Programme syllabus

Degree Programme in Medical Engineering
Civilingenjörsutbildning i medicinsk teknik
300.0 credits

Valid for students admitted to the education from autumn 20 (HT - Autumn term; VT - Spring term).

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

Programme objectives

The programme should educate the future's engineers for work in the area where technology and medicine meet. A Master of Science in Engineering within Medical engineering will have the knowledge in order to, in different medical-technical situations, be able to both analyse and solve problems and think innovative.

With this knowledge and by learning how to use technology-scientific information sources, the education should provide a good basis for continued personal development and "lifelong learning" both within one's own and new subject areas.

Beyond the objectives which are specified in the Higher education ordinance, a Master of Science in Engineering who graduates from the programme in Medical Engineering, should show:

Knowledge and understanding

Deep knowledge within mathematics and natural science and technology within the chosen technical specialisation (second cycle level)

Deep knowledge within the field of medical engineering

Knowledge within anatomy, physiology, and medicine, and understanding for the health and medical care’s need of technical solutions

Knowledge of scientific tools in order to analyse, work with and evaluate facts as well as awareness about how knowledge is developed within natural science, technology and social science.

Skills and abilities
Ability to independently, as well as in a group, be able to convert knowledge and abilities into practical usage with regards to relevant scientific, professional, and social judgments and approaches

Ability to analyse, formulate and handle technical problems from a system perspective, with the starting point in the needs and function and also with regards to business related conditions, medical consideration and technology’s relationship with society.

Ability to communicate orally and in writing, in Swedish and English, with different target groups, especially within healthcare, on a level which is required for an international carrier.

**Ability to make judgements and adopt a standpoint**

Responsibility and appreciation for ethics with regards to technical, medical, economical, environmental, and society questions

Awareness about how one’s own personal values and approaches affect definitions and judgements of technical and medical problems

A critical approach to established methods and theories and to how knowledge is developed within natural science, technology and social science

Desire to follow and utilise knowledge development within the field of Medical engineering

**Extent and content of the programme**

The Master of Science programme in Medical Engineering is composed of 300 ECTS credits, which, at normal study rate, corresponds to 5 years of full-time study (10 semesters). The education entitles the student to a master's degree as well as a "civilingenjör" degree.

The education is conducted at 100% study rate during daytime.

The language of instruction, during the first three years of the programme is mainly Swedish; although English literature will be used. The concluding two years are taught in English.

The program has no specializations.

The first three years (180 ECTS credits) are on undergraduate level (1st cycle). The final two years (120 ECTS credits) the student follows a master programme, where the courses are mainly at the advanced level.(2nd cycle)

The academic year 2019/2020 the following Master programmes for a Degree of Master of Science in Medical Engineering are offered*:

* Medical Engineering
* Sports Technology
* Engineering Physics, Track Biomedical Physics
*The range of offered Master's programmes may be revised. An updated list of elective Master's programmes can be found on the KTH student web for each respective academic year. The master's programmes consist of courses mainly on advanced level.

**Eligibility and selection**

General admission requirements and special admission requirements must be fulfilled in order to be admitted: Mathematics 4, Physics 2 and Chemistry 1, with the lowest grade E.

**Implementation of the education**

**Structure of the education**

Most of the courses in the programme comprise 7.5 higher education credits, which are graded on a scale of A-E, F and Fx. The study year is normally divided into 4 study periods and, normally, two courses are taken in parallel every study period.

Current guidelines concerning study years, terms, study periods can be found in the KTH-handbook and the study handbook on the student web.

The programme is a started with an introduction course in engineering studies: Information technology and methodology. In order to provide an insight into the main area, two basic courses in medicine and medical technology are given. These courses are combined with mathematics, physics, programming, and introduction technology in order to provide the necessary mathematical and technical foundation for the continued studies. The technical specialisation is chosen before the Fall term in study year 2.

Furthermore the foundation is strengthened within the different course blocks. The student takes courses in medical technology, mathematics, physics, chemistry and technology parallel with studies within the technical specialisation which he/she has chosen. Courses within economy, ethics, and the environment complement the education by giving the professional profile which makes the student attractive for the industry market.

The first three years are concluded with a specialisation project/degree project for the bachelor’s degree comprising 15 higher education credits within the chosen technical area. After completing 180 higher education credits, the student can apply for a Bachelor’s degree if the degree requirements are fulfilled.

During study years 4-5, the deepening within medical technology and the chosen technical specialisation continues. The studies continue until the Master’s degree of 300 credits and study year 5 is concluded with a degree project of 30 higher education credits.

**Courses**

The programme is course-based. Lists of courses are included in [appendix 1](#).

