

**Multidisciplinary Master's Degree in Demography at Stockholm University,
120 university credits (ECTS)**

What is Demography?

Demography is the study of human populations – their size, composition and distribution across place – and the process through which populations change. Births, deaths and migration are the ‘big three’ of demography, jointly producing population stability or change. A population’s composition may be described in terms of basic demographic features – age, sex, family and household status – and by features of the population’s social and economic context – ethnicity, religion, language, education, occupation, income and wealth. The distribution of populations can be defined at multiple levels (local, regional, national, global) and with different types of boundaries (political, economic, geographic). Demography is a central component of societal contexts and social change.

What demographers do goes well beyond this broad definition and draws extensively from related disciplines – sociology, economics, statistics, history, political science, anthropology, psychology, public health and environmental sciences. A sampling of topics from the 2006 European Population Conference illustrates demography’s breadth:

- Demographic change and the family
- Integration processes of migrant populations
- Health inequalities at older ages
- Population and the welfare state
- Parenting and child care
- Reproductive health and abortion
- Ageing and the economy
- Religion and demographic behavior
- Population, development and environment
- Population projections of small areas and special groups
- Value changes and family formation

Demography is also very useful for understanding social and economic problems and identifying potential solutions. Demographers are engaged in social planning, market research, insurance forecasting, labor market analysis, economic development and so on. They work for private firms and public agencies at local, regional, national and international levels.

Program Goals and Requirements

The *Master's Degree in Demography* will prepare graduates for work as professional demographers with the ability to:

- describe and analyse population development in different social contexts and over time
- investigate causes and consequences of changing population structures and individual demographic behavior
- provide information and advice on the connections between population change and social or economic policies

Graduates will also be prepared for doctoral study in demography at Stockholm University or in academic programs throughout Europe and the United States.

Magister option. Students registering for the master's program may subsequently elect to complete only the one-year interdisciplinary magister degree in demography. See requirements below.

Prerequisites:

Bachelor's degree (fil. kand.) in social sciences, biology or public health

High-school mathematics C-level

All required courses will be offered in English; other courses may be offered in Swedish or English. It will be possible for students to complete all requirements entirely in English.

Application:

Deadline for application is May 2, 2007. See www.sociology.su.se or www.suda.su.se for more information regarding application, or contact Maria Bagger Sjöbäck (maria.bagger-sjoback@sociology.su.se).

Course of Study. The master's degree consists of 120 ECTS credits, the magister degree 60 ECTS credits. Course requirements are outlined below. The program is designed for completion of the magister degree in one year, the master's degree in two. The first year of study for the master's degree will normally include courses required for the magister degree with the core research methods course replacing the magister thesis.

<u>Core courses</u>	<u>Magister</u>	<u>Master</u>
Population development and social change	7,5	7,5
Basic demographic methods	7,5	7,5
Population processes	7,5	7,5
Advanced demographic methods		7,5
Research methods (Master's thesis proposal)		7,5
 <u>Courses in main discipline*</u>		
Advanced theory		7,5
Advanced research methods		7,5
Demography course	7,5	7,5
Elective course 1		7,5
Elective course 2		7,5
 <u>Courses in other disciplines*</u>		
Demography course 1	7,5	7,5
Demography course 2	7,5	7,5
 <u>Thesis</u>	 15,0	 30,0

****Main Discipline***

Students may select a main discipline – sociology, economic history, economics, human geography or statistics – or they may select advanced theory, methods and demography courses from different disciplines. All students must take demography courses in at least three disciplines. Note that advanced theory and methods courses required for the master's degree may require completion of basic courses in the discipline. Basic courses may be taken as elective courses in the discipline or as other elective courses.

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