Programme syllabus

Master's Programme, Environmental Engineering and Sustainable Infrastructure, 120 credits
Masterprogram, hållbar miljöteknik och infrastruktur
120.0 credits

Valid for students admitted to the education from spring 09 (HT - Autumn term; VT - Spring term).

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

Programme objectives

Knowledge and understanding

The Master’s Programme in Environmental Engineering and Sustainable Infrastructure (EESI) will provide students with a qualified basis for analysis and resolution of environmental problems from a technical, environmental and managerial point of view. The problems treated are related to water and land use, natural hazards and climate change, pollution and contamination issues and sustainable infrastructure remediation and treatment solutions and methods. Courses emphasize the environmental management aspect of natural resources, physical infrastructure and housing. The scope of EESI is international and multicultural.

Skills and abilities

The student will be exposed to advanced methods and techniques to identify, describe, quantify and solve environmental problems with an engineering approach. The methods and techniques of urban and regional development, which are covered, are those that incorporate the demands of environmental protection, and sustainability of development agendas at local and global levels. After completing the programme the student should have strong skills of communication, be able to provide leadership in their area of work based on the fact that they have an understanding of how different professions work and perceive issues.

Ability to make judgements and adopt a standpoint

Students will increase their understanding of the functioning of the ecosystems, learn how to access local and global environmental impacts of human activities, and investigate how to modify them via physical, bio-chemical and policy interventions.

Extent and content of the programme

The duration of the programme is two years which correspond to three semesters of course work (90 credits) and one semester (30 credits) of Degree project. The education is at the advanced level. The literature and all other course material are in English, which also is the teaching language.

The curriculum reflects the interdisciplinary nature of the programme that provides students with a profound knowledge on sustainable development strategies through a meeting between natural and social science.

The programme offers two specialization tracks, Environmental Engineering and Sustainable Infrastructure. The two tracks represent two separate professional competences where the former focuses attention on the analytical tools for environmental management pertaining to natural sciences. Sustainable Infrastructure gives emphasis to analytical and conceptual frameworks for sustainable development on a local, national and global level. In practice these two
professional specializations are interconnected as Sustainable Infrastructure refers to the societal context of sustainability strategies while Environmental Engineering relates to the professional expertise that provides scientific knowledge for these sustainability strategies. By merging these professional competences into one programme, graduates acquire a comprehensive understanding of the interaction between societal and natural processes that affect environment, the actors involved, and the social, economic and environment determinants that contribute to the development of a sustainable society.

**Eligibility and selection**

*General admission requirements*

The general admission requirements are the same for all programmes General admission requirements (http://www.kth.se/studies/master/application?l=en)

*Specific admission requirements*

The specific requirements may be assessed as not fulfilled if

1. the average grade is in the lower third on the grading scale used (above pass level)
2. the degree awarding institution is not considered to meet acceptable quality standards by the authorities of the country in which the institution is located
3. the degree does not qualify for admission to equivalent Master level in the country where the degree is awarded

The specific admission requirement for the Master’s programme Environmental Engineering and Sustainable Infrastructure is a Bachelor degree in the field of architecture, civil engineering or social science relevant to the scope of the programme.

The selection process for the programme is based on a total evaluation of the following selection criteria: GPA, course work related to the programme, thesis proposal, motivation letter, working experiences and references.

**Implementation of the education**

*Structure of the education*

The academic year covers 40 weeks, starting in September divided into two terms, which each consists of two study periods (KTH-Handbook 2, Flap 4.2). Each study period concludes with a regular examination period of at least one week.

The first term starts with a common introduction for both specialization tracks, consisting of two courses, Environment Impact Assessment and Political Economy for Planners. These courses should provide the fundamental understanding and concepts of the societal need and demand for an integrated and sustainable approach to environmental problems.

In the second period primary courses are offered which provide basic knowledge for the specializations. The third and fourth period the first year comprise courses that provide students with deeper knowledge and skills in the specialization tracks. Some of the courses are elective for both specializations.

The second year two compulsory project courses are offered, one for the student with the specialisation in Environmental Engineering and one with for the specialisation in Sustainable Infrastructure. These courses will synthesize and apply the knowledge achieved in the two first semesters by studying a selected problem complex in project form. The project courses will be supported by a compulsory course in Philosophy of Science and Methodology and courses associated to each project theme.

