Local requirements for general qualifications – regulations

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Introduction

This document lays down the national requirements for general qualifications as prescribed in annex 2 to the Higher Education Ordinance (1993:100) (HEO) as well as the local requirements applied at Örebro University. The local requirements are prescribed by virtue of point 2, first section in annex 2 to the HEO.

Annex 1 to this document lists the main fields of study available for general qualifications on the first and second cycle. Annex 2 lists the labels used to classify courses with respect, among other things, to the level of specialisation within the main field of study.

FIRST-CYCLE QUALIFICATIONS

Higher Education Diploma

National requirements

Scope
A Higher Education Diploma is awarded after the student has completed the courses required to gain 120 credits with a defined specialisation determined by each higher education institution itself.

Independent project (degree project)
A requirement for the award of a Higher Education Diploma is completion by the student, as part of the courses required, of an independent project (degree project) in the main field of study for the programme.

Miscellaneous
For the award of a Higher Education Diploma with a defined specialisation, specific requirements, determined by each higher education institution itself within the parameters of the requirements laid down in this qualification descriptor, shall also apply.

Local requirements

A Higher Education Diploma is awarded without a suffix as well as with a defined specialisation determined by a faculty board.

A requirement for the award of a Higher Education Diploma is at least 60 credits within a main field of study. The independent project (degree project) shall comprise at least 7.5 credits and have the label G1E.

A requirement for the award of a Higher Education Diploma with a defined specialisation is at least 30 credits within a main field of study. The
independent project (degree project) shall comprise at least 7.5 credits and have the label G1E.

Degree of Bachelor

National requirements

Scope
A Degree of Bachelor is awarded after the student has completed the courses required to gain 180 credits in a defined specialisation determined by each higher education institution itself, of which 90 credits are for progressively specialised study in the principal field (main field of study) for the programme.

Independent project (degree project)
A requirement for the award of a Degree of Bachelor is completion by the student, as part of the courses required, of an independent project (degree project) of at least 15 credits in the main field of study.

Miscellaneous
For the award of a Degree of Bachelor with a defined specialisation, specific requirements, determined by each higher education institution itself within the parameters of the requirements laid down in this qualification descriptor, shall also apply.

Local requirements
The progressively specialised study within the main field of study shall consist of courses with the labels G1N, G1F/G1E and G2F/G2E. The independent project (degree project) shall comprise at least 15 credits and have the label G2E.

The Degree of Bachelor is awarded with or without suffix¹. For a Degree of Bachelor without a suffix, the above requirements apply. For a Degree of Bachelor with a suffix, the following requirements apply in addition to those specified above:

Degree of Bachelor of Arts/Science (Filosofie kandidatexamen)
At least 90 credits as prescribed above within a main field of study available for the award of a qualification with the suffix ‘of Arts/Science’.

At least 30 credits within another main field of study/other main fields of study available for the award of a qualification with the suffix ‘of Arts/Science’.

¹ See annex 1 for information on main fields of study, the use of suffixes depending on the main field of study, and the translation of the suffixes into English.
Degree of Bachelor of Science in Business and Economics (*Ekonomie kandidatexamen*)
At least 90 credits as prescribed above within business administration or economics.

If the main field of study is business administration, at least 30 credits of economics is required. If the main field of study is economics, at least 30 credits of business administration is required.

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Medical Science (*Medicine kandidatexamen*)
At least 90 credits as prescribed above within a main field of study available for the award of a qualification with the suffix ‘of Science in Medical Science’.

At least 30 credits within another main field of study/other main fields of study available for the award of a qualification with the suffix ‘of Science in Medical Science’.

Degree of Bachelor of Science (*Naturvetenskaplig kandidatexamen*)
At least 90 credits as prescribed above within a natural science main field of study.

At least 30 credits within another natural science main field of study/other natural science main fields of study.

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Political Sciences (*Polities kandidatexamen*)
At least 90 credits as prescribed above within any of the main fields of study economics, political science or statistics.

At least 30 credits in each of the two other main fields of study, alternatively, unless statistics is the main field of study, the requirement of at least 30 credits in statistics may be substituted by courses of 15 credits in statistics and 15 credits in public law.

Degree of Bachelor of Science (*Teknologie kandidatexamen*)
At least 90 credits as prescribed above in a technical main field of study.

