Programme syllabus

Degree Programme in Engineering Chemistry  
Civilingenjörsutbildning i teknisk kemi  
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

Knowledge and understanding

To obtain a Degree of Master of Science in Engineering Chemistry the student shall:

- Display knowledge of the importance of chemical, thermo dynamic and kinetic aspects of chemical reactions and processes.
- be able to apply knowledge of mathematics, numerical analysis and other natural sciences in the field of chemistry and chemical engineering.
- display advanced knowledge within a chemical or chemical engineering field, as well as insight into current research and development work.

Skills and abilities

To obtain a Degree of Master of Science in Engineering Chemistry the student shall:

- display skill in developing chemical products and design, run and control processes by applying a systematic thinking that includes the consideration of raw materials, energy, safety, environment, economy, human preconditions and needs, as well as societal goals concerning sustainable development.
- display skill in identifying, formulating and solving contemporary real problems found within industry, society and research, taking into account technical possibilities and limitations as well as formulating problems from a sustainable perspective.
- display skill in assessing the feasibility of derived solutions as well as comparing and evaluating alternative solutions.
- display experimental skills and knowledge concerning safe and environmentally correct handling of chemicals, as well as the ability, on a micro scale, laboratory scale and larger scale, to plan, carry out and assess experiments.
• display skill in utilising computer tools for simulation, modelling, technical calculation and information retrieval.
• display skill in presenting and discussing ideas and results, verbally and in writing, in Swedish and in English, with persons both with and without backgrounds in technical or natural sciences.
• display skill in efficiently working, planning and implementing projects, individually or as part of a group within given parameters.

Ability to make judgements and adopt a standpoint

To obtain a Degree of Master of Science in Engineering Chemistry the student shall:

• display the ability to critically review literature and techniques in areas related to chemistry and chemical engineering.
• display the ability to adopt a standpoint concerning ethical issues in the professional field.
• display an understanding of the fact that chemical and chemical engineering problems can be complex, insufficiently defined and may contain conflicting conditions, and also incorporate social, financial, business-related, environmental or work environment-related aspects.
• display the sufficient basic knowledge to be able to quickly acquire knowledge in new areas and to be able to apply new findings to the development and renewal of chemical products and chemical engineering processes.

Extent and content of the programme

The Engineering Chemistry Master's programme represents 300 higher education credits which, given a normal study pace, corresponds to 5 years of full-time studies (10 semesters). The first three years (180 credits) of the programme are on a first-cycle level, and finish with a thesis for a Degree of Bachelor of Science. The two final years (120 credits) are carried out in one of the second-cycle level Master's programmes that can be chosen in the Degree programme in Engineering Chemistry and lead to a Degree of Master of Science in Engineering Chemistry within the chosen programme see list below for the Master's programmes that can be chosen;

• Molecular Science and Engineering
• Chemical Engineering for Energy and the Environment
• Macromolecular Materials
• Industrial and Environmental Biotechnology
• Medical Biotechnology

* The range of offered Master's programmes may be revised. An updated list of Master's programmes can be found on the KTH student web for each respective academic year.

Reference to KTH guidelines (KTHs regulations), local degree ordinance for degrees at first cycle and advanced cycle see www.kth.se

Teaching language

The main teaching language for the first three years of the programme is Swedish, but English literature is often used. The final two years are in English. The language a course is being taught in is specified in the course syllabus found on the KTH student web.
Eligibility and selection

For admission to the Degree programme in Engineering Chemistry, the following entry requirements must be met:

General eligibility for university studies in Sweden, i.e. completed upper secondary education including documented proficiency in Swedish corresponding to Swedish 3 / Swedish as second language 3 and English corresponding to English 6

Upper-secondary education before 1 July 2011 and upper-secondary adult education before 1 July 2012
Field-specific entry requirement 9 * . Specific entry requirements: Mathematics E, Physics B, chemistry A. Each subject requires a grade of Pass or 3.

Upper-secondary school from 1 July 2011 and upper-secondary adult education from 1 July 2012 (Gy2011)
Field-specific entry requirement A9. Specific entry requirements: Physics 2, Chemistry 1 and Mathematics 4. Each subject requires at least a Pass grade.

For entry requirements and selection principles see the KTH admission procedure, at www.kth.se.

Implementation of the education

Structure of the education

The academic year for first-cycle education at KTH is divided into four periods. For details about the structure of the academic year see; "student at kth/timetables" at www.kth.se.

Study years 1-3, first-cycle level, study years 4-5 advanced level
The programme syllabus for the Degree programme in Engineering Chemistry consists of the compulsory basic courses in study year 1-3 at undergraduate level and of a Master programme (second-cycle level) study year 4 and 5, which ends with a thesis of 30 credits.

