Programme syllabus

Master's Programme, Scientific Computing, 120 credits
Masterprogram, tekniska beräkningar
120.0 credits

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

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

Programme objectives

The main objective of this programme is to educate students with skills in scientific computing, so that they will be well prepared for advanced industrial positions or continued graduate studies.

Knowledge and understanding

A Master of Science in Scientific Computing will:

- have a good broad knowledge in mathematics, the solution of mathematically related problems using computers, numerical methods and applications where high performance computing is used as well as deepened knowledge within a chosen specialization area.
- have a good ability to apply suitable methods and computer tools to different types of mathematical models.
- be able to formulate and approach new problem settings in a scientific manner in a creative, critical and systematic way.

Skills and abilities

A Master of Science in Scientific Computing will be able to:

- work out solution strategies to different classes of mathematical models, knowing the capabilities and limitations of different methods and tools.
- work efficiently in a teamwork environment in groups with people from different scientific and engineering background.
- communicate with scientists and people active in engineering development in a competent manner both orally and in writing.
- follow and participate in research and development related to the chosen specialization.

Ability to make judgements and adopt a standpoint

A Master of Science in Scientific Computing will be able to:

- critically judge a problem and in an independent manner acquire the information and knowledge that is necessary to establish a qualified opinion.
have the ability to identify the need for further knowledge in the field and take responsibility for keeping her/his personal knowledge up to date.

Extent and content of the programme

Scientific Computing is a two-year (120 ECTS credits) master programme on the advanced level (second cycle). The instruction language is entirely English. The programme consists of a basic curriculum followed by three specializations: (i) Scientific Computing, (ii) Computational Fluid Dynamics, and (iii) Computational Biology. The courses in the basic curriculum are compulsory and constitute about half of the course work. To obtain sufficient depth in a specialization, a student is normally required to complete courses worth at least 15 ECTS credits among the profile courses for the specialization in question.

Eligibility and selection

General admission requirements

A completed Bachelor's degree, equivalent to a Swedish Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS credits), from a university recognized by the Swedish government or accredited by some other recognized organization. A good knowledge of written and spoken English.

Specific admission requirements

The prerequisites for the Master's programme in Scientific Computing is a Swedish or foreign degree equivalent to Bachelor's degree of 180 ECTS credits, with credits in different subjects according to the following minimum levels. In Mathematics 30 ECTS credits, where the following courses are included: Linear algebra, Calculus, Ordinary and partial differential equations. In Numerical analysis 10 ECTS credits and in Computer science 10 ECTS credits. Finally 15 ECTS credits in courses from applications where high performance computing is essential, e.g. Fluid dynamics, Electromagnetics, Mechanics.

Applicants must also provide a proof of good knowledge in English, equivalent to Eng B (Swedish school system). For more information, see Study at KTH, Master’s programmes at KTH, ”Admission requirements”.

Selection process

The selection process for the Master of Science programme in Scientific Computing is based on a total evaluation of the following selection criteria: grade point average (GPA), course work related to the programme (solving mathematically related problems using computers), letter of intent and references.

Complete information on the eligibility requirements can be found in the local admission policy of KTH, see:

http://intra.kth.se/regelverk/utbildning-forskning/grundutbildning/antagning/1.27192

Implementation of the education

Structure of the education

The academic year has a duration of 40 weeks. The academic year at KTH is divided into four periods. Each period lasts approximately seven weeks. Each period is followed by an exam period.

The first year in the programme is mainly dedicated to the compulsory courses in the basic curriculum. However, some courses in the specializations are also given in the first year, in order to harmonize the master programme and the final part of the five-year engineering education at KTH. The second year mainly consists of specialization courses, elective courses and the final degree project.

Courses

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

The programme is course-based with strong features of computer labs and projects, oral presentations, written reports, take-home exams and regular written exams. A list of courses is included in Appendix 1. The basic curriculum corresponds to 55 ECTS credits. In each specialization, there is an additional set of profile courses, of which normally
at least 15 ECTS credits has to be taken. This leaves approximately 20 ECTS credits for optional (elective) courses. These courses may be chosen among more profile courses or other high level courses at KTH, relevant to the programme and the student’s profile.

**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 term. At least 45 ECTS credits have to be completed during the first academic year (including the re-examination period in August) in order for the student to be promoted to the second year of the programme. Students have to make a decision about the specialization during the first year of the programme.

**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

http://intra.kth.se/regelverk/utbildning-forskning/grundutbildning/prestationer/1.27200

**Degree project**

Students admitted to the programme are required to perform an individual study in the form of a thesis project corresponding to 30 ECTS credits. The main portion of the studies must generally be completed before the degree project work can be started. At least 60 ECTS credits for the mandatory course work whereof 10 ECTS credits of the profile courses in the specialization must be completed. The purpose of the thesis project is that the student demonstrates the ability to perform independent project work, using the skills obtained from the courses in the programme. It is the student’s responsibility to find a suitable thesis project, with assistance from KTH.

More information on the KTH policy on the degree project can be found at:

http://intra.kth.se/polopoly_fs/1.27212!/riklinjermalkriteriermaster.pdf

**Degree**

Degree of Master of Science (Two Years) - is obtained after completion of the Master (Two Years), **Scientific Computing** study programme. The programme is designed so that students, when they graduate, have fulfilled national requirements for a degree and have completed courses comprising 120 ECTS credits, of which:

- At least 90 ECTS credits are at second level, of which at least 60 ECTS credits (including a 30- ECTS credits degree project) with in-depth studies in the main field of study.

Students who fulfil all the requirements will be awarded a Degree of Master of Science (Two Years). Students must apply for the degree and also show proof of their basic degree (Bachelor or similar) and have paid the student union fee.

**Degree name**

Degree of Master of Science (Two Years)
Teknologe masterexamen (Två år)

http://intra.kth.se/regelverk/utbildning-forskning/grundutbildning/examina/1.27227?l=en_UK

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

Master's Programme, Scientific Computing, 120 credits (TSCCM), Programme syllabus for studies starting in autumn 2009

### General courses

#### Year 1

**Mandatory courses (46.5 credits)**

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<td>Applied Numerical Methods, part 1</td>
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<td>Mathematical Models, Analysis and Simulation Part 1</td>
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**Recommended courses**

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<td>Computational Methods for Stochastic Differential Equations</td>
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<td>Simulation and Modelling on the Atomic Scale</td>
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### Supplementary information

During the spring term (at least) 13.5 higher education credits of recommended, or elective, courses are chosen.
Year 2

Mandatory courses (45.0 credits)

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<td>Introduction to High Performance Computing</td>
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<td>Computational Aerodynamics</td>
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Supplementary information

Specialization streams are:

1. Scientific Computing
2. Computational Fluid Dynamics
3. Biocomputing

Within the chosen stream at least 15 higher education credits of profile courses must be chosen.

Contact the programme coordinator regarding information considering profile courses for each stream.
Appendix 2: Specialisations

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This programme has no specialisations.