At least 30 credits within another technical or natural science main field of study/other technical or natural science main fields of study.
SECOND-CYCLE QUALIFICATIONS

Degree of Master (60 credits)

National requirements

Scope
A Degree of Master (60 credits) is awarded after the student has completed the courses required to gain 60 credits in a defined specialisation determined by each higher education institution itself, of which 30 credits are for progressively specialised study in the principal field (main field of study) of the programme. In addition, the student shall have obtained a degree of bachelor, degree of bachelor of fine arts, a professional qualification of at least 180 credits, or an equivalent qualification from abroad.

Exemptions from the requirement of a previously obtained higher education qualification may be made if a student has been accepted onto the programme without having met the general entry requirements in terms of having a higher education qualification. This does however not apply if on admission an exemption has been made pursuant to the HEO, Chapter 7, Section 28, second paragraph due to the degree certificate not having been issued in time for admission.

Independent project (degree project)
A requirement for the award of a Degree of Master (60 credits) is completion by the student, as part of the courses required, of an independent project (degree project) of at least 15 credits in the main field of study.

Miscellaneous
For the award of a Degree of Master (60 credits) with a defined specialisation, specific requirements, determined by each higher education institution itself within the parameters of the requirements laid down in this qualification descriptor, shall also apply.

Local requirements
At least 45 of the 60 credits shall be for courses on the second cycle.

The progressively specialised study within the main field of study shall consist of courses with the labels A1N/A1F/A1E. The independent project (degree project) shall comprise at least 15 credits and have the label A1E.

The Degree of Master (60 credits) is awarded with or without suffix. For a Degree of Master (60 credits) without a suffix, the above requirements apply.

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2 See annex 1 for information on main fields of study, the use of suffixes depending on the main field of study, and the translation of the suffixes into English.
For a Degree of Master (60 credits) with a suffix, the following requirements apply in addition to those specified above:

**Degree of Master of Arts/Science (60 credits) (Filosofie magisterexamen)**
At least 30 credits as prescribed above within a main field of study available for the award of a qualification with the suffix ‘of Arts/Science’.

At least 15 credits within another main field of study/other main fields of study available for the award of a qualification with the suffix ‘of Arts/Science’, unless included in the previously obtained higher education qualification.

**Degree of Master of Science in Business and Economics (60 credits) (Ekonomie magisterexamen)**
At least 30 credits as prescribed above within business administration or economics.

If the main field of study is business administration, at least 15 credits of economics is required, unless included in the previously obtained higher education qualification. If the main field of study is economics, at least 15 credits of business administration is required, unless included in the previously obtained higher education qualification.

**Degree of Master of Science in Medical Science (60 credits) (Medicine magisterexamen)**
At least 30 credits as prescribed above within a main field of study available for the award of a qualification with the suffix ‘of Science in Medical Science’.

At least 15 credits within another main field of study/other main fields of study available for the award of a qualification with the suffix ‘of Science in Medical Science’, unless included in the previously obtained higher education qualification.

**Degree of Master of Science (60 credits) (Naturvetenskaplig kandidatexamen)**
At least 30 credits as prescribed above within a natural science main field of study.

At least 15 credits within another natural science main field of study/other natural science main fields of study, unless included in a previously obtained higher education qualification.

**Degree of Master of Science in Political Sciences (60 credits) (Polities magisterexamen)**
At least 30 credits as prescribed above within any of the main fields of study economics, political science or statistics.

At least 15 credits in each of the two other main fields of study, alternatively, unless statistics is the main field of study, courses of 7.5 credits in statistics
and 7.5 credits in public law, unless included in the previously obtained higher education qualification.

Degree of Master of Science (60 credits) *(Teknologe magisterexamen)*
At least 30 credits as prescribed above in a technical main field of study.
At least 15 credits within another technical or natural science main field of study/other technical or natural science main fields of study, unless included in the previously obtained higher education qualification.

Degree of Master (120 credits)

National requirements

*Scope*
A Degree of Master (120 credits) is awarded after the student has completed the courses required to gain 120 credits in a defined specialisation determined by each higher education institution itself, of which 60 credits are for progressively specialised study in the principal field (main field of study) of the programme. In addition, the student shall have obtained a degree of bachelor, degree of bachelor of fine arts, a professional qualification of at least 180 credits, or an equivalent qualification from abroad.

