Programme syllabus

Master's Programme, Sustainable Technology, 120 credits
Masterprogram, teknik och hållbar utveckling
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**

Beyond the objectives which are specified in the Higher Education Degree Ordinance, there are also specific goals for this programme. After completing the programme, the student will:

**Knowledge and understanding**

- Have a broad, scientific knowledge and system based knowledge and understanding within the Sustainable Technology and Industrial Ecology areas, including knowledge and understanding of today’s global social development and these affects on the world’s ecosystems.

- Have fundamental knowledge about and understanding of strategies and tools in order to be able to work with technology and sustainable development within a number of work areas, for example, environmental management, environment consequences, waste management, risk management, environmental engineering, and environmental system analysis.

- Show a deepened ability within the chosen specialisation, environmental management or environmental technology

**Skills and abilities**

- Show a good ability to analyse and formulate the technology’s role for a sustainable development on a project level, as well as on a broader national or global perspective

- Show a good ability to critically analyse, formulate and handle an environmental problem from a system perspective

- Show a good ability to, on a basic level, apply the most important tools which are used within the scientific area “Industrial Ecology”

- Show a good ability to independently, as well as in a group, be able to apply knowledge and abilities in practical exercises. With regards to relevant scientific, professional, and societal judgements and standpoints, show a good ability to, in writing and orally present one’s completed work

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

- Have an especially good understanding that problems within the areas Sustainable Development and Industrial Ecology are complex and value-based, and sometimes contain conflicting conditions

- Be aware of the responsibility and the ethical viewpoints which can arise with regard to different technical, organisational, economical, ecological, and societal activities.

Reference to the local degree ordinance of the Royal Institute of Technology in KTH Regulations
Extent and content of the programme

The programme consists of 120 credits which correspond to two years full time studies. The programme is mainly on the second level.

The language of instruction for the programme is English.

Eligibility and selection

Basic eligibility requirements

A Bachelor degree equivalent to a Swedish Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS), from a university recognized by government or accredited by other recognized organization. Students in their final year of undergraduate education may also apply and if qualified, receive a conditional acceptance. A good knowledge of written and spoken English is required. Applicants must provide proof of their proficiency in English. KTH accepts a TOEFL test score of a minimum of 550 (213 in the computer-based test, 79 in the internet based test) or an IELTS score of at least 6.0, no band lower than 5.0 (both general and academic accepted). English proficiency tests are waived for applicants with English as language of instruction (minimum 3 years of full-time higher education studies). A relevant certificate from the university has to be enclosed with the application. For EU citizens from KTH’s partner universities, a certificate from the University language department or the relevant Head of department stating the student's good level of English will be enough.

Specific eligibility requirements

In order to be eligible to the master’s programme, a relevant higher education degree of at least 180 credits, degree of Bachelor of science and engineering, technical bachelor’s degree, or another corresponding technical or natural scientific degree in the first level must be completed. Other studies or work experiences are judged on the basis of the actual competencies which are referred to.

Selection Process

The selection to the programme is based on the evaluation of the following criteria: university/higher education institute, grades, courses relevant for the programme, suggestion to the degree project, recommendation letters, work experience and references.

The reference to KTH’s admission policy can be found in the KTH Regulations.

Implementation of the education

Structure of the education

The programme’s first three terms consist of theoretical courses, the majority of which are mandatory for all students. The studies are mainly based on project work and case studies, which inspires the heavy focus on training in communication, critical thinking as well as oral and written presentations. The courses are linked to practical knowledge through the cooperation with different companies and authorities. The programme is concluded with a project work during the fourth term.

Study years, terms, and study period descriptions can be found in the KTH Regulations.

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

Term Enrolment

A condition in order to be able to participate in the studies is that the student must enrol for the next term every spring and fall.

With the enrolment, the student has submitted their intention of studying and participating the programme. Only after that is it possible for the student to:

- register for courses
- register for the term
- get results

Course Application

Certain opportunities to take optional courses exist.

Conditions for participation in the programme

For studies in study year 2:

At least 45 credits from study year 1 must be completed no later then the exam period in August. Students which have not fulfilled this requirement must consult the study counsellor and set up an individual study plan. The main goal with the study plan is that the student should complete the remaining elements 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 prerequisites of the courses.

Recognition of previous academic studies

The student has the possibility to apply to receive credit from courses taken at another university/higher education institution both in Sweden and from abroad.

KTH’s policy for recognition of previous academic studies can be found entirely in the KTH Regulations.

Studies abroad

In certain cases, the project work can be done abroad

Degree project

KTH’s rules for the degree project for the Master’s degree can be found in the KTH Regulations.

Generally, the degree project work can be started only after a large portion of the studies have been completed.

Degree

In order to graduate with the Degree of Master of Science (Two Years), a passing grade must be achieved in all courses which are in the student’s study plan. The study plan must consist of 120 credits including a degree project consisting of 30 credits.

KTH’s local degree ordinance can be found in the KTH Regulations.

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

Master's Programme, Sustainable Technology, 120 credits (TSUTM), Programme syllabus for studies starting in autumn 2009

### General courses

#### Year 1

**Mandatory courses (54.0 credits)**

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<td>MJ2691</td>
<td>Technology and Sustainable Development</td>
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**Conditionally elective courses**

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<td>MJ2664</td>
<td>Environmental Management II, Advanced Course</td>
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### Year 2

#### Mandatory courses (7.5 credits)

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#### Supplementary information

At least three of the conditionally elective courses must be chosen and one of the following courses must be included: MJ2653, MJ2641, MJ2681 or MJ2664.
Appendix 2: Specialisations

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This programme has no specialisations.