

Possibilities for further studies

A student who has completed the Soil and Water 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 subject

- Soil Science
- Environmental Assessment

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

<https://internt.slu.se/en/research-education-ema/phd-education/responsible-committees-and-director-of-studies/postgraduate-subjects/postgraduate-subjects-at-the-nl-faculty/>

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Study plan for Soil and Water Management – Master’s Programme

Programme structure for students admitted in autumn 2008

Year	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4*	Summer
1 2008/09	MV0159 Water and solute transport in the soil-plant system, 10 credits MV0141 Introduction - Soil and water management, 5credits	MV0158 Soil and water chemistry, 10 credits BI0883 Soil biology, 5 credits	MV0160 Watershed management with focus on eutrophication, 10 credits MV0172 Biogeochemistry - element cycles and climate change, 5 credits or BI0882 Ecological microbiology, 5 credits	MX0052 Applied environmental assessment, 10 credits MV0166 Project - Soil and water management, 5 credits or MV0163 Agroforestry - concepts and field methods, 5 credits	MX0061/ MX0024 Sustainable use of natural resources in Sweden/USA-international course, 5 credits/5 credits
2 2009/10	MV0174 Water management, soil conservation and land evaluation, 10 credits MV0162 Soils of the world, 5 credits	MV0178 Plant nutrition – in depth treatment of selected areas, 10 credits MV0166 Project- Soil and water management, 5 credits	EX0431/EX0430 Independent project in Environmental Science/Soil Science – Master’s thesis, 30 credits		

*There is a possibility to do an independent project comprising 15 credits.

In order for the degree certificate to state that the programme was completed according to the programme syllabus for the Soil and Water Management - Master's Programme the following requirements must be met:

Approved compulsory programme courses of 30 credits comprising
Soil and water chemistry 10 credits (MV0158)

- Soil biology, 5 credits (BI0883)
- Soils of the world, 5 credits (MV0162)
- Water and solute transport in the soil-plant system, 10 credits (MV0159)

Furthermore elective courses of at least 45 credits of the following courses are required

- Agroforestry - concepts and field methods, 5 credits (MV0163); ges ej läsåret 2009/10
- Applied environmental assessment, 10 credits (MX0052)
- Biogeochemistry- element cycles and climate change, 5 credits (MV0172)
- Ecological microbiology, 5 credits (BI0882)
- Introduction - Soil and water management, 5 credits (MV0141)
- Sustainable use of natural resources in USA, International course, 5 credits (MX0024)(is given every other year)
- Plant nutrition – in depth treatment of selected areas, 10 credits (MV0178)
- Project- Soil and water management, 5 credits (MV0166)
- Sustainable use of natural resources - International course, 5 credits (MX0061)(is given every other year)
- Water management, soil conservation and land evaluation, 10 credits (MV0174)
- Watershed management with focus on eutrophication, 10 credits (MV0160)

For a degree with **Soil science** as the main field: Approved independent project of 30 credits in Soil science, according to instructions for the programme.

For a degree with **Environmental science**: as the main field: Approved independent project of 30 credits in Environmental science, 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, reg.no 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 an appendix 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 2008-06-02, reg.no SLU ua 30-2050/08).

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 Soil Science and Environmental Science (Independent project/degree project in Soil Science E and Independent project/degree project in Environmental Science E) an independent project on the Soil and Water Management - Master's Programme must be related to the intended learning outcomes specified in the programme syllabus.

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