



# AK204X Degree Project in Philosophy, Second Cycle 30.0 credits

Examensarbete inom filosofi, avancerad nivå

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 AK204X valid from Autumn 2007

## Grading scale

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

## Education cycle

Second cycle

## Main field of study

Built Environment

## Specific prerequisites

The master's thesis is a required course for the degree of master in the philosophy of technology. To be admitted to the course, the student should have completed at least 30 of the points from philosophy courses that are included in the master's programme, or have corresponding competence obtained elsewhere.

## Language of instruction

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

## Intended learning outcomes

The master's thesis is an individual study in an area of philosophy that is relevant for technology, technological or natural science, or mathematics. It should be an application of previously acquired knowledge in philosophy. It should develop the student's ability to work independently and provide training in philosophical methodology and in written and oral presentation.

## Course contents

Philosophy at KTH is focused on technology and the technological sciences. This is a broad area of research, since there are many and large overlaps between philosophy and technology. Epistemology, philosophy of science, decision theory, logic, and ethics are examples of philosophical subdiscipline in which issues related to technology are treated. Questions about the effects and the role of technology in society are also part of the subject.

Philosophy at KTH has a strong emphasis on cooperation with other disciplines. Conceptual analysis and other philosophical methods are combined with empirical knowledge that is obtained with methods from technological, natural, social, and behavioural sciences.

The master's thesis is written individually or jointly by two students. In the latter case the individual contributions should be clearly distinguishable. The time required by the individual student for completing the course corresponds to 20 weeks of full time study.

The subject of the master's thesis can be proposed by the student, by a teacher or by some external party. The student proposes a workplan. A supervisor is appointed no later than when the workplan has been accepted. The supervisor will be available for questions and discussions during the course of the thesis work.

The course should result in a thesis from which it can be seen that the student has been trained in scientific methodology and reporting.

## Course literature

Relevant kurslitteratur beroende på vald projektuppgift.

## Examination

- XUPP - Examination Question, 30.0 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.

## Other requirements for final grade

A written thesis that has passed the examination and been defended at a seminar 30 cr A-F.

## 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.