

# **Traineeship in Criminology**

## **Information for prospective trainee workplaces**

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Students in Criminology at Lund University have the opportunity to include a one semester trainee-ship in their bachelor degree. The traineeship is an opportunity for the student to develop relevant skills for the labour market in the last stages of their undergraduate education. The traineeship also gives them an opportunity to put into practice theories and methods they have learned during their criminology courses.

If you choose to welcome a trainee for one semester, your organization will meet a colleague with extensive competence within the field of criminology, and with excellent competence in sociology or sociology of law. The students are broadly oriented within the social sciences, and are trained to use analytical and methodological tools accordingly. Students in this course have a minimum of three semesters in criminology, as well as one additional semester in another discipline (in all at least 120 credits).

If you are willing to accept a trainee you commit to offering the student qualified tasks where they can use their criminology competence, and to give them an assignment that they will work with independently. You should also assign a supervisor to the student, with the responsibility of introducing the student to the work place as well as meeting regularly with the student to discuss work tasks, progress and the independent assignment. The supervisor has to sign a plan of traineeship created in dialogue with the student, as well as an evaluation at the end of the traineeship.

The traineeship location must thus be able to offer work tasks that have an obvious connection to criminology. The specific assignments can vary: reviews of reports or studies, drawing up proposals of policies and plans. The traineeship can be located within both the public and the private sector, in non-profit organizations, in Sweden or abroad.

### **Plan of traineeship**

The plan of traineeship is an agreement between the traineeship location through the supervisor, the trainee and the department of Sociology / Sociology of law. From this the following should be clear:

- The main work tasks the trainee will have and how these involve the use of their criminological competence.
- The independent assignment task should be described in detail and it should be clear how much time it is expected to take.
- The traineeship location should certify through the supervisor, that they assess that the trainee will have the possibility to fulfil the learning outcomes of the course.

### **Supervision**

The supervisor is to give an introduction to the work place and be at hand to support the trainee in his/her work. In addition, the supervisor is to give instructions on work tasks to be performed by the trainee and to follow them up. It is of importance that the supervisor discusses the result of the trainee's work on a regular basis and that the trainee gets to follow up on their work by participation in the daily work at the work place. Apart from everyday

contact, supervision should take place in at least six at meetings which are planned beforehand. The supervisor should also aid in different kinds of problems that might arise during the traineeship.

If you have questions about the traineeship or if you want to register for a traineeship opening, do not hesitate to contact the responsible for the criminology programme Anna Rypi email: [anna.rypi@soc.lu.se](mailto:anna.rypi@soc.lu.se), tel: +46 46 2228740.