Two different thesis courses

- HL205X Degree Project in Medical Engineering (Examiner: Matilda Larsson)
- HL207X Degree Project in Technology and Health (Examiner: Sebastiaan Meijer)
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• The master thesis project is the final step in your studies
• It shows what you have learned
• Demonstrate your knowledge by study, experience, and practice
Basic information

• Credits: 30 credits equivalent to 20 weeks full-time
• Eligibility: ≤ 60 credits left in your master and completed bachelor
• Grading: P/F (see criteria here: https://www.kth.se/social/program/tmlem/page/assessment-support-for-the-fulfillment-o/)
• Presentation days (June 1 in Flemingsberg, ~20 August 2023, ~10 January 2024)
• Exemption: www.kth.se/form/5d8c6d369c463d042923c9db
The process

Find your project
Project proposal
Project description
During the process

https://www.kth.se/social/program/tmlem/page/master-thesis-guidelines/
Find your project

KTH-exjobbportalen: https://www.kth.se/en/samverkan/exjobb/studenter

your teachers

Program web: https://www.kth.se/social/program/timeline/page/projects-proposals/

own ideas

MedTech companies/ Other Universities/ Research Institutes
Find your project – tips from students

- KTH international coordinator
- Contacted the professor
- Already working for the company
- Work fair
- KTH Degree Project Portal
- Course web
- Sent a lot of emails to teachers
- Through the course
- Looked at the company's website and contacted R&D manager
- Prepared my own project
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How do I know if it’s the right one?

The student should:

• demonstrate knowledge of the scientific grounds of their chosen subject area, as well as in-depth insight into current research and development and in-depth knowledge of relevant methodology.

• demonstrate the ability to identify, analyze, assess and handle complex phenomena, questions and situations, even with limited information.

• demonstrate the ability to plan and, with adequate methods, carry out skilled tasks within a given time frame and evaluate this work
Project proposal

• **short** description of the intended project

• feasible in 20 weeks full-time work

• clear current big unknown, clear goal, clear scientific methods, desirable outcomes

• submit a project proposal via the following online form: [https://www.kth.se/form/project-proposal](https://www.kth.se/form/project-proposal)

• Project proposal is just a rough estimate if a project is OK, not a final decision
Project description

• Project proposal is approved, you will receive project description form
• Fill it out carefully! It is your work contract
• It takes time to fill it
• Once completed send it to kornevs@kth.se

• Wait for a decision
• If PASS – great, if FAILED – change or look for a new project
  – most project descriptions pass
• Project description needs to be approved by 15 December 2022
Project description

Background to the problem and description of the aim of the degree project

**Specified objectives and tasks:** you need to clearly define your research objectives

**Expected results:** enter the expected result for your thesis and summarize the significance of the work

**Methodology:** you should make clear how you intend to approach the research aim and the techniques and logic that you will use to address it

**Project and schedule:** describe how you plan to structure your time and add some milestones to the schedule will help you to keep track of the progression of your plan

**Reference list**

*The project description needs to be at least 4-5 pages and one month is recommended to complete the description properly!*
During the process

- **Course manager**
  - any administration questions

- **Group supervisor**
  - helps with good practices in thesis writing and is part of assessment committee for final work evaluation

- **Student**
  - responsible for the work

- **Real supervisor**
  - helps with scientific part of the research

- **Reviewer**
  - provides 2 individual meetings and is part of assessment committee for final work evaluation

- **Examiner**
  - is part of assessment committee for final work evaluation and formally approves the work
During the process

- Kick-off meeting
- 6 group meetings to help to work on your thesis
- Several reviews of other students’ works
- Mid-term submission 1 March (subject to change)
  - Rough draft of all parts
  - Showing that the proposed methodology works
- Final presentation 1 June 2023

- Good work does require working full time for 20 weeks
The process

before

• Project proposal approval (~15 November 2022)
• Project description submission (15 December 2022)

during

• Project start (~17 January 2023)
• Mid-term submission (~1 March 2023)
• Project report submission (~17 May 2023)

after

• Opposition review report submission (~31 May 2023)
• Degree project defence (1 June 2023)
• Final version approval by reviewer
• Final version upload to DiVA submission (~20 June 2023)