Syllabus for the Degree Project for the Degree of Master of Architecture

Approved by the Board of the Faculty of Engineering on 7th May 2007 and valid from 1st July 2007.

The course codes with the titles of courses for which this syllabus is valid are given in the appendix which has also been approved by the board.

Higher Education Credits: 30
Grades Used: Fail or Pass
Cycle: 2nd

Language of Instruction: English may be used as the language of instruction on the course.

Lecturer(s)-in-Charge: The Head of Department appoints one or more Senior Lecturers at Lund University to act as examiner(s) for each subject undertaken as a degree project. This means that all degree projects including those written by exchange students will be examined at Lund University. The examiner(s) decides (decide) on the grade to be awarded.

Admission requirements: The student may commence work on the degree project when he/she has successfully completed at least 222 higher education credits which can count towards his/her degree. All compulsory courses must be successfully completed when work on the degree project commences. Exemptions from these requirements can only be given by the Educational Committee and only in exceptional circumstances. In order to commence work on the degree project, the student must demonstrate appropriate knowledge in the field of study covered by the project. It is the responsibility of the examiner(s) to ensure that this requirement is satisfied before work on the degree project can begin.

Assessment: Written and oral examination. The student must pass all parts of the degree project as specified in Content below, for the degree project as a whole to pass. The degree project report is a public document and no part may be classified information. The examiner(s) may not take into account any advance information when assessing the report.

Further information: Before the student begins work on the degree project the examiner(s) has (have) to approve the assignment and appoint a supervisor who will provide continuous supervision throughout the work on the project. Supervision is designed to ensure that, among other things, it is possible for the student to complete the degree project within the space of 20 weeks of full-time study. The student can only request supervision for a period of no more than 15 months. A supervisor will be appointed from persons the examiner(s) deems (deem) suitable. The supervisor need not be a member of the academic staff of the Engineering Faculty. The examiner(s) is (are) not expected to provide the majority of the supervision. Notification of the degree project is to be made to the Student Services Centre before work on the project.
commences. The Student Services Centre checks that the student satisfies the requirements to commence work on the degree project. A copy of the final report of the degree project is filed in the departmental archives.

Specialisation: The course can be selected as an independent project in Second Cycle studies.

Type of course: This constitutes a compulsory course for the degree of Master of Architecture.

Learning outcomes: The aim of the degree project is for the student to develop and demonstrate the requisite knowledge to work independently as an architect.

Knowledge and understanding
To satisfy the requirements of the degree project the student shall
- demonstrate in-depth knowledge in the field of architecture and built environments.

Skills and abilities
To satisfy the requirements of the degree project the student shall
- demonstrate an ability to design, plan, preserve or renew environments or buildings from a holistic perspective and in complex situations and with due consideration given to architectural concepts and general requirements,
- demonstrate an ability to identify, resolve and problematise complex issues in the field of architecture and town planning, in a critical manner,
- demonstrate an ability to carry out and evaluate advanced and creative tasks in a critical, independent and creative manner within specific parameters in the field of architecture and planning, using appropriate architectural methods and syntheses and thereby contribute to the intellectual development of architecture and town planning,
- demonstrate an ability to communicate, illustrate and discuss his/her findings based on the underlying problem formulation, concepts, knowledge and arguments,
- be able to identify various sources of information, evaluate the relevance of this information to the problems in question and to be able to use the correct forms of documentation, in an autonomous manner.

Judgement and approach
To satisfy the requirements of the degree project the student shall
- demonstrate an ability to assess his/her own degree project and those of other students with due regard to relevant artistic, scientific, social and ethical aspects.

Content:
The degree project comprises:
- a written report in either Swedish or English and with a summary in English,
- the presentation of the degree project at a public seminar at the Faculty of Engineering and
- a critical examination of another student’s degree project at the public seminar where it is presented.

The degree project is an independent project. It is to be executed individually or in groups of two. If the degree project is carried out as a group, the contribution of each student must be clearly discernible.
The report is to be made available in a state suitable for examination at least one week before the seminar. The department is responsible for providing the requisite number of copies of the report. It is desirable, but not obligatory, that the report is critically examined by a student also presenting a degree project at the seminar. The same report can be critically examined by several co-students. The department is to file the reports.

The seminar will take place at a time decided on by the Education Committee. The seminar can be timetabled for a day that is not within term time if the student, supervisor and examiner are in agreement.

Instructions for the procedures at the seminar are available and are published on the website of the relevant programme of study.

Literature: The course literature and other teaching material that is to be used is approved by the supervisor with due consideration to the nature of the degree project assignment.