Programme syllabus

Master's Programme, Infrastructure Engineering, 120 credits
Masterprogram, teknisk 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

There is a great need for well educated specialists within the area of Infrastructure Engineering. This, in fact unique, Master of Science programme in Infrastructure Engineering offered by the Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering provides students with the necessary competence to analyse and solve complex problems within infrastructure technology.

Knowledge and understanding

Students will develop a certain capability of integrating technology with other aspects such as environment, sustainable development, aesthetics, and social and economic responsibility.

Skills and abilities

The programme is intended for students who wish to pursue careers within the Construction and Consulting industry, public authorities, such as the Road or Rail Administrations, or in other industries. The students will also be able to pursue an academic research career.

Ability to make judgements and adopt a standpoint

Through class discussions, project work and examinations we aim to train our graduates to be able to reason, reflect on their own studies and make sound judgment on issues relating to infrastructure engineering. In particular we aim to train graduates to be able to make good use of incomplete information to arrive at reasonable conclusions on a variety of issues.

Extent and content of the programme

The duration of the programme is two years; 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. All courses are in principal mandatory. There
are at present no specialisations.

The programme focuses on techniques for designing, building and maintaining of roads, streets, railway
track, bridges and tunnels. Special attention will be paid to social, environmental and sustainable aspects.

All the courses are, in principle, compulsory. However, students are able to replace compulsory courses by
other KTH courses within the field of Infrastructure Engineering which correspond to a maximum of 15
ECTS. Such courses must be approved by programme management and the vice dean of education at the
school of ABE. The fourth and last term is devoted to a Final Degree Project within Highway Engineering,
Soil and Rock Mechanics or Bridge and Railway Track Engineering.

**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*

Previous studies must have included fundamental courses in Structural mechanics and Design.

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

*Selection process* The selection process for Infrastructure Engineering – Roads/Railway track/Bridges/
Tunnels is based on a total evaluation of the following selection criteria: university, GPA and course work
related to the programme.

**Implementation of the education**

*Structure of the education*

The Academic year in Sweden consists of an autumn and a spring term. The structure of the academic
year, semesters and other study periods are described at the attached link.

The educational structure at KTH. 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 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**

To be enrolled in the programme, you must be duly accepted into the programme with a valid admission letter issued by KTH Central Admissions Office. You must also pay your Student Union dues at the start of each semester in order to enrol in the programme. In addition to signing an attendance list at the beginning of a course, participation in class exercises and projects are a compulsory part of enrolling in any course.

The prerequisite for starting the Master’s Project is completed courses corresponding to 60 credits.

**Conditions for being promoted to the next level**

*For studies in study year 2:* At least 45 higher education credits from study year 1 must be completed by the exam period in August. Students which have not fulfilled this requirement must set up an individual study plan. The main goal with the study plan is that the student should complete the remaining courses during the next study year. In the study plan, the remaining elements and also suitable courses from the next study year are included. Special regard should be taken to the courses prerequisites.

**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 Build Environment upon application by the student.

**Studies abroad**

There are at present not possible for Master’s students at the school of Architecture and the Build Environment to exchange semester one, two or three for studies abroad.

**Degree project**

The Degree Project (30 credits) is compulsory in order to apply for a Master Degree at KTH. The Master’s project for students at Infrastructure Engineering is within Highway Engineering, Soil and Rock Mechanics or Bridge and Railway Track Engineering, or other subject closely related to Infrastructure Engineering. The prerequisite for starting the degree project is completed courses corresponding to 60 credits.

**Degree**

Students who have successfully completed the programme will be awarded a "Teknologie masterexamen", translated into English as "Degree of Master of Science (two years)". The student must apply for the
degree certificate. Before application all courses should be completed and reported. Documents to hand in to Masters administrator are: 1) The application form; 2) A copy of student union card, copy of receipts or a certificate from the student union office; 3) Attested photocopy of the previous university degree.

Please note that this degree do not correspond to the Swedish degree "Civilingenjör".

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

Master's Programme, Infrastructure Engineering, 120 credits (TISEM), Programme syllabus for studies starting in spring 2009

### General courses

#### Year 1

**Mandatory courses (60.0 Credits)**

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<td>Concrete and Steel Structures</td>
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<td>Structural Dynamics for Civil Engineers</td>
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<td>AF2201</td>
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<td>AF2602</td>
<td>Rock Mechanics</td>
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<td>AF2901</td>
<td>Road- and Railway Track Engineering</td>
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<td>Road Construction and Maintenance</td>
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<td>AK2023</td>
<td>Risk- and Safety Analysis in Building</td>
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#### Year 2

**Mandatory courses (3.0 Credits)**

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<td>Research Methodology in Infrastructure Engineering</td>
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**Conditionally elective courses**

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

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This programme has no specialisations.