Always an innovator

Linköping University (LiU) is one of Sweden’s larger academic institutions and among those that offer the largest number of professional degree programmes, in fields such as medicine, education, business, economics and engineering. Research is conducted within a variety of disciplines, with strong internationally recognised research environments in, for example, materials science, information technology and disability studies.

Since gaining university status in 1975 (and before that, too), LiU has worked with innovation in education and research. For example, we were first in Sweden to introduce interdisciplinary thematic research, problem-based learning (PBL), graduate schools and several innovative study programmes.
Education

27,000 undergraduate students (full-time equivalents 17,400)
• 18,150 at Campus Valla
• 5,100 at Campus Norrköping
• 3,360 at University Hospital Campus (US)
• 70 at Campus Lidingö

Distance students and students in other locations not included.
Some students take courses on more than one campus.

120 study programmes, of which 25 are master’s programmes in English
550 single-subject courses

Exchange agreements with 500 universities in 50 countries
2,000 international students

2,400 first-cycle degrees
2,700 second-cycle degrees

The number of students who continue after their first year (retention rate) is the highest of all multi-faculty universities in Sweden and LiU’s graduates rank first for quickly finding employment.

See more about our education and student life at liu.se/education
Research

3 main global university rankings
- LiU’s rank among about 20,000 universities in the world

• Place 282 in the QS World University Rankings (place 21 among universities under 50 years old)
• Place 306 in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai list)
• Place 342 in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (place 47 among universities under 50 years old)

3 research landmarks at LiU in 2016
• 47 newly appointed PhD students start their research in the Wallenberg Autonomous Systems Program, Sweden’s largest ever individual research programme, hosted at LiU.
• The Helix research centre, which focusses on working life issues, receives acclaim and is granted funds for a further 5 years.
• The Wallenberg Centre for Molecular Medicine, one element of a major Swedish initiative in the life sciences, opens at LiU.

More than half of the LiU research budget comes from external funding (research councils, foundations, the EU, companies and others).

Doctoral studies

700 PhD students
50 licentiate degrees
200 doctoral degrees

See more about our research and doctoral studies at liu.se/research
Staff

4,000 employees (full-time equivalents 3,588), of which 330 are professors

Staff by category

Full-time equivalents

- 43% academic staff
- 38% technical and administrative staff
- 19% PhD students

See vacancies and information about LiU as a workplace at liu.se/jobba

Finances

Income SEK 3,734 million
Expenditure SEK 3,762 million

Income by branch of operations

- 57% research/scientific training
- 43% undergraduate education
Organisation

Linköping University’s organisation differs from the traditional academic organisation model used at most European universities. At LiU there are multidisciplinary departments, covering several adjacent academic disciplines and often belonging to more than one faculty. The faculties are responsible for education and research within their respective areas.

4 faculties

Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Faculty of Educational Sciences
Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
Faculty of Science and Engineering (Institute of Technology)

14 departments

Department for Studies of Social Change and Culture
Department of Behavioural Sciences and Learning
Department of Biomedical Engineering
Department of Clinical and Experimental Medicine
Department of Computer and Information Science
Department of Culture and Communication
Department of Electrical Engineering
Department of Management and Engineering
Department of Mathematics
Department of Medical and Health Sciences
Department of Physics, Chemistry and Biology
Department of Science and Technology
Department of Social and Welfare Studies
Department of Thematic Studies
Origin: LiU

3 LiU innovations

• The world’s first digital hearing aid
• The visualisation table, showing the human body in 3D
• Sensor technology useful in, for example, protecting rhinos in Kenya against poachers

4 companies with LiU roots

• Sectra – medical IT and secure communication
• IFS – business software
• SP Devices – analogue to digital conversion
• Sciss – 3D visualisation for planetariums and dome theatres

5 notable alumni

• Peter Agnefjäll, President and CEO, IKEA Group
• Elnaz Baghlanian, Board member, Swedish Pen
• Marie Ekström Trägårdh, Executive Vice President, Sectra
• Carl-Henric Svanberg, Chairman, BP and Volvo
• Zhong Zhihua, President, Tongji University in Shanghai

Linköping University has 102,000 alumni (former students) in 100 countries.