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SLU's examination procedures – rules for first and second cycle qualifications at SLU

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General

Ordinance and local rules

The Ordinance for the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (1993:221) stipulates the qualifications that the university may issue and their level. SLU must establish a specialisation for certain qualifications. SLU may establish precise requirements for its qualifications. These requirements must be within the framework of each qualification descriptor provided in the ordinance.

This document is the local system of qualifications that contains the SLU regulations for first and second cycle qualifications. The document specifies the requirements and establishes the titles of qualifications at SLU.

Annex 1 includes the codes used to classify course levels and specialisations within the main field of study. Annex 2 outlines SLU's main fields of study for general qualifications at first and second cycle level.

Courses included in a qualification

Courses to be included in a qualification must have been completed and a passing grade awarded. A module or course component may be included in a qualification if it has been passed and assessed to be clearly defined in the course syllabus. In such cases, an individual assessment will be made. If there are substantial overlaps in content between different courses, the overlapping credits cannot simultaneously be included in one qualification. If possible, any overlaps are to be included in the relevant course syllabuses.

Certain courses at SLU are classified in two subjects, which mean that the course can be counted towards qualification (degree) requirements for two different main fields of study whenever applicable. An independent project (degree project) can only be classified in one subject and double classification is never possible.

The ordinance enables credit transfers from other higher education institution courses, meaning they can be included in a qualification. See Credit transfer for first and second cycle education (SLU ID: SLU ua 2017.1.1.11295 or later).

Diplomas and degree certificates

Courses included in the qualification must be listed in the diploma or degree certificate. The full course title must be given alongside the scope, grade and date the course was passed and at which higher education institution.

The ordinance stipulates that diploma supplement must also be included with the degree certificate or diploma. The supplement describes the education and its place in the educational system. The degree certificate or diploma is written in Swedish with an English translation. Special rules apply for joint degrees. The SLU delegation of authority states where the decision to issue the degree certificate or diploma was taken.

General qualifications

In accordance with the ordinance, special objectives and requirements apply for the respective general qualifications issued by SLU. SLU offers education that leads towards a general qualification in a number of degree programmes. A student may also meet the requirements for a general qualification after having studied freestanding courses, i.e. the student does not need to have been admitted to a degree programme. Specific requirements for each qualification are established in this document and are presented in the relevant programme syllabus.

A student may only receive a Bachelor's or Master's degree within one main field of study. However, a student may receive one or more general qualifications in different main fields of study and use the same courses in each qualification, as long as they fulfil the degree requirements for each qualification. However, an independent project (degree project) may only be included in one (1) general qualification. First cycle courses cannot be included in a second cycle general qualification if they were part of the first cycle qualification entry requirements. Exemptions may be made if the first cycle qualification used to fulfil the entry requirements contains more than 180 credits. An individual assessment will then be conducted.

The same course may be included in both a general qualification and professional qualification, see the section on professional qualifications.

As a rule, SLU does not link general qualifications to specific programmes. There are exceptions however, a general qualification with its main field of study may be linked to a certain degree programme. In such cases, it must be clear in the degree certificate that the qualification meets the requirements set in the relevant programme syllabus.

Professional qualifications

In accordance with the ordinance, special objectives and requirements apply for the respective professional qualification issued by SLU. SLU offers education leading towards professional qualifications in a number of degree programmes. Specific requirements for each professional qualification are established in the relevant programme syllabus. Admission onto a programme is not required for meeting the criteria for a professional qualification. However, a student will often need to be admitted to a programme to be able to access all the courses required for a professional qualification.

The courses needed for a professional qualification can also be used in an additional professional qualification. However, an independent project (degree project) may only be included in one (1) professional qualification at the same level.

The courses needed for a professional qualification may also be used for a general qualification, provided the requirements for the relevant qualification are met. This means that a student may meet the requirements for one or more general qualifications after having completed a professional programme. However, first cycle courses cannot be included in a second cycle general qualification if they were included in the Bachelor's degree or equivalent stipulated in the entry requirements for the current qualification.