**Grading system**
Courses in the first and the second cycle are graded on a scale from A to F. A-E are passing grades, A is the highest grade. The grades pass (P) and fail (F) are used for courses under certain circumstances.

Certain courses will be given at or in collaboration with Karolinska Insitutet. In these courses, the grades Pass and Fail may be used.

**Conditions for participation in the programme**

Participation requires admission to courses within the programme and course registration. Course registration is done via the personal menu at www.kth.se

**Conditions for further studies**

For students starting their education from the autumn semester 2018, previous promotion requirements have been replaced with special admission requirements to each course. Admission requirements are specified in the course syllabus.

**Requirements from first cycle to Master's programme:**

In order to be eligible for advanced level studies within the integrated Master of Science programmes at KTH, you are required to complete 150 ECTS credits from year one through three. Of these, 110 ECTS credits must be from the year 1 and 2 curriculum. In addition to these credits, the bachelor thesis needs to be completed before Master’s level studies commence.

Students who are lagging behind in their studies and do not meet the above requirements should, in consultation with the programme's Study Guidance, establish an individual study plan for the continuing studies.

It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that possible course prerequisites are fulfilled before the start of a new course. Information about prerequisites can be found in the respective course plans.

**Degree project**

The degree project is the final part of the education. The project work may begin when special admission requirements for the course are fulfilled.

Within the education there are requirements for the implementation of two degree project courses. The degree project in the first cycle comprises 15 higher education credits and the degree project in the second cycle comprises 30 higher education credits.

*For the degree project, the following apply:*

- It may be started after the assignment is approved by the examiner.
- It is based in the knowledge which has been acquired during the time of study and must normally be carried out during term 10.
- It must show proof of an independent work comprising theoretical and/or experimental work with a relevant written report and oral presentation.
- The instructor is appointed by the examiner.
**Degree**

In order to complete the Degree of Master of Science in Engineering, Degree Programme in Medical Engineering successfully, passing grades in all courses which are in the student’s study plan must be achieved. The study plan consists of the obligatory courses, the optional courses the student has chosen and the degree project work. The study plan must comprise at least 300 higher education credits, of which, 30 higher education credits are the degree project.

For more, see KTH’s local degree ordinance in the KTH-handbook

[Appendix 1 - Course list](#)  
[Appendix 2 - Programme syllabus descriptions](#)
Appendix 1: Course list

Degree Programme in Medical Engineering (CMEDT), Programme syllabus for studies starting in autumn 2020

General courses

Year 1

Mandatory courses (62.0 Credits)

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<td>Introduction to Biotechnology</td>
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<td>Programme Integrating course in Medical Engineering</td>
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<td>Electrical Principals and Measurement</td>
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<td>HI1024</td>
<td>Computer Programming, Basic Course</td>
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<td>HL1001</td>
<td>Basic Medicine</td>
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<td>HL1204</td>
<td>Thermodynamics, Basic Course</td>
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<td>SF1624</td>
<td>Algebra and Geometry</td>
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<td>Calculus in One Variable</td>
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<td>SF1626</td>
<td>Calculus in Several Variable</td>
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Optional courses

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<td>Introductory Course in Mathematics</td>
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Year 2

Mandatory courses (39.5 Credits)

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<td>HE1201</td>
<td>Business Economics and Entrepreneurship</td>
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HI1027  Object Oriented Programming  8.0 hp  First cycle
SF1923  Probability Theory and Statistics  6.0 hp  First cycle
SG1130  Mechanics I  9.0 hp  First cycle
SK1114  Electromagnetism and Waves  7.5 hp  First cycle

**Conditionally elective courses**

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<td>Analytical and Numerical Methods for Differential Equations</td>
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<td>SF1683</td>
<td>Differential Equations and Transforms</td>
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**Supplementary information**

Besides the listed courses below, new courses will also be included in the curriculum:

- Medical instrumentation 7.5 hp
- Medical imaging systems 7.5 hp, of which 3.5 hp in year 2
- Medical engineering, laboratory experience 5 hp, of which 2.5 hp in year 2

This information is based on the course list that is valid for the academic year 2020/21 and changes may occur.

**Information regarding conditionally elective courses**

On of the conditionally elective courses should be taken

**Year 3**

**Mandatory courses (40.5 Credits)**

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<td>Modern Physics</td>
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**Supplementary information**

Besides the listed courses below, new courses will also be included in the curriculum:

- Medical imaging systems 7.5 hp, of which 4.0 hp in year 3
- Medical engineering, laboratory experience 5 hp, of which 2.5 hp in year 3
The 3rd year also include 15 elective credits.

This information is based on the course list that is valid for the academic year 2020/21 and changes may occur.
Appendix 2: Specialisations

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This programme has no specialisations.