Programme syllabus

Degree Programme in Medical Technology
Högskoleingenjörsutbildning i medicinsk teknik
180.0 credits

Valid for students admitted to the education from autumn 19 (HT - Autumn term; VT - Spring term).

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

Programme objectives

The education program Medical engineering is an interdisciplinary program that is carried out in close cooperation with Karolinska Institutet (KI). In this program, the same basic technical and scientific courses as in the program Electrical engineering is studied, but instead of taking advanced courses the student broadens his/her education by taking courses in anatomy, physiology and medical engineering, like Medical Measurement and Monitoring, Medical Imaging Systems and Clinical Engineering.

The aim is to educate engineers that have both basic medical and technical knowledge and thereby can be a link between the industry and physicians and health-care personnel, either at the hospitals or in the industry that produces medical engineering equipment for example with operation, purchase, maintenance, development or education.

With this knowledge and by learning to use technical and scientific sources of information the education program should give good basis for continued personal development and the "lifelong learning" both within the own and within new subject areas.

In addition to the aims that are specified in The Higher Education Ordinance should an engineer that has been examined from Medical engineering at KTH show:

Knowledge and understanding

- basic knowledge within computer technology/software development and electronics and understanding basic concept within the medical field
- knowledge of the organisation and conditions of the care and relevant legislation
- broad knowledge and in certain areas advanced knowledge within medical technology
- basic knowledge in mathematics and ability to critically and systematically use knowledge to modulate, simulate or evaluate developments on the basis of relevant information.

Skills and abilities

- ability to independently identify, formulate and solve problems
- ability to handle and shape products, processes and system from both technical, ethical and economical aspects
- ability to work in multicultural and multi-disciplinary project groups consisting of engineers as well as non-engineers and be able to communicate his/her results

Ability to make judgements and adopt a standpoint

- knowledge of products and the design of systems to be best adapted to man's wish and needs and considering environmental aspects
- responsibility and feeling for ethics regarding technical, medical, economical, environmental and social issues.
consciousness about how own personal values and positions influence definition and assessments of technical and medical problems

**Extent and content of the programme**

The education comprises 180 credits, which corresponds to 3 years' full-time studies. The education is for first-cycle studies. The teaching is almost entirely in Swedish, but a large part of the course literature and occasional lectures are in English.

**Eligibility and selection**

To study at the BSc programme in Medical Technology, the general entry requirements for higher education apply. In addition the following specific entry requirements apply: Field-specific entry requirement A8 (Physics 2, Chemistry 1, Mathematics 3c). Other studies or professional experience are assessed based on the prior knowledge required. Otherwise refer to the KTH admission regulations in the KTH regulatory framework, www.kth.se

**Implementation of the education**

**Structure of the education**

Most of the courses in the program comprise 7,5 credits and are is graded in a grading scale with seven steps A-E, F and Fx. The academic year is normally divided into 4 study periods, and usually two courses are taken in parallel in each study period. Teaching - like the examination formats vary from course to course. Normally, a part of the course consists of lectures that give a first contact with concept and theories. Practical assignments and laboratory sessions reinforce the understanding of the theoretical relationships. Project work according to model from the industry has an essential role in the education. Here, training is given in how to in groups take on reality based assignments in an engineering way.

To create a whole in the education, the connection between the courses is emphasised, both within each school year and between the school years. The education is completed during last the semester with a degree project that most often is carried out with an employer outside the school.

**Semester 1**

The education is organised so that one starts with taking one semester of medical courses i.e. Biological chemistry and Anatomy, physiology and pathology. These courses are taught by teachers from Karolinska Institutet and are given in Flemingsberg. In parallel with these the course Engineering and Information Skills is taken. The course gives the basic engineering tools such as computer science, presentation technique and information retrieval. In the course the students may also test to work in project form by in small groups finding as much facts as possible about a medical engineering device or method and then present these in writing and orally.

**Semester 2 and 3**

The following two the semesters mathematics and basic engineering courses like circuit theory and programming are studied. These courses should give a solid technical basis and give understanding of the technical part of medical engineering. These courses are given in Haninge.

