

## MASTEREXAMEN

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (120 CREDITS)

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE (120 CREDITS)

### **Title of qualification**

The Degree of Master of Arts/Science (120 credits) is awarded with the following titles:

Masterexamen med huvudområdet xx

Ekonomie masterexamen med huvudområdet xx

Filosofie masterexamen med huvudområdet xx

Politices masterexamen med huvudområdet xx

Teknologie masterexamen med huvudområdet xx

The Degree of Master (120 credits) is awarded in the main fields (Xx) established at master level at Mittuniversitetet and the degree may be issued with or without a prefix and is translated into Degree of Master of Arts (120 credits) with a major in Xx alternative Degree of Master of Science (120 credits) with a major in Xx depending on the main field of study.

### **Established**

The qualification description for the Degree of Master was established by the Vice Chancellor on 28.11.2006 and revised 12.06.2007, 15.01.2008, 26.01.2010 and 30.04.2013. This version is valid from 01.07.2007. The English translation of the titles of qualification is revised on 01.03.2012 according to HSVFS 2012:1.

### **Cycle**

The Degree of Master is awarded at the second cycle.

### **Outcomes according to the Swedish Higher Education Ordinance**

#### *Knowledge and understanding*

For a Degree of Master of Arts/Science (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the main field of study.

#### *Competence and skills*

For a Degree of Master of Arts/Science (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information,
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work,
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to report clearly and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity.

#### *Judgement and approach*

For a Degree of Master of Arts/Science (120 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the main field of study informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work,

- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

### **Degree requirements**

National requirements according to the Swedish Higher Education Ordinance

A Degree of Master of Arts/Science (120 credits) is awarded after the student has completed the courses required to gain 120 credits.

Within the framework of the course requirements the student shall have:

- studies of at least 60 credits for specialised study in the principal field (main field of study) of the study programme,
- an independent project (degree project) of at least 30 credits in the main field of study. The degree project may comprise less than 30 credits, however no less than 15 credits, if the student has already completed an independent project in the second cycle for at least 15 credits in the main field of study or the equivalent from a programme of study outside Sweden,
- a prior award of a Degree of Bachelor, Degree of Bachelor in fine arts, professional or vocational qualification of at least 180 credits or a corresponding qualification from abroad, and
- fulfill the specific requirements determined by the higher education institution itself.

Specific requirements according to the higher education institution (the University)

Masterexamen requires:

- that the 60 credits within the main field must be at second cycle and include the independent project,
- that the main field must be established at master level at Mittuniversitetet, and
- optional courses of 60 credits. <sup>1</sup>

Ekonomie masterexamen requires:

- that the 60 credits within the main field must be at second cycle in the subject of Business Administration and include the independent project,
- at least 30 credits in the subsidiary subject of Economics. If there are former studies including the subsidiary subject the choice of courses is optional, and
- optional courses of 30 credits. <sup>1</sup>

Filosofie masterexamen requires:

- that the 60 credits within the main field must be at second cycle and include the independent project,
- that the main field must be established at master level at Mittuniversitetet,
- studies of at least 30 credits in another (subsidiary) subject\*. If there are former studies including the subsidiary subject the choice of courses is optional<sup>1</sup>, and
- optional courses of 30 credits. <sup>1</sup>

*\*All subjects established at Mittuniversitetet alternative a subject established at bachelor level or higher by another university/university college.*

Politices masterexamen requires:

- that the 60 credits within the main field must be at second cycle in the subject of Political Science and include the independent project,
- 30 credits in the subsidiary subject of Economics or Statistics. If there are former studies including the subsidiary subject the choice of courses is optional<sup>1</sup>, and
- optional courses of 30 credits. <sup>1</sup>

Teknologie masterexamen requires:

- that the 60 credits within the main field must be at second cycle and include the independent project,
- that the main field must be technical and established at master level at Mittuniversitetet,
- 30 credits in the subsidiary subject of Mathematics/Applied Mathematics. If there are former studies including the subsidiary subject the choice of courses is optional<sup>1</sup>, and
- optional courses of 30 credits. <sup>1</sup>

## **Miscellaneous**

The University's subject list shows which subjects that are established at master level and which subjects that are technical. All courses included in a degree must be completed and must have a unique content relative to each other. None of the courses may have been part of the prior award of degree (mentioned above) – however, there are exceptions, which apply to courses that are entered in older issued degrees even though they did not have to be included.

<sup>1</sup>The degree may only include courses from first cycle of a maximum of 30 credits.