Linköping University, LiU, conducts world-leading, boundary-crossing research in fields that include materials science, IT and hearing. In the same spirit, the university offers many innovative educational programmes, frequently with a clear professional focus and leading to qualification as, for example, doctors, teachers, economists and engineers.

LiU was granted university status in 1975 and today has 32,400 students and 4,100 employees. The students are among the most desirable in the labour market and international rankings consistently place LiU as a leading global university.
Education

32,400 students (full-time equivalents 17,759)

- 19,700 at Campus Valla
- 5,000 at Campus Norrköping
- 3,400 at University Hospital Campus (US)
- 6,400 distance students and students in other locations, including Campus Lidingö

Some students take courses on more than one campus.

120 study programmes, of which 28 are international programmes in English
550 single-subject courses

Exchange agreements with 400 universities in 50 countries
1,100 international students

2,500 first-cycle degrees
3,000 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 find employment quickly.

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

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

• Place 362 in the QS World University Rankings (place 44 among universities under 50 years old)
• Place 350 in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai list)
• Place 411 in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (place 81 among universities under 50 years old)

5 strategic research areas
- where LiU gets long-term government grants

• IT and mobile communication
• Materials science
• Security and emergency management
• E-science (analysis of large amounts of data)
• Transport

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

Doctoral studies
1,200 PhD students
25 licentiate degrees
150 doctoral degrees

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

4,100 employees (full-time equivalents 3,726), of which 336 are professors

Staff by category
Full-time equivalents

- 40% technical and administrative staff
- 43% academic staff
- 17% PhD students

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

Finances

Income SEK 4,329 million
Expenditure SEK 4,150 million

Income by branch of operations

- 42% undergraduate education
- 58% research/scientific training
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)

12 departments

Department of Behavioural Sciences and Learning (IBL)
Department of Biomedical and Clinical Sciences (BKV)
Department of Biomedical Engineering (IMT)
Department of Computer and Information Science (IDA)
Department of Culture and Society (IKOS)
Department of Electrical Engineering (ISY)
Department of Health, Medicine and Caring Sciences (HMV)
Department of Management and Engineering (IEI)
Department of Mathematics (MAI)
Department of Physics, Chemistry and Biology (IFM)
Department of Science and Technology (ITN)
Department of Thematic Studies (TEMA)
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 protecting rhinos in Kenya against poachers

3 companies with LiU roots
• Sectra – medical IT and secure communication
• IFS – business software
• Teledyne SP Devices – analogue to digital conversion

5 notable alumni
• Marie Ekström Trägårdh, Executive Vice President of Sectra
• Rickard Gustafson, President and CEO of SKF
• Åsa Lindhagen, Minister for Financial Markets and Deputy Minister of Finance
• Andreas Norlén, Speaker of the Riksdag (Swedish Parliament)
• Carl-Henric Svanberg, Chairman of Volvo

Linköping University has 110,000 alumni (former students) in over 100 countries.
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