**Semester 4, 5 and 6**

The last three semesters advanced courses in electrical engineering as well as control systems and EMC-electronics are studied. The later course should give understanding of the influence of electronic devices from and on the surrounding environment. In the project course Electronic design, the student may apply his/her electronic and computer skills by carrying out a practical design. One also reads the four Medical engineering courses Technology in Intensive Care and Surgery, Medical Measurement and Monitoring, Medical Imaging Systems and Clinical Engineering. In these courses,
the student comes in contact with more specific applications of electronics. Examples of measurement applications are ECG, EEG and ultrasound and examples of imaging systems are X-ray, MRI and PET-scanning. The last semester also contains an elective course that can be used to advanced studies within some computer, electronic or medical engineering field or to acquire entry requirements for higher studies on master's level.

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

Course registration

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

It is the student's responsibility to make sure that possible prerequisites from earlier courses within the education program have been achieved. Information about entry requirements can be found in the course syllabus for each course.

Recognition of previous academic studies

According to the Swedish Higher Education Ordinance, a student who has gone through certain first-cycle study courses and study programmes with a passing result has the right to have such credit recognised for a corresponding course of education at another institution of higher education. The Director of Undergraduate Studies (Grundutbildningsansvarig) will make the decisions concerning recognition of entire or parts of courses. The application for recognition should be submitted to the programme office using the form intended for that purpose.

Studies abroad

Students at the School for technology and health (STH) have the opportunity to locate an academic year of studies at a foreign higher education institution that KTH cooperates with, without needing to pay the course fees that otherwise are needed for foreign students. Exchange studies can take place during the third school year. It is also possible to carry out the degree project abroad. Information about studies abroad is given by the administrator for internationalisation who also informs about current dates for application. Application forms can be received from the student counsellor. The studies abroad can after assessment be included as a part of the bachelor degree in medical engineering. The outgoing student should together with the school establish a so-called Learning Agreement that implies an advance notification of recognition of the exchange studies. The studies are normally carried out in the language of the country/the region. There are possibilities for the student that becomes admitted to an exchange programme in German -, French -, Spanish - and Italian speaking countries to follow a preparing language course before the regular semester starts.

Degree project

In the education, a degree project of 15 credits is included. It implies about 10 weeks of full-time studies. See further: Guidelines for degree projects, the School for technology and health

The following applies for the degree project:

It is the final part of the education and may be started when the special admission requirements for the course are fulfilled. It may be started when the assignment has been approved by the examiner. It is based on the knowledge that has been acquired during the education and should normally be carried out during semester 6. It should constitute proof of an independent work comprising theoretical and/or experimental work with accompanying report writing and oral presentation. Supervisor is appointed by the examiner.
Degree

To graduate with the degree "Bachelor of Science in Engineering, degree programme in Medical Technology" it is required that the student has passed all courses that are included in the student's study plan. The study plan consists of the compulsory courses, the elective courses that the student has chosen to take and the degree project. The study plan should comprise at least 180 HE credits.

Course that overlaps from the point of view of content one or several other courses in the program can not be included within the scope of the 180 credits that underlie the degree.

To get the degree, the student should apply using a form.

KTH's local degree ordinance can be found in its entirety here: https://intra.kth.se/polopoly_fs/1.661182!/Local%20regulation%20for%20qualifications%20at%20first-%20and%20second%20cycle.pdf

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

Degree Programme in Medical Technology (TIMEL), Programme syllabus for studies starting in autumn 2019

**General courses**

**Year 1**

**Mandatory courses (60.0 credits)**

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<td>Electrical Principals</td>
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<td>HE1041</td>
<td>Microcomputer Engineering, Project Course</td>
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<td>Engineering and Information Skills</td>
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<td>Linear Algebra and Calculus in One Variable</td>
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<td>HL1201</td>
<td>Medicine and Medical Engineering, Basic Course</td>
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**Optional courses**

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<td>Introduction to Computer Studies</td>
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**Mandatory courses (63.0 credits)**

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<td>HE1201</td>
<td>Business Economics and Entrepreneurship</td>
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<td>Signals, Systems and Transforms</td>
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<td>Medical Measurement and Monitoring</td>
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**Year 3**

**Mandatory courses (42.0 credits)**

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Appendix 2: Specialisations

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This programme has no specialisations.