



# AH2915 Laser Scanning Technology 7.5 credits

## Laserskanning

This is a translation of the Swedish, legally binding, course syllabus.

If the course is discontinued, students may request to be examined during the following two academic years

## Establishment

Course syllabus for AH2915 valid from Spring 2011

## Grading scale

A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

## Education cycle

Second cycle

## Main field of study

Built Environment

## Specific prerequisites

Bachelor of Science in surveying or geomatics including at least 120 credits and documented proficiency in English B or equivalent.

For students enrolled in a program at KTH:

AH1816 Geodetic surveying or equivalent.

AND

AH2921 Adjustment theory or equivalent.

## Language of instruction

The language of instruction is specified in the course offering information in the course catalogue.

## Intended learning outcomes

To give students theoretical and practical knowledge about the laser scanning measurement procedure, data processing and modelling.

- understand principle of terrestrial and airborne laser scanning
- know how and where to use the laser scanning technology
- plan and perform a terrestrial laser scanning project
- register point clouds taken from different stations
- georeference, segment and classify the point clouds
- fit geometrical primitives to point cloud
- create digital terrain model from LS data
- map the images (textures) onto point cloud
- create animated flythrough of the model
- publish the model on Google Earth

## Course contents

- Basic principles of laser scanners and electronic distance measurement
- Terrestrial and air-born laser scanning
- Metrological aspects: error analysis and calibration
- Transformation (registration) of multiple scans
- Different methods for geo-referencing of laser scanning data
- Basic principles of inertial navigation system, its combination with GPS and its use for georeferencing of airborne data
- Different methods for point cloud visualization
- Data processing and modeling

## Disposition

Lectures 20h

Laborations 48h

## Course literature

Jie Shan and Charles K. Toth (2009). Topographic Laser Ranging and Scanning Principles and Processing. CRC Press 2009, Print ISBN: 978-1-4200-5142-1, eBook ISBN: 978-1-4200-5143-8

HDS training manual.

## Examination

- LAB1 - Laboratory Work, 4.5 credits, grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F
- PRO1 - Project, 3.0 credits, grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Based on recommendation from KTH's coordinator for disabilities, the examiner will decide how to adapt an examination for students with documented disability.

The examiner may apply another examination format when re-examining individual students.

- LAB1 - Laboratory Work, 4.5 cr, grade scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F
- PRO1 - Project, 3.0 cr, grade scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

## Other requirements for final grade

Project work (PROJ; 4.5 cr)  
Approved lab reports (LAB1; 3 cr)

## Ethical approach

- All members of a group are responsible for the group's work.
- In any assessment, every student shall honestly disclose any help received and sources used.
- In an oral assessment, every student shall be able to present and answer questions about the entire assignment and solution.