Programme objectives

Vehicle Engineering is a broad subject of engineering science driven by an ever increasing degree of mobility in the world. Transport, however, has to face the challenge to minimise the environmental impact it causes. New technical solutions are therefore needed in the future to make a transition to sustainable road and rail transport.

The objective of this programme is to educate engineers for a global industry, administrations and research institutions active in this area. It is a joint effort by several KTH departments, providing leading expertise in their respective areas of research. The Department of Aeronautical and Vehicle Engineering coordinates the programme and provides about half of the courses.

Knowledge and understanding

A Master of Science in Vehicle Engineering shall be competitive on an international market and will have:

- deep knowledge and understanding in the chosen field of technology and proven experience.
- deeper methodological knowledge, including the ability to apply theoretical knowledge on engineering problems.
- as well as deeper insight into current program of research development.

Skills and abilities

A Master of Science in Vehicle Engineering will have:

- ability to with a holistic view critically, independently and creatively identify, formulate and manage complex problems.
• an ability to create, analyze and critically evaluate different technical solutions.

• an ability to plan and use appropriate methods, carry out advanced tasks within a given framework and evaluate this work.

• the skill required to participate in research and development work or to work independently in other qualified areas and thereby contribute to knowledge development.

• the capacity for teamwork and collaboration in groups with different composition.

• an ability to both in national and international groups, orally and in writing clearly explain and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and the arguments underlying these.

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

A Master of Science in Vehicle Engineering will:

• have an ability to make judgments with regard to relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects, and demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development.

• show insight regarding the possibilities and limitations of engineering science and its role in the society.

• be able to identify the need for further knowledge and take responsibility for keeping personal knowledge up to date.

Complete information on the degree requirements can be found in the local degree policy of KTH, see [http://intra.kth.se/regelverk/utbildning-forskning/grundutbildning/examina](http://intra.kth.se/regelverk/utbildning-forskning/grundutbildning/examina)

**Extent and content of the programme**

Vehicle Engineering is a two-year (120 university credits) master programme on the advanced level (second cycle). The instruction language is entirely English. After a short introductory part the programme consists of two basic specializations, i.e. road vehicles and rail vehicles. See Appendix 2 for a description of the specializations.

**Eligibility and selection**

**General eligibility requirements**

A completed Bachelor's degree, corresponding to a Swedish Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS), or equivalent academic qualifications from an internationally recognized university. Students in their final year of undergraduate education may also apply to KTH and if qualified, receive a conditional acceptance.

The general requirements are the same for all master programmes at KTH:

Specific eligibility requirements

A good knowledge of written and spoken English is required. Applicants must provide proof of their proficiency in English, e.g. reporting his/her TOEFL test score (Teaching Of English as a Foreign Language).

For more information see: http://www.kth.se/studies/programmes/master/admission?l=en

The applicant must have a basic degree, Bachelor's or similar, from a vehicle, mechanical engineering, or similar programme with sufficient theoretical depth and good academic results. Course work must include linear algebra, differential and integral calculus, differential equations, transforms, numerical analysis, rigid body mechanics, solid mechanics, fluid mechanics, thermodynamics and control theory.

The specific requirements may be assessed as not fulfilled if:

- the grade point average is below 75 % of the scale maximum.
- the total points of mathematics is lower than 25 ECTS (including linear algebra, differential and integral calculus, differential equations, transforms, numerical analysis)

It is recommended but not required to have some previous knowledge in MATLAB/Simulink or similar software.

Selection process

The selection process is based on a total evaluation of the following criteria: University, Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA), relevant course work, relevant work experience and motivation to study.

The evaluation scale is 1-75.

Implementation of the education

Structure of the education

The academic year at KTH, starting in early September and ending in late May, is divided into four study periods. Each period lasts approximately seven weeks with at least 33 days of study. Each period is followed by an exam period. The academic year has a duration of 40 weeks. Teaching activities may, if necessary, be scheduled outside the academic year.

Courses

The programme is course-based. Lists of courses are included in appendix 1.

There are a few compulsory courses in common for all students and then the compulsory courses depend on the chosen specialization; road or rail. The description of the two specializations can be found in Appendix 2. In totally the basic curriculum corresponds to 55.5 (road) / 52 (rail) credits (excluding the degree project of 30 credits).