Exemptions from the requirement of a previously obtained higher education qualification may be made if a student has been accepted onto the programme without having met the general entry requirements in terms of having a higher education qualification. This does however not apply if on admission an exemption has been made pursuant to the HEO, Chapter 7, Section 28, second paragraph due to the degree certificate not having been issued in time for admission.

*Independent project (degree project)*
A requirement for the award of a Degree of Master (120 credits) is completion by the student, as part of the courses required, of an independent project (degree project) of at least 30 credits in the main field of study. The independent project may comprise less than 30 credits, however no less than 15 credits, if the student has already completed an independent project on the second cycle of at least 15 credits in the main field of study in question or equivalent within the scope of a degree programme from abroad.

*Miscellaneous*
For the award of a Degree of Master (120 credits) with a defined specialisation, specific requirements, determined by each higher education institution itself within the parameters of the requirements laid down in this qualification descriptor, shall also apply.
Local requirements
At least 90 of the 120 credits shall be for courses on the second cycle.

The progressively specialised study within the main field of study shall consist of courses with the labels A1N/A1F/A1E and A2E. The independent project (degree project) shall comprise at least 30 credits and have the label A2E³.

The Degree of Master (120 credits) is awarded with or without suffix⁴. For a Degree of Master (120 credits) without suffix, the above requirements apply. For a Degree of Master (120 credits) with a suffix, the following requirements apply in addition to those specified above:

Degree of Master of Arts/Science (120 credits) (Filosofie masterexamen)
At least 60 credits as prescribed above within a main field of study available for the award of a qualification with the suffix ‘of Arts/Science’.

At least 30 credits within another main field of study/other main fields of study available for the award of a qualification with the suffix ‘of Arts/Science’, unless included in the previously obtained higher education qualification.

Degree of Master of Science in Business and Economics (120 credits) (Ekonomie magisterexamen)
At least 60 credits as prescribed above within business administration or economics.

If the main field of study is business administration, at least 30 credits of economics is required, unless included in the previously obtained higher education qualification. If the main field of study is economics, at least 30 credits of business administration is required, unless included in the previously obtained higher education qualification.

Degree of Master of Science in Medical Science (120 credits) (Medicine masterexamen)
At least 60 credits as prescribed above within a main field of study available for the award of a qualification with the suffix ‘of Science in Medical Science’.

³ Alternatively an independent project of at least 15 credits with the label A2E if the student has already completed an independent project of at least 15 credits within the main field of study with the label A1E. For students who have commenced a second-cycle degree programme before the autumn term 2015, the independent project of at least 30 credits may also be substituted by two independent projects on the second cycle of 15 credits each with the label A1E.

⁴ See annex 1 for information on main fields of study, the use of suffixes depending on the main field of study, and the translation of the suffixes into English.
At least 30 credits within another main field of study/other main fields of study available for the award of a qualification with the suffix ‘of Science in Medical Science’, unless included in the previously obtained higher education qualification.

**Degree of Master of Science (120 credits) (Naturvetenskaplig masterexamen)**
At least 60 credits as prescribed above in a natural science main field of study.

At least 30 credits within another natural science main field of study/other natural science main fields of study, unless included in a previously obtained higher education qualification.

**Degree of Master of Science in Political Sciences (120 credits) (Politices masterexamen)**
At least 60 credits as prescribed above within any of the main fields of study economics, political science or statistics.

At least 30 credits in each of the two other main fields of study, alternatively, unless statistics is the main field of study, courses of 15 credits in statistics and 15 credits in public law, unless included in the previously obtained higher education qualification.

**Degree of Master of Science (120 credits) (Teknologie masterexamen)**
At least 60 credits as prescribed above in a technical main field of study.

At least 30 credits within another technical or natural science main field of study/other technical or natural science main fields of study, unless included in a previously obtained higher education qualification.

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**Entry-into-force and transitional provisions**

These local requirements for general qualifications shall apply to qualifications issued after 1 October 2014.

Students who have commenced their studies on a degree programme before 1 July 2007, have the right to obtain a qualification in accordance with the previous local requirements provisions, given that their studies have been completed by 30 June 2015.

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