

Independent project – Master level, 30 or 60 credits

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↓ **All information is collected at**

<https://internt.slu.se/nj-exjobb> (Swedish)

<https://internt.slu.se/nj-msc-thesis> (English)

Also this presentation

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- **Taken as any ordinary course**
 - Application procedure as for all other courses!
- **Which course, which subject?**
 - Depends on which Master degree you want
 - Your Masters degree is decided by the main subject area of your Individual project
 - If you want a **Master degree in Biology**, then choose an Independent project in **Biology**
 - Some study programs only have one option
 - Prerequisites must be fulfilled!



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You will be conditionally accepted

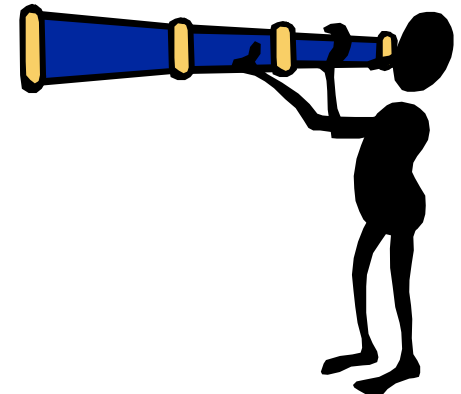
- The student must arrange with a supervisor and a subject!
- Not admitted without!
- You must have a main supervisor from SLU, even if the project is performed at a company etc. outside SLU!



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How to find a project and supervisor

- Start looking for supervisor already now among teachers you meet, or at external companies or authorities!
- Available projects are listed at:
<https://internt.slu.se/nj-msc-thesis>





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The start up

- Read the [guidance](#) that describes the working procedures
- At the very start, fill the [registration form](#) together with your supervisor.
- **No one may start a thesis project without being admitted and registered!**
- During the first days, fill the [work plan](#) form, together with your supervisor.

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Generic competences

- Library, information search
- Scientific writing

- Given as voluntary on-line web course
- See: <https://internt.slu.se/nj-msc-thesis>



Highly recommended to improve your thesis!

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Compulsory parts for the thesis course

- An oral presentation at the end
- Opposition on another MSc thesis
- Check for plagiarism in “Urkund”, (handled by your supervisor)
- Uploading of the thesis to the Epsilon repository system (handled by your supervisor's department)



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The oral presentation

- You should be opponent!
- You should have an opponent
- Start looking for a student opponent early!
- The oral presentation may take place whenever it suits all people involved in the presentation
- For some departments: may take place during the organised days for oral presentations
- Should preferably be done before the very final version of the written thesis, to be able to respond on comments



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Examiner, not supervisor, is grading the thesis

- The supervisor should find an examiner
- Graded marks
- Grading criteria can be found on the web page for Independent Projects
- The examiner is not a second supervisor.



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Course occasions

The MSc thesis courses are given three times per year

- Spring semester
- Summer semester
- Autumn semester

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- Important for insurances etc.

Apply for the course that runs when you will start the work

If no course is running when you intend to start

- use the internal SLU application paper form, available at the faculty web page for Independent projects

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Who to contact?

- In most cases, contact the department where you are doing your project
 - Supervisor,
 - Director of studies
 - Course administration



Main subject	Main responsible	Department
Biology	Ulf Grandin	Aquatic Sciences and Assessment
Env. Science	Ulf Grandin	Aquatic Sciences and Assessment
Soil Science	Magnus Simonsson	Soil and Environment
Food Science	Åse Lundh, Roger Andersson	Molecular Sciences
Chemistry	Anders Sandström	Molecular Sciences
Technology	David Ljungberg	Energy and Technology



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Take home messages

- All information is available at:
 - <https://internt.slu.se/nj-msc-thesis>
 - <https://internt.slu.se/nj-exjobb>
- **Read the guide!**

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Good luck with your project!!!

Questions?



EnvEuro additions:

In addition to SLU guidelines, EnvEuro students must also follow the EnvEuro procedures

Particularly important aspects:

- Apply through the [Moveon](#) system!
- You must take the course *Independent project in **Environmental Science**, EX0897*
- You must have a *co-supervisor at your home university*
- The co-supervisor must attend (usually on video link) the thesis defence

EnvEuro additions:

Complete EnvEuro guidelines are available at:

<http://enveuro.eu/master-programme/masters-thesis/>

- *Master thesis guide* (for students)
- *Supervisor and co-supervisor guide* (including the *thesis evaluation form*)
- Make sure that both your SLU supervisor and your home university co-supervisor get the Supervisor and co-supervisor guide!

Contact Tobias Vrede (enveuro@slu.se) if you have any EnvEuro specific questions