

Possibility for further study

A student who has completed the Rural Development and Natural Resource Management Master's programme and been awarded the qualification fulfils the specific entry requirements for third-cycle studies at the Faculty of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences in the subjects

- Environmental communication
- Rural development

The specific entry requirements are based on both first and second-cycle studies. Detailed requirements for each third-cycle subject area are shown in the respective study plan for the third cycle, see link

http://www.nlfak.slu.se/ShowPage.cfm?OrgenhetSida_ID=1645

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Appendix 2, Programme Syllabus for Rural Development and Natural Resource Management – Master’s programme

Study plan for Rural Development and Natural Resource Management – Master’s Programme

Programme structure for students admitted in autumn 2009

SCHEMATIC OVERVIEW OF MSc. RURAL DEVELOPMENT & NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
Year 1 2009-2010	MX0072 Society, Nature and Change (5 credits) [ES/RD] ¹	LU0022 Governance of Natural Resources (5 credits) [RD/ES] or	MX0055 Stakeholder Facilitation in Project and Conflict Management, (15 credits)	LU0032 The Practice and Theory of Rural Development (15 credits) [RD]
	LU0031 Rurality, Livelihood & Gender (10 credits) [RD]	LU0030 Strategies in Sustainable Natural Resource Management (10 credits) [RD]		
Year 2 2010-2011	LU0025 Research Methods (15 credits) [RD/ES] 2	LU0023 Philosophy of Science and Ethics (5 credits) [RD]	EX0681 Masters’ Thesis (30 credits) [RD]	
		LU0024 Reflective Research Seminars (10 credits) [RD/ES]		

¹ ES = Environmental Communication Programme; RD = Rural Development Programme;

² In the first half of year 2 the course LU0039 Philosophy of Science and Interlinked Research Methods, 30 credits will replace the courses LU0025, LU0023 and LU0024 from the Academic year 2010

In order for the degree certificate to state that the programme was completed according to the programme syllabus for the Rural Development and Natural Resource Management Master's programme, the following requirements must be met:

Approved program-courses of 80 credits from the following courses:

- Society, Nature and Change, 5 credits, A1N
- Rurality, Livelihood and Gender, 10 credits, A1N
- Governance of Natural Resources, 5 credits, A1N
- Strategies in Sustainable Natural Resource Management, 10 credits, A1N
- Stakeholder Facilitation in Project and Conflict Management, 15 credits A1N
- The Practice and Theory of Rural Development, 15 credits, A1F
- Research Methods, 15 credits, A1F
- Philosophy of Science and Ethics, 5 credits, A1F
- Reflective Research Seminars, 10 credits, A1F

Approved independent project (degree project), A2E, of at least 30 credits in rural development and natural resource management, according to instructions for the programme

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Instructions for independent projects

All independent projects (degree projects) must follow the joint guidelines that apply for independent work at SLU (REB 2008-06-02, Dnr SLU ua 30-1972/08). This means that they are to be managed under the same routines and remits as other higher education. Independent projects are tied to a syllabus and the guidelines state that for projects comprising 15 credits or more, the syllabus must specify that they are to be published in Epsilon and examined for plagiarism in Urkund. In exceptional cases publication may be delayed; if so this must be stated in the student's individual work plan. The individual work plan is to serve as a supplement to the curriculum and must specify how the independent project will fulfil the intended learning outcomes related to the degree. The supervisor and the examiner may not be the same person, and the same guidelines apply for independent project examiners as for examiners on other courses (REB 2009-12-14, Dnr SLU ua 30-3666/09).

Agreements with external clients are handled in a separate contract between SLU and the client. In cases where students have an external supervisor there must also be a principal supervisor at SLU who is responsible for ensuring that the project is carried out in accordance with SLU's guidelines and the current syllabus.

In addition to the general instructions that apply for all programmes and to the instructions in the syllabus for independent projects in Rural development (Independent project / degree project in Rural development A2E), an independent project on the rural development and management Master's Programme must be related to the intended learning outcomes specified in the programme syllabus.

The thesis work is usually carried out individually. Before a student can start his or her master thesis the courses in block 1 and 2 during the second year have to be finished and approved. The contribution for each student shall correspond to one semester of 30 credits. Compulsory parts of the thesis work are three seminars and the final report:

1. Each student is expected to make an initial presentation of its work plan within the master thesis at the start of the semester
2. When approximately half of the work is done every student shall make a summary of the work in relation to the work plan. In this phase a revised work plan can be approved.
3. The final work is presented on a seminar with one or two opponents and thereafter the work is evaluated by an examiner

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