Programme syllabus

Master's Programme, Network Services and Systems, 120 credits
Masterprogram, nätverkstjänster och system
120.0 credits

Valid for students admitted to the education from autumn 10 (HT - Autumn term; VT - Spring term).

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

Programme objectives

Knowledge and understanding
For the Master’s Degree, the student should be able to know and understand:

- The scientific fundamentals and practical applications of computer communication for both wired and wireless networks
- Protocol models and their realization, primarily the Internet protocols
- Queuing theory, simulation methodology, traffic measurements and systems experimentation for functional and performance evaluation
- Scientific methodology and its application on the field of the program.

Skills and abilities
For the Master’s Degree, the student should be able to:

- mathematically analyze network functions and protocols,
- specify, design and construct parts of communication systems and to implement them in software
- present technical systems and results from studies both orally and in writing, as well as to hold demonstrations of systems
- work independently and in group, to plan and lead work, critically evaluate the quality of one’s work and to be able to continuously improve it
- read and understand research results within the field and to apply the results.

Ability to make judgements and adopt a standpoint
For the Master’s Degree, the student should be able to:

- apply a scientific approach to his or her own technical work
- be conscious of the possibilities and limitations of technology, its role in society and how it is being used nationally and internationally
- be aware of ethical issues concerning research and development. Reference to the local degree policy of the Royal Institute of Technology: The KTH-Handbook 2, section 19.1.

Extent and content of the programme
The program is at the second level and comprises two years of full time study, 120 higher education credits, corresponding to 120 ECTS credits. The language of instruction throughout the program is English.
Eligibility and selection

Basic admission requirements Basic eligibility to be accepted to the master’s program requires a completed Bachelor's degree, corresponding to a Swedish Bachelor's degree (180 higher education credits), or equivalent academic qualifications from an internationally recognised university. Students should have in addition, good knowledge in English, both in oral and written forms. Applicants must provide proof of their proficiency in English. For all programs at KTH where English is the language of instruction, the specific eligibility requirement is English B or equivalent.

Specific admission requirements Specific eligibility to the programme requires:

The previous Degree should include:

- at least 60 higher education credits of course work in electrical engineering, computer engineering or computer science
- at least 30 higher education credits course work in mathematics, including calculus, linear algebra and mathematical statistics
- courses passed with distinction, in programming in C or Java, operating systems and signals and systems

It is recommended that applicants have experience in solving problems using computational software, particularly MATLAB.

The specific eligibility requirements can be assessed as not-fulfilled if:

1. the average grade is less than 75% of the highest grade
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. Reference to the local admission policy of the Royal Institute of Technology: the KTH-Handbook 2, section 11.0-11.9.

The number of places within the study programme is limited. Places in the programme are filled by a selection according to the merit worth which is based on knowledge, work experience and other education-related experiences. Places in the programme are also made available to students with consideration to the bilateral exchange agreements signed by the School of Electrical Engineering for the programme. In order to assess the merit worth, an assessment of the applicant’s knowledge (the applicant’s previous education, from which university the degree was received, subjects), work experience, and other education-related experiences (motivation to study, references) is carried out. The applicant’s academic results are given higher weight than the other parameters.

Implementation of the education

Structure of the education

The program extends over two academic years. Each academic year spans 40 weeks and it is divided into four seven-weeks long study periods. Each study period is concluded by an examination period of between two and five days. There are three extra examination periods for make-up exams following Christmas, following the ordinary examinations in May and immediately before the start of the study period of the academic year. The education in the program consists of a course block and a master’s thesis project. The courses are studied during the first six study periods and comprise an introduction to the field, its work methods and systems, as well as an introduction to scientific methodology. The program is concluded by the thesis project that comprises 30 ECTS credits, a full semester of work.

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.

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**Conditions for participation in the programme**

Conditions for being promoted to the next academic year is the successful completion of minimally 45 higher education credits; to commence the thesis work, a minimum of 75 higher education credits must be successfully completed.

**Recognition of previous academic studies**

For a description of the conditions of receiving credit for previous studies according to the policy of KTH, we refer to the KTH policy in the KTH-Handbook 2, section 13.3. The Director of Education at the KTH School of Electrical Engineering makes the decisions about recognition of complete courses.

**Degree project**

The thesis project comprises 30 higher education credits of work and a major part of the course work, a minimum of 75 higher education credits, must have been completed before the project may commence. The project may be conducted individually or in collaboration with one other student and the topic of the project must provide an in-depth study within the field of the program. The thesis is graded on a scale from A to F. A-E are passing grades, A is the highest grade. The evaluation criteria, which are common to all of KTH, are the technical and scientific contents, the work process and the presentation of the project at the conclusion. Reference: the KTH-Handbook 2, section 15.1-15.6.

**Degree**

Students who have successfully completed a two-year Master’s programme (120 ECTS) will be awarded a "Teknologiemasterexamen", translated into English as "Degree of Master of Science (two years)". For the degree, the following is required:

- At least 90 higher education credits from the course list
- Pass Degree Project 30 higher education credits Reference to the local degree policy: the KTH-Handbook 2, section 19.1.

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

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**General courses**

**Year 1**

Mandatory courses (52.5 credits)

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**Year 2**

Mandatory courses (60.0 credits)

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Appendix 2: Specialisations

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This programme has no specialisations.