The final term is devoted to the writing of a compulsory Degree Project. A maximum of two conditionally elective courses may be selected from other relevant master’s programme courses available at KTH after application to the vice dean of education.

**Courses**

The programme is course-based. Lists of courses are included in appendix 1.
The programme is course-based, and multitude pedagogic forms are applied, ranging from lectures, seminars, individual assignments, group works to integrated projects. Within the programme three courses (22.5 hp) are offered that are mandatory for all students and that provide a common expertise for students in both specializations. In addition, a sequence of core courses (60hp) is offered which allows students to acquire professional skills in their specialization.

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

Students who have been admitted to the programme have to attend the registration meeting in order to enroll for the programme. If a student is not able to attend the registration meeting for reasons beyond his/her control he/she should register not later than two weeks after the start of the courses. The second period in year 1 offer (conditionally) elective courses and the course selection lead to one of the two specialisations due to prerequisites in later courses. Information will be supplied during period 1 about the contents of the courses. Students should inform the Master administrator on their choice before a defined date. After registration in the programme students will be registered for term 1 and 2.

For registration in term 3 students should have completed at least 45hp. For registration in term 4 students should have completed at least 67.5 hp of the compulsory courses.

Through signing the attendance list during the first week of the course, students will be registered for the course. If a student for reasons beyond his/her control is not able to attend during the first week he/she has to contact the course administrator.

Recognition of previous academic studies

The Royal Institute of Technology has a policy for recognising previous academic studies. The decision on recognising documented results from similar education at other universities is taken by the vice dean of education at the School of Architecture and the Built Environment upon application by the student.

Studies abroad

The programme offers no opportunities for studies abroad except for the Master’s Degree project where the student can choose to carry out a study at an organization outside Sweden. However, the School of Architecture and the Built Environment has no resources to provide support so the student should make such arrangements.

Degree project

The Degree project comprises 30hp and provides students with the opportunity to investigate a problem in depth under the supervision of experienced practitioners and researchers.

For registration of the degree project students should have completed at least 67.5 hp of the compulsory courses.

If a student intends to carry out a Degree project within another field of studies, he/she should apply for exemption from the vice dean of education. The Degree project is graded on a scale A-F, where A-E are passing grades with A as the highest grade. The prerequisite for starting the degree project is completed courses corresponding to 60 credits.

Degree

Students who have fulfilled all course requirements in the Master's programme (120 ECTS) will be awarded a "Teknologie masterexamen", translated into English as "Degree of Master of Science (two years)". An application for the degree certificate should be submitted to the Master administrator, together with a copy of a student union card, copy of receipts or a certificate from the student union office, and an attested photocopy of the previous university degree (B.Sc. or a B. Eng, or equivalent). The degree certificate will be mailed to the student’s permanent address by registered mail.

Please note that this degree do not correspond to the Swedish degree "Civilingenjör".
Appendix 1: Course list

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**General courses**

**Year 1**

**Mandatory courses (15.0 credits)**

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<td>Political Economy for Environmental Planners</td>
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**Conditionally elective courses**

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<td>Environmental Measuring and Monitoring</td>
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<td>Water and Waste Handling</td>
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<td>Environmental Geology</td>
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<td>Sustainable Rural and Urban Development</td>
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<td>Sustainable Urbanism and Green Metropolitan City Regions</td>
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<td>Human Settlements and Housing</td>
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<td>AI2509</td>
<td>Management of Land and Water</td>
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Supplementary information
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Year 2

Sustainable Infrastructure (HI)

Year 1

Year 2

Conditionally elective courses

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Environmental Engineering (MT)

Year 1

Year 2

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<td>Degree Project in Hydraulic Engineering, Second Cycle</td>
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Appendix 2: Specialisations

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**Sustainable Infrastructure (HI)**

Emphasise the analytical and conceptual frameworks for sustainable development on local, national and global level. It refers to the societal context of sustainable strategies.

**Environmental Engineering (MT)**

Focuses attention on analytical tools for environmental management pertaining to natural sciences.

Information about compulsory courses for each specialisation is found in the Excel sheet “Course overview” at the link: http://www.kth.se/studies/master/programmes/abe/2.1572?l=en