Qualifications at SLU

General qualifications at first cycle level

HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA

DEGREE OF BACHELOR

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCES

General qualifications at first and second cycle level

DEGREE OF MASTER (60 CREDITS)

DEGREE OF MASTER (120 CREDITS)

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
(120 CREDITS)

Professional qualifications at first cycle level

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN VETERINARY NURSING

HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA IN EQUINE SCIENCE (120 credits) valid
until 31 December 2025

HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA IN EQUINE SCIENCE (180 credits) as of
1 January 2021

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LANDSCAPE
CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL
MANAGEMENT (120 credits) valid until 31 December 2025

HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL
MANAGEMENT (180 credits) as of 1 January 2021

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FOREST MANAGEMENT

HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA IN HORTICULTURAL MANAGEMENT
(120 credits) valid until 31 December 2025

HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA IN HORTICULTURAL MANAGEMENT
(180 credits) as of 1 January 2021

Professional qualifications at second cycle level

HYPERLINK

"<https://student.slu.se/globalassets/sw/studier/examen/examensbeskrivning-agronomexamen-uppdaterad.pdf>" DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
AGRICULTURE (270 credits) valid until 31 December 2029

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE (300 credits) as of
1 January 2021

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HORTICULTURE

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FORESTRY

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

Appendix 1: Codes for course levels and specialisations in the main field of study

SLU uses the codes recommended by the Association of Swedish Higher Education Institutions (SUHF) to indicate whether a course is first or second cycle, its position in the main field of study's successive specialisation for general qualifications (also when combined with professional qualifications) and the nature of the degree project (SUHF, reg. no. 08/025).

Code	Level and specialisation
G1N	First-cycle level, only upper secondary entry requirements
G1F	First-cycle level, fewer than 60 credits from first cycle courses (in the main field of study) as entry requirement
G1E	first cycle, contains specially designed degree project for Higher Education Diploma
G2F	First cycle, a minimum of 60 credits from first cycle course(s) (in the main field of study) as entry requirement
G2E	First cycle, a minimum of 60 credits from first cycle course(s) (within the main field of study), contains a degree project for the Degree of Bachelor
A1N	Second-cycle level, only first-cycle course(s) as entry requirement
A1F	Second cycle level, course(s) at second cycle level (in the main field of study) as entry requirement
A1E	Second cycle level, includes degree project for Master's degree (60 credits)
A2E	Second-cycle level, includes degree project for Master's degree (60 credits)
GXX	First cycle level, course specialisation for general qualification cannot be classified

AXX Second cycle level, course specialisation for general qualification cannot be classified

Appendix 2: SLU's main fields of study

Main field of study ¹	English title	Qualification or degree	
		First cycle	Second cycle
Bioinformatik	Bioinformatics		X
Bioekonomimanagement	Bioeconomy management		X
Biologi	Biology	X	X
Djuromvårdnad	Veterinary Nursing	X	X
Företagsekonomi	Business Administration	X	X
Hippologi	Equine Science	X	
Husdjursvetenskap	Animal Science	X	X
Hållbar utveckling	Sustainable Development	X	X
Kemi	Chemistry	X	X
Lantbruksvetenskap	Agricultural Science	X	X
Landsbygdsutveckling	Rural Development	X	X
Landskapsarkitektur	Landscape Architecture	X	X
Livsmedelsvetenskap	Food Science	X	X
Markvetenskap	Soil Science	X	X
Matstudier	Food Studies		X
Miljöpsykologi	Environmental Psychology		X
Miljövetenskap	Environmental Science	X	X

¹) According to the decision of the university board 18 June 2019 (SLU ID: SLU ua 2019.1.1.1-2354) and

Decision by the Board of Education 15 April 2020 (Section 33d/20), 20 May 2021 (Section 42/20).

Nationalekonomi	Economics	X	X
Skogshushållning	Forest Management	X	X
Skogsvetenskap	Forest Science	X	X
Skogsbruksvetenskap	Forestry Science	X	X
Teknologi	Technology	X	X
Trädgårdsvetenskap	Horticultural Science	X	X
Veterinärmedicin	Veterinary Medicine	X	X

**Previous main field of
study**

Landskapsplanering	Landscape Planning
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