Agreement of understanding for degree project (AL250X)

This is an agreement of understanding between the student, the academic supervisor, and the provider of a project, concerning Degree Project in Strategies for Sustainable Development (30 credits) at the Department of Sustainable Development, Environmental Sciences and Engineering (SEED) at Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) in Stockholm, Sweden. It is not in any way legally binding, but its purpose is to ensure that all involved parties share the same views concerning the purpose, design, and responsibilities of a master degree project.

About master degree projects at KTH:

A master degree project at KTH is part of the education and corresponds to 20 weeks of full time research work, including literature studies and report writing. The examiner at SEED examines the work regarding academic quality and fulfillment of learning objectives. This means that SEED puts demands on the scientific content of the task, on the planning and the work process as well as on the oral presentation and on the written report on the work. The main part of the work must be a thorough analysis of a problem within the subject area Strategies for Sustainable Development. Only a small part of the work may be routine work and then as a support for the analysis.

The work should be presented in an academic report which is public and published in the KTH publication database DiVA.

The work should start out with planning and literature studies. The student should study the problem domain by reading literature – mainly research literature and academic text books. The literature studies usually take around 3 weeks but may take longer or shorter time depending on the problem domain. A research problem should be formulated, including rationale, overall aim, and detailed research questions. The student should also make a detailed project plan including a time table. This project plan should be approved by SEED and the provider of the project.

The course plan for the degree project is available at https://www.kth.se/student/kurser/kurs/AL250X?l=en
Responsibilities

- The supervisor at SEED is responsible for giving the student academic guidance.
- Before this agreement is signed, the student should write a brief thesis proposal, which should be agreed upon with the supervisor at SEED and project provider.
- The student is responsible for setting up and following a project plan and a time plan, which should be agreed upon with the supervisors. Any changes should be made in agreement with the supervisors.
- The provider of the project is responsible for giving the student enough practical support.
- Any work done by the student for the project provider that does not contribute to the master thesis, should be in addition to the 20 weeks of full time research.
- SEED does not provide any remuneration to the student for the work performed as part of the degree project.

This agreement should be signed before the student is registered for the Master degree project course.

Date:

Signature, Provider of the project

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Signature, Student

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Signature, SEED (supervisor)

In block letters

This agreement is written in three identical copies. Student, provider of the project and SEED each take one.