In order to create a own profile of the education the students shall then choose conditional compulsory courses from the specified course list in Appendix 1, so together with the courses from the basic
curriculum the sum of university credits is at least 75 credits (excluding the degree project of 30 credits). This leaves about 15 credits for optional (elective) courses.

**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**

No later than November 15 and May 15 each academic year, respectively, the students are required to make a study registration and course selection for the coming semester. In order for the student to be promoted to the second year of the programme, at least 45 university credits have to be completed during the first academic year (including the re-examination period in August).

Students have to make a decision about the track (specialization) into road or rail vehicles in the very beginning of the programme. The programme director will inform about the different options during the reception at KTH.

**Recognition of previous academic studies**

Under certain circumstances, and in agreement with the programme director, credits for previous studies can be received according to the local policy of KTH, see


**Degree project**

Students admitted to the programme are required to perform an independent study in the form of a MSc thesis project corresponding to 30 university credits. To begin the thesis project, a student must have completed at least 60 university credits of the total course work of which at least four of the seven compulsory courses in the track (including the three common compulsory courses).

The purpose of the thesis project is that the student should demonstrate the ability to perform independent project work, using and developing the skills obtained from the courses in the programme. The thesis project can either be performed at a university or, more commonly, at a company. The student must actively search for a suitable thesis project in industry; however KTH will provide some assistance with information on suitable points of contact. More information on the KTH policy on the degree project can be found at http://intra.kth.se/regelverk/utbildning-forskning/grundutbildning/examensarbete

**Degree**

Students who fulfill all the requirements will be awarded a Degree of Master of Science (two years, 120 university credits). Students must apply for the degree and also show proof of their basic degree (Bachelor's or similar). Complete information on the degree requirements can be found in the local degree policy of KTH, see http://intra.kth.se/regelverk/utbildning-forskning/grundutbildning/examina.
The application form for the degree is found at the personal menu at www.kth.se.

Appendix 1 - Course list
Appendix 2 - Programme syllabus descriptions
# Appendix 1: Course list

Master's Programme, Vehicle Engineering, 120 credits (TFORM), Programme syllabus for studies starting in autumn 2015

## General courses

### Year 1

**Mandatory courses (8.0 Credits)**

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SG2214  Fluid Mechanics                    7.5 hp  Second cycle

Supplementary information

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Track, Automotive (FORA)

Year 1

Mandatory courses (32.5 Credits)
### Course code | Course name | Credits | Edu. level  
--- | --- | --- | ---  
EJ2410 | Hybrid Vehicle Drives | 7.5 hp | Second cycle  
MF2047 | Internal Combustion Engines 1 | 6.0 hp | Second cycle  
SD2222 | Vehicle Components | 8.0 hp | Second cycle  
SD2225 | Ground Vehicle Dynamics, Basic Course | 11.0 hp | Second cycle  

**Year 2**

### Mandatory courses (13.5 Credits)

| Course code | Course name | Credits | Edu. level  
--- | --- | --- | ---  
EJ2410 | Hybrid Vehicle Drives | 7.5 hp | Second cycle  
MF2047 | Internal Combustion Engines 1 | 6.0 hp | Second cycle  

**Track, Railway (FORB)**

### Year 1

### Mandatory courses (21.5 Credits)

| Course code | Course name | Credits | Edu. level  
--- | --- | --- | ---  
EJ2400 | Electric Traction | 6.0 hp | Second cycle  
SD2307 | Rail Vehicle Technology | 7.5 hp | Second cycle  
SD2313 | Rail Vehicle Dynamics | 8.0 hp | Second cycle  

### Year 2

### Mandatory courses (7.5 Credits)

| Course code | Course name | Credits | Edu. level  
--- | --- | --- | ---  
AH2026 | Railway Traffic - Market and Planning, Basic Course | 7.5 hp | Second cycle  

Appendix 2: Specialisations

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Track, Automotive (FORA)

The road vehicle specialization includes all types of road vehicles with main focus on cars, trucks and buses. The specialization gives a basic knowledge of vehicle components and their functionality including modeling, validation and analysis. Furthermore, it also gives a deeper knowledge on how to model, simulate, measure and evaluate the dynamic behavior of road vehicles.

Track, Railway (FORB)

In the rail vehicle specialization the system aspect is very important, since the different parts of a railway system like vehicle, track, electrification system and signalling system strongly influence each other. Besides a broad overview on all aspects of railway traffic, dynamic vehicle-track interaction is one of the focus areas.