



Faculty of Social Sciences

SASGE, Master of Science Programme in Human Geography, 120 credits

Masterprogram i samhällsgeografi, 120 högskolepoäng

**Second cycle degree programme requiring previous university study / Program
med akademiska förkunskapskrav och med slutlig examen på avancerad nivå**

Decision

The programme syllabus is established by Pro dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences 14-03-2019 (U 2019/127) to be valid from 15-10-2019, autumn semester 2020.

Programme description

The main areas studied in the programme are the important sub-fields of human geography – social, urban, cultural, landscape and economic geography, and political ecology. Human geography plays an important role in modern society due to its special approach which is characterised by contextually maintaining connections in time and space, and thereby relations between aspects of reality that other disciplines focus on in isolation: economic, political, social, cultural and environmental conditions. Furthermore, human geography captures complex connections between different spatial scales. These characteristics make human geography especially suited to grasp problems facing society today, problems rooted in the intricate interplay among various aspects and between local and global scales.

This master's programme is of relevance to a wide range of challenges currently facing decision makers, planners and analysts in public authorities, non-governmental organizations and private enterprises. The student engage in a programme preparing him or her for a career as strategic investigator, analyst and planner. Equipped with advanced methodological skills and contextual understanding of contemporary societal and environmental issues, geographers are commonly employed as researchers, planners, analysts and operational managers within international, national, regional, and local governmental bodies, NGOs and firms. Employment specialties include: urban and regional planning and development; environmental and

land-use analysis; transportation planning and time-space logistics; conservation and heritage planning; localization and spatial analysis; and cartography and GIS-analysis. Another field of employment is education, both in schools and in governmental and non-governmental organisations. The programme also prepares students for PhD studies and an academic career.

Goals

Pursuant to the Higher Education Ordinance, for a degree of Master (120 credits and 60 credits respectively) the student shall:

Knowledge and understanding

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of Human Geography, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the field of Human Geography.

For a Degree of Master (60 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of Human Geography, including both an overview of the field and specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the field of Human Geography.

Competence and skills

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to clearly report and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity.

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- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing to report clearly and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or employment in some other qualified capacity.

Judgement and approach

For a Degree of Master (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the field of Human Geography informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

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In addition to the outcomes stated in the Higher Education Ordinance, for a degree of Master of Science (120 credits or 60 credits) with a major in Human Geography the student shall:

- demonstrate knowledge of the development of theories in human geography and their relations to theories in other social and environmental sciences,
- demonstrate understanding of the spatial dimensions of social, economic and environmental processes and their importance for welfare and living conditions in various geographical contexts, and
- demonstrate knowledge about scientific channels of communication, and the ability to monitor the academic development within the field of human geography and to employ referencing systems.

Course information

A degree of Master of Science (120 credits) with a major in Human Geography should include at least 30 credits of coursework within human geography at the second cycle level, , 30 credits in research methodology, including at 7.5 credits of coursework in GIS (Geographic Information Systems), 7.5 credits of GIS and research methodology in field, 7.5 credits of geographical thought and 7.5 credits in theory of science in social science at the second cycle level. 30 credits that can be taken in the form of elective courses at Lund University or any other recognised university in Sweden or

abroad or an internship, and, finally, a Master's Thesis of at least 30 credits in human geography. In the appendix the courses are presented in a table.

Additional information in appendix Course information SASGE.

Degree

Degree titles

Degree of Master of Science (120 credits)

Major: Human Geography

Filosofie masterexamen

Huvudområde: Samhällsgeografi

Degree of Master of Science (60 credits)

Major: Human Geography

Filosofie magisterexamen

Huvudområde: Samhällsgeografi

For a degree of Master of Science (120 credits) within the programme, the student must have passed the courses specified under "Course information" (or the equivalent courses at another higher education institution).

It is also possible to acquire a degree of Master of Science (60 credits) with a major in Human Geography after completion of the following required courses:

1. Human Geography I and II (15 credits)
2. Geographical thought (7.5 credits)
3. Theory of science (7.5 credits) or GIS (7.5 credits)
4. Elective courses or internship (15 credits)
5. Master's thesis (15 credits)

Requirements and Selection method

Requirements

To be eligible for the programme the applicant must have the equivalent of a Swedish Bachelor's degree with a major (i.e. at least 90 ECTS credits) in Human Geography or equivalent.

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

Selection method

The applicants estimated capacity to complete the programme is the primary criterion for selection. Students are selected on the basis of their previous study results (grades on courses and Bachelor's degree essay), proficiency in English and letter of intent.

Other information

The language of instruction and assessment is English.

Instructions regarding teaching and examination are given in the syllabus for each course respectively.

Appendix

Course information SASGE

Term	Course	Course	Course	Course
Term I	Geographical Thought (7.5 credits)	Profile Course in Human Geography I (7.5 credits)	Theory of Science (7.5 credits)	Profile Course in Human Geography II (7.5 credits)
Term II	Profile Course in Human Geography III (7.5 credits)	Profile Course in Human Geography IV (7.5 credits)	GIS (7.5 credits)	GIS and Research Methodology in Field (7.5 credits)
Term III	Elective Courses or Internship (30 credits)			
Term Iv	Master's Thesis (30 credits)			