studies
- Changing frameworks for citizenship
- Migration and globalisation in post-colonial perspectives
- Race, ethnicity and migration in culture and the arts
- Migration and asylum policy in the European Union
- Migration and health

See more in the specific course information

Application period: Mid October - 15 January

Degree: Master of Arts in Ethnic and Migration Studies

Language: English

Duration: Two years, 120 credits

Pace of study: Full-time

Campus: Norrköping

Application code: 91014

Start date: August

Tuition fees: Citizens from within the EU/EEA and Switzerland: No tuition fees. All others: SEK 80,000 per academic year

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More info: www.liu.se/ethnic-migration-studies



Course details

In the first two semesters students follow eight mandatory courses of theoretical, thematic as well as methodological profiles. In the third semester, the program allows students an individual specialisation through studies abroad, internships and elective courses. The fourth semester is mainly devoted to the composition of the master's thesis.

Semester 1

- Historical perspectives on ethnicity and migration, 7.5 credits
- Intersectional migration studies – bodies, genders, sexualities, 7.5 credits
- The world system in the post-colonial era, 7.5 credits
- Class, labour migration and globalization, 7.5 credits

In addition to their course work, students follow a schedule of thematic seminars and tutorial meetings with the faculty. During their second year students attend seminars that address questions of method and topic selection in preparation for the master's thesis.

Semester 2

- Methodologies in ethnic and migration studies, 7.5 credits
- Race, ethnicity and migration in culture and the arts, 7.5 credits
- Migration an asylum policy in the European Union, 7.5 credits
- Critical cases in ethnic and migration studies, 7.5 credits



Semester 3

In the third semester, students can select a profile of specialization. This is done either through studies abroad (see below) for the entire semester, or by following elective courses in the second half of the semester, or by internship in the second half of the semester. If the student chooses elective courses or an internship in the second half of the semester, he or she follows two campus-based courses at REMESO in the first half:

Migration, Health and Care, 7.5 credits

Health and care within a context of intersectional theories of migration, ethnicity and racism. Taking as its starting point the fact that bodies, emotions and close personal relations are affected by migration processes, ethnic affiliation, and racialized structures, the course examines how this is manifested at both individual and group level, as well as in relation to the welfare state and the market.

Inclusion, citizenship and exclusion, 7.5 credits

Against the background of earlier courses within the programme, this course looks at inclusion and exclusion in society and culture. Students will be able to examine, for instance, how structural discrimination, racialization and racism are articulated within the economy and working life, in the welfare system and the school. The course also address how social movements and civil society actors work to prevent exclusion and subordination of migrants and minorities.

Option: Elective course/s, 15 credits or Internship, 15 credits

During the second half of the third semester, students can take one or more elective courses on advanced level within Linköping University or at other universities (for a total of 15 credits). Alternatively, students can choose to do an internship in the second half of the semester.

Option: Studies abroad, 30 credits

Students can do their third semester of studies abroad. Students wishing to take advantage of this possibility must consult with the programme director in order to make sure credits will be transferred.

Semester 4

Master's Thesis 30 credits

The topic of the master's dissertation is decided together with the supervisor. The master's thesis shall be written within the main area of study, Ethnic and Migration Studies. It is normally written in English but may also be written in Swedish or other languages, depending on the linguistic competencies of the supervisor and faculty.



Research

Linköping University is a research-based university with excellence in education. A trade mark is the interdisciplinary perspective, the openness towards combining different subjects.

Ethnic and Migration Studies is a strong interdisciplinary research field at LiU. It is pursued at different institutes, departments and units. REMESO - the Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society, is the strongest hub, but the field is growing and have bearing for most disciplines within social science and humanistic research as well as education and health.

At REMESO focus lies on causes of, conditions for and consequences of international migration, racism, discrimination and intergration policy. Economic, political, social and cultural processes in both the 'old'

and 'new' homeland that enable or impede migration and inclusion in society are studied, often against a background of globalisation, European integration and labour market and welfare changes.

The Master's Programme in Ethnic and Migration Studies is thus set in a vital international community of students and faculty with numerous visiting researchers engaged in activities at REMESO: the seminars, symposia and conferences, the PhD program in Ethnic and Migration Studies and the International Graduate School in Migration, Ethnicity and Society. The International Master's Programme is fully integrated into all of these activities and is also able to benefit from the ample resources in the field at other departments.

To learn more: www.liu.se/ethnic-migration-studies

Career opportunities

As the programme offers possibilities of studies abroad, elective courses and internships, students may tailor their education towards a special interest, profession or field of expertise. Especially during their second year of study, students have a possibility to try out or take concrete steps towards a professional career in chosen fields or with chosen organisations and employers. The programme prepares for wide seg-

ments of the labour market, wherever expertise in migration and ethnic relations is needed, including work in governmental and non-governmental organisations, local and regional administration, business and communication, social work and activism, cultural analysis, journalism and commentary in the public sector, as well as further postgraduate studies and research.

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