



Faculty of Social Sciences

SAMPS, Master of Science Programme in Psychology, 120 credits

Masterprogram i psykologi, 120 högskolepoäng

Second cycle degree programme requiring previous university study / *Program med akademiska förkunskapskrav och med slutlig examen på avancerad nivå*

Decision

The programme syllabus is established by Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences 20-12-2017 (U 2017/675) and most recently amended by Pro dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences 14-03-2019 (U 2019/127). The amended syllabus is valid from 15-10-2019, autumn semester 2020.

Programme description

The Master of Science Programme in Psychology provides specialisation and breadth in the field of psychology. The aim of the programme is to provide the student with a Master's degree firmly based in current research and offering broad career opportunities. Within the programme, the student has the opportunity of selecting courses covering designated areas of psychology.

In the first semester the student is encouraged to advance his or her academic thinking and increase his or her understanding of how knowledge is acquired and represented within psychology. The courses provide the student with methodological skills required for independent research.

The second and third semesters further increase the students understanding and knowledge of psychology by deepening his or her comprehension of theories and current research.

During the fourth and final semester the student completes the programme by writing a thesis, which provides the student with the opportunity to demonstrate and enhance his or her understanding of theories and empirical research methods.

Goals

Pursuant to the Higher Education Ordinance, for a degree of Master (120 credits and 60 credits respectively) the student shall:

Knowledge and understanding

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

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of Psychology, 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 field of Psychology.

For a Degree of Master (60 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of Psychology, including both an overview of the field and 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 field of Psychology.

Competence and skills

For a Degree of Master (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 clearly report 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.

For a Degree of Master (60 credits) the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to 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 autonomously as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing 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 employment in some other qualified capacity.

Judgement and approach

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

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the field of Psychology 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.

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Course information

Additional information in appendix Course information SAMPS.

Degree

Degree titles

Degree of Master of Science (120 credits)

Major: Psychology

Filosofie masterexamen

Huvudområde: Psykologi

Degree of Master of Science (60 credits)

Major: Psychology

Filosofie magisterexamen

Huvudområde: Psykologi

For a degree of Master of Science (120 credits) within the programme, the student must have passed the courses specified under "Course information" (or the equivalent courses at another higher education institution).

It is also possible to acquire a degree of Master of Science (60 credits) with a major in Psychology after completion of the following required courses:

- Theory of Science in Psychology, 15 credits (first half of the first semester)
- Advanced Psychological Research Methods, 15 credits (second half of the first semester)
- Any two of the following: (first half of the second semester)
 - a) Advanced social psychology, 7,5 credits
 - b) Advanced developmental psychology 7,5 credits
 - c) Advanced personality psychology 7,5 credits

- d) Advanced research methods in abnormal psychology 7,5 credits
- Master's Thesis in Psychology, 15 credits (second half of the second semester)

Requirements and Selection method

Requirements

To be eligible for the programme the applicant must have the equivalent of a Swedish Bachelor's degree with a major (i.e. at least 90 ECTS credits) in Psychology or equivalent, including at least 15 ECTS in psychological research methods and statistics.

A good command of spoken and written English, equivalent to English 6/B (advanced) proficiency in the Swedish secondary system, is required. Equivalent assessments will be made according to national guidelines.

Selection method

The applicants estimated capacity to complete the programme is the primary criterion for selection. Students are selected on the basis of their previous study results (grades on courses and Bachelor's degree essay), proficiency in English and letter of intent.

Transition rules

A student who started the programme no later than the autumn semester 2016 is entitled to be awarded a degree in accordance with the programme syllabus SAMPS, 2016-03-31 until 2019-06-30

Other information

The language of instruction and assessment is English. Instructions regarding teaching and examination are given in the syllabus for each course.

Appendix

Course information SAMPS

The programme comprises a total of 120 credits, including a Master's thesis of 30 credits. The courses are studied in the following order:

Year 1: autumn semester	Theory of Science in Psychology, 15 credits Advanced Psychological Research Methods, 15 credits
Year 1: spring semester	Any two of following: a) Advanced social psychology, 7,5 credits b) Advanced developmental psychology 7,5 credits c) Advanced personality psychology 7,5 credits d) Advanced research methods in abnormal psychology 7,5 credits Empirical work in Social, Developmental, Personality or Abnormal Psychology, 15 credits
Year 2: autumn semester	Advanced Cognitive Neuroscience <i>or</i> Advanced Work and Organisational Psychology, 15 credits Empirical work in Cognitive Neuroscience or Work and Organisational Psychology, 15 credits
Year 2: spring semester	Master's Thesis in Psychology, 30 credits