Study year 1 and 2 consists of first-cycle level courses in mathematics, physics, chemistry and chemical engineering. Study year 3 contains both applied chemical engineering subjects and basic courses, and includes a course specific to the programme in engineering for sustainable development with the involvement of industry. During the first years of the programme, leadership, economy and career planning are also integrated into the studies.

In study year 2 and 3, you have to study two of the four conditionally elective courses. The conditionally elective courses are

KD1270 Organic Chemistry, Basic Concepts and Practice 2, can be study during study year 2 or 3
KE1185 Chemical Engineering Systems, only in study year 3
language course, in study year 2 or 3
language course, in study year 3
The above can also be taken as elective courses in the Master programs given by the School of Chemical Science and Engineering. In addition to these courses are 7.5 credits free elective credits that can be study in year 2 or 3, depending on how the conditionally elective courses are taken.

**NOTE:** if you are going to study the master program Industrial and environmental biotechnology or Medical biotechnology you must replace one of the conditionally elective courses above or use the free elective credits and study the course BB1190 Gene Technology in study year 3.

**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.

**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

Starting from year 1, the student is responsible for applying to the courses that they wish to take in the upcoming semester. This applies to compulsory, conditionally elective, recommended and elective courses that are part of the Bachelor/Master's programmes in Engineering.

Applications for admission to a course should be submitted

- 1-15 May for autumn semesters
- 1-15 November for spring semesters

with student kth.se account via universityadmissions.se

Before applying for admission to a language course, a test concerning level placement should be conducted.

Registration in a course is done via "personal menu". A student who has registered, but has decided not to proceed with a course, should inform the school offering the course of this as soon as possible.

In order to be eligible for advanced level studies within the integrated Master of Science programmes at KTH, you a rerequired 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. In addition to the general requirements, special admission requirements apply to each master program.

**Degree project**
Thesis, first-cycle level
The programme includes a thesis for a Degree of Bachelor of Science in year 3, which is a course worth 15 credits.

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

Thesis, second-cycle level
The programme includes a thesis for the Degree of Master of Science in Engineering/Degree of Master of Science which corresponds to 30 credits.

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

A second-cycle thesis for the Degree of Master of Science in Engineering Chemistry can be conducted in the following thesis subjects:
Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Fibre and Polymer Technology or Biotechnology.
Other thesis subjects may be permitted following an application for permission addressed to the Head of first-cycle education. For more information contact the Education Office of the Engineering Sciences in Chemistry, Biotechnology and Health.

Degree

Applying for a degree
To obtain a Degree of Master of Science in Engineering, Degree Programme in Engineering Chemistry (civilingenjörsexamen i Teknisk kemi), a student is required to have a Pass grade in courses totalling 300 credits including one of the five Master's programmes: Molecular Science and Engineering, Chemical Engineering for Energy and the Environment, Macromolecular Materials, Industrial and Environmental Biotechnology or Medical Biotechnology.

The 300 credits should include:

1. First-cycle level thesis, 15 credits,
3. Mathematical or natural science subjects of at least 45 credits and a minimum of an additional 180 credits (including a 30 credit thesis) in subjects central to the field of technology.
4. At least 90 credits at the second-cycle level, of which at least 60 credits (including a 30 credit thesis) are in subjects central to the field of technology, i.e., Chemical Science and Engineering.

Degree of Bachelor of Science
The first three years will give the student opportunities to be awarded a Degree of Bachelor of Science (kandidatexamen). The programme is designed so that the student, having earned their degree, meets the national examination requirements and has completed courses of 180 credits including

- A first-cycle level thesis of 15 credits.
- Mathematical or natural science subjects of at least 25 credits.
- At least 90 credits (including a 15 credit joint thesis) of gradually more in-depth studies in the programme's main area.
A Degree of Master of Science is awarded after finishing the programme. The programme is designed so that the student, having earned their degree, meets the national examination requirements and has completed courses of 120 credits, including

- At least 90 credits at a second-cycle level, of which at least 60 credits (including a 30 credit thesis) are from gradually more in-depth studies in the programme's main area.

For further information see; "Local regulation for qualifications at first and second cycle" at www.kth.se

Appendix 1 - Course list
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Appendix 1: Course list

Degree Programme in Engineering Chemistry (CTKEM), Programme syllabus for studies starting in autumn 2020

General courses

Year 1

Mandatory courses (65.0 Credits)

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<td>Calculus in One Variable</td>
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Optional courses

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<td>Introductory Course in Mathematics</td>
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Supplementary information

Study year 1 consists of mandatory courses.

