



Faculty of Social Sciences

MEST08, Internship - Climate Action in Practice, 30 credits

Praktikkurs - Klimataktion i praktiken, 30 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies on 2024-05-31 (STYR2024/1440). The syllabus comes into effect 2024-10-14 and is valid from the autumn semester 2026.

General information

The course is a third term elective course within Lund University Master's Programme in Climate Change and Society (LUCAS), 120 credits.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of study

Environmental Studies and
Sustainability Science

Specialisation

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as
entry requirements

Learning outcomes

Upon the completion of the course, the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- Demonstrate practical knowledge of the activities and procedures relevant to the host organisation for the internship
- Demonstrate practical knowledge of different concepts, methods and/or tools used by the organisation in its work on climate action
- Demonstrate the ability to identify knowledge acquired in previous parts of the programme and how it is applied and/or promoted through the internship.

Competence and skills

- Demonstrate the ability to relate academic skills to professional tasks by linking theory and practice

- Demonstrate the ability to explain, orally and in writing, how the work at the host organisation can be linked to the content of previously completed courses with regard to theories, methods and other knowledge relevant to climate action in practice.

Judgement and approach

- Demonstrate an in-depth ability to reflect on, and take responsibility for, their own work and learning process
- Reflect on whether transformation processes have emerged during the internship and how these may influence future practice and/or research
- Reflect on how constructive hope can be strengthened through participation in practical climate action.

Course content

The aim of the course is to offer students the opportunity to implement their academic knowledge and skills in an internship at a public, private or civil society organisation in Sweden or abroad.

The student is to receive support in the form of supervision at the host organisation and work on qualified and varied tasks focused on climate action of both a strategic and operational nature.

In parallel with the internship, students are expected to reflect on the transformation processes to which the organisation's work contributes and how these relate to the knowledge, understanding and skills acquired in earlier parts of the programme.

Course design

Teaching takes place at the host organisation and requires the student to do an internship at a Swedish or international organisation active in the public or private sector, or in civil society, in a field relevant to the subject.

The work assigned as part of the internship is to be related to the content of the student's programme and the student is to be given the opportunity to use and develop previously acquired knowledge and skills from the programme.

The internship is to consist of 20 weeks of full-time work, including time for attending seminars and writing assignments for assessment. The internship is expected to amount to at least 600 hours and the remaining 200 hours is to be used to compile the course portfolio, participate in webinars and supervision, and present the course portfolio at a final seminar in Lund.

After the student has completed the internship as agreed, the supervisor at the host organisation must confirm this to the course director at the University.

Assessment

Course assessment is based on:

- Submission of a written portfolio and its presentation at a final seminar. The portfolio is composed of completed tasks during the internship and their relationship to theories relevant to the internship and current research (30 credits).

If a student fails the internship, the student will be given another opportunity to complete it. The entire internship period must be repeated and it is the student's responsibility to find a new internship placement.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass

At the start of the course, students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and the grading scale and how it is applied on the course.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, the student must have fulfilled course requirements of at least 45 higher education credits, including MEST07 Methods for Climate Action, in Lund University Master's Programme in Climate Change and Society (LUCAS), 120 credits.

A good command of spoken and written English, equivalent to English 6/B (advanced) proficiency in the Swedish secondary system, is required. Equivalent assessments will be made according to national guidelines.

Further information

It is the student's responsibility to find a suitable host organisation for the internship, as well as finance all the potential costs arising from the internship.

A three-party agreement between the student, the host organisation and the department is to be drawn up and approved before the internship can start.

Students who undertake an internship as part of their programme in Sweden are automatically insured by Lund University's personal injury insurance for the duration of the course. Students who carry out their internship abroad are instead insured through the insurance known as "Student OUT" provided by The Legal, Financial and Administrative Services Agency (Kammarkollegiet). In order for the insurance to be valid, students must be taking credits and be enrolled in an internship course at Lund University throughout the internship period, and an agreement must be drawn up between the student, the host organisation and Lund University.