

MSc in Wireless Communication

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Cycle: Second

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In addition to the syllabus, general regulations and information for the Faculty of Engineering apply to this programme.

1 Aim and learning outcomes

1.1 Aim

This internationally oriented Master's programme aims to develop the students' knowledge, skills and judgement in the area of wireless communication. The increasing importance of telecommunication as a field of technology has been accompanied by considerable and significant recent developments in wireless communication. Systems have become more complex and people working in this field must keep abreast of the latest developments. There is a current and continuing need for qualified people who can deal with both systems and applications.

The Master of Science in Wireless Communication aims to meet the needs for qualified engineers who

- can apply wireless communication technology to the development of new wireless systems;
- can profit by and contribute to research in this field; and
- can apply systems thinking in which theory and practice constitute a whole.

The programme is characterised by the research into wireless communication carried out at the Faculty of Engineering and by the proximity of research-intensive telecommunications industry in the region.

1.2 Learning outcomes

The general outcomes for the degree of master are stated in the Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 1993:100). Below is a more detailed formulation of these outcomes.

Knowledge and understanding

On completion of the programme, students shall

- demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the disciplinary foundations of the relevant sub-fields to the field of wireless communication;
- be able to analyse entire systems as well as sub-systems in wireless communication;
- understand how different sub-systems are used and how they interact;
- demonstrate understanding of how research and development work in wireless communication is conducted.

Skills and abilities

On completion of the programme, students shall be able to

- demonstrate the ability to identify, formulate and deal with complex issues in the field of wireless communication critically, autonomously and creatively and with a holistic approach;
- analyse and critically assess different technical solutions in the field of wireless communication;
- demonstrate the ability to participate in research and development projects in the field of wireless communication;
- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically acquire new knowledge in the field of wireless communication and integrate this with previous knowledge;
- demonstrate the ability to model, simulate and evaluate systems or parts of systems for wireless communication;
- demonstrate the ability to autonomously plan and complete advanced tasks in the field of wireless communication;
- demonstrate the ability to develop and design radio systems and their constituent parts while taking into account the circumstances and needs of individuals and the targets for sustainable development set by the community; and
- demonstrate the ability in international contexts to report in speech and writing their knowledge and different types of project work, including background material, investigation and findings, to expert and non-expert audiences.

Judgement and approach

On completion of the programme, students shall be able to

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the field of system-on-chip informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical aspects;
- demonstrate the capacity for teamwork and collaboration with various constellations; and

- demonstrate the ability to identify their need for further knowledge and to continuously develop and broaden their knowledge and skills in the field of wireless communication.

1.3 Further studies

On completion of the second-cycle degree, students have basic eligibility for third-cycle studies.

2 The scope and levels of the programme

2.1 The scope of the programme

The master's programme is a two-year second-cycle programme comprising 120 higher education credits.

2.2 Levels

The courses on the programme are divided into levels. The level is indicated in the relevant course syllabus. The relevant levels are first cycle (G) and second cycle (A). These levels are defined in the Higher Education Act, Chapter 1 Section 8-9. First-cycle courses at the Faculty of Engineering are further subdivided into First cycle 1 (G1) and First cycle 2 (G2). G2 courses presuppose knowledge acquired on G1 courses.

Second-cycle courses may constitute specialisations in a Master's degree.

3 Programme structure

The programme includes a compulsory block of courses comprising 67,5 credits and intended to provide an orientation in modern wireless communication systems. This block of courses begins with basic courses in digital communications and radio and then continues with systems-oriented courses in wireless communication (radio systems, advanced telecommunication, digital transmission methods, wireless communication projects) and specialised courses in a number of sub-fields (advanced digital communications, channel modelling, antenna technology). The range of courses provides the deep and broad knowledge required for understanding how the sub-systems interact. The programme includes elective courses of no less than 24 credits to provide opportunities for specialisation. Students may also be allowed to attend PhD courses that fit into the master's programme and choose other courses comprising 7.5 credits at Lund University not offered within the framework of the programme. The programme is concluded by a degree project

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worth 30 credits. The compulsory components of the programme comprise a total of 84 credits.

3.1 Courses on the programme

The courses included in the programme are indicated in the timetable. In addition to these courses, students are entitled to accreditation of 15 credits of courses in Swedish (organised by Lund University for exchange students).

3.2 Degree project

For a degree of Master of Science in Wireless Communication students must complete an independent project (degree project) of no less than 30 credits as part of the course requirements. The degree project must be completed in accordance with the valid course syllabus and must deal with a relevant subject.

4 Grades

Grades are awarded both for entire courses and for course components, when applicable. Course components are indicated in the relevant syllabus. Grades for an entire course are awarded according to a scale of four grades (Fail, 3, 4, 5) or a scale of two grades (Fail, Pass). If another scale of grades is applied, this is indicated in the course syllabus. Only entire passed courses (according to the four-grade scale) are included on the degree certificate. Grades awarded in Swedish higher education are criterion-referenced, i.e. the performances of students are assessed with reference to the relevant learning outcomes and no internal ranking of students is made.

5 Degree

5.1 Degree requirements

For a degree of Master of Science in Wireless Communication students must successfully complete courses comprising 120 credits, including a degree project worth 30 credits. 75 credits must be second-cycle credits, including the degree project.

5.2 Degree and degree certificate

When students have completed all the degree requirements, they are entitled to apply for a degree certificate for a Master of Science (120 credits) in Wireless Communication.

6 Specific admission requirements

6.1 Admission requirements

To be admitted to the Master's programme in Wireless Communication, students must have a first degree of 180 credits specialising in electrical engineering, computer science, information technology or the equivalent. Applicants should have basic knowledge of probability theory, signal processing, telecommunication, circuit theory and electromagnetic fields corresponding to no less than 6 months of study and also have documented proficiency in English corresponding to at least English B in Swedish upper secondary school.

6.2 Selection

The applicants' grades or equivalent are the main criteria for selection. In addition, the subjects included in the applicants' first degree are considered.

7 Credit transfer

Students are entitled to have previous studies considered for credit transfer, on application. The programme board decides on credit transfer. When considering credit transfer, the board assesses whether the previous studies correspond to a given course on the programme or whether the previous studies meet the learning outcomes of the programme. A favourable decision will state whether it is the previous course or the course for which credits are transferred that is to be listed on the degree certificate. Credit transfer is not permitted for courses included in the first degree.