Year 2

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<td>Differential Equations I</td>
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<td>SK1151</td>
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**Conditionally elective courses**

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**Supplementary information**

This is a preliminary list of courses for study year 2 for those who started the program 2020. There might be changes.

In study year 2 you have to study mandatory courses and a conditionally elective course.

NOTE: if you are going to study the master program Industrial and environmental biotechnology or Medical biotechnology you must replace one of the conditionally elective courses above or use the free elective credits and study the course BB1190 Gene Technology in study year 3, period 4.

You must study KD1270 Organic Chemistry, basic concepts and practice 2 as one of the conditionally elective courses during study year 2 or study year 3 period 4 or use the free elective credits at the master program to be eligible to take the course KD2310 Advanced Organic Chemistry.

**Information regarding conditionally elective courses**

KD1270 Organic Chemistry, Basic Concepts and Practice 2 (can be study during study year 2 or 3)

Language course

**Year 3**

**Mandatory courses (45.0 Credits)**

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<td>Degree Project in Engineering Chemistry, First Cycle</td>
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KE1175  Chemical Process Engineering  6.0 hp  First cycle
KF1165  Materials Chemistry and Properties  9.0 hp  First cycle
ME2016  Project Management: Leadership and Control  6.0 hp  Second cycle
SF1521  Numerical Methods and Basic Programming, Part 2  3.0 hp  First cycle

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<td>KE1185</td>
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Recommended courses

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Supplementary information

This is a preliminary list of courses for study year 3 for those who started the program 2018. There might be changes.

In study year 3, you have to study mandatory courses, a conditionally elective course and an elective course. The study year concludes with a degree project, first level

NOTE: if you are going to study the master program Industrial and environmental biotechnology or Medical biotechnology you must replace one of the conditionally elective courses above or use the free elective credits and study the course BB1190 Gene Technology in study year 3.

You must study KD1270 Organic Chemistry, basic concepts and practice 2 as one of the conditionally elective courses during study year 2 or 3 period 4 or use the free elective credits at the master program to be eligible to take the course KD2310 Advanced Organic Chemistry.

Information regarding conditionally elective courses

KD1270 Organic Chemistry, Basic Concepts and Practice 2 (can be study during study year 2 or 3)
KE1185 Chemical Engineering Systems (only in study year 3)
Language course (in study year 2 and 3)

Year 4

Supplementary information

During study year 4 and 5 one of the five Masters programme should be taken:
Master Programme - Chemical Engineering for Energy and the Environment, TKEMM

Master Programme - Macromolecular Materials, TMMMM

Master Programme - Molecular Science and Engineering, TMVTM

Master Programme - Industrial and Environmental Biotechnology, TIMBM
To study the above master programme you should have read
- BB1190 Gene Technology (7.5 credits), study year 3, period 4, as an elective course.
Courses which are mandatory for students from CTKEM;
- BB1030 Microbiology (9 credits), period 3
- BB1300 Cultivation Technology (7.5 credits), period 1

Master Programme - Medical Biotechnology, TMBIM
To study the above master programme you should have read
- BB1190 Gene Technology (7.5 credits), study year 3, Period 4, as an optional course.
Courses which are mandatory for students from CTKEM;
- BB1030 Microbiology (9 credits), period 3
- BB1160 Eucaryotic Cell Biology (7.5 hp), period 2

For more detailed information about the programme, see student at kth/course and programme directory at www.kth.se

Year 5

Supplementary information

During study year 4 and 5 one of the five Masters programme should be taken:

Master Programme - Chemical Engineering for Energy and the Environment, TKEMM

Master Programme - Macromolecular Materials, TMMMM

Master Programme - Molecular Science and Engineering, TMVTM

Master Programme - Industrial and Environmental Biotechnology, TIMBM
To study the above master programme you should have read
- BB1190 Gene Technology (7.5 credits), study year 3, period 4, as an elective course.
Courses which are mandatory for students from CTKEM;
- BB1030 Microbiology (9 credits), period 3
- BB1300 Cultivation Technology (7.5 credits), period 1

Master Programme - Medical Biotechnology, TMBIM
To study the above master programme you should have read
- BB1190 Gene Technology (7.5 credits), study year 3, Period 4, as an optional course.
Courses which are mandatory for students from CTKEM;
- BB1030 Microbiology (9 credits), period 3
- BB1160 Eucaryotic Cell Biology (7.5 hp), period 2
For more detailed information about the programme, see student at kth/ course and programme directory at www.kth.se

Study year 5 ends with a degree project, second level, 30 credits.
Appendix 2: Specialisations

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This programme has no specialisations.