MA Degree Project

2020
General information

A degree project provides **30 credits** and is equivalent to **20 weeks of full-time study**.

You must have passed at least **65 credits** that may be included in the degree in order to commence work on the degree project.

The degree project is an independent project and is to be executed individually or in groups of two.

Company connections are welcome (discuss with supervisor and examiner)

**Aim**
The aim of the degree project is for you to develop and demonstrate the ability to practise knowledge acquired during your education and the skills to work independently as an industrial designer.

**Topic**
You have the responsibility and freedom to find a suitable topic for the degree project which has to be approved by the examiner and a supervisor at the division of industrial design. The topic and structure for the degree project must be devised and planned.
General information cont.

**Knowledge and understanding**

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of design, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field and
- demonstrate familiarity with methods and processes for dealing with complex phenomena, issues and situations in the field of design.

**Competences and skills**

- demonstrate the ability to formulate new issues autonomously and creatively and contribute to the formation of knowledge, solve more advanced problems, develop new forms of personal expression as well as to reflect critically on his or her artistic approach and that of others in the main field of study,
- demonstrate the ability to create and execute his or her own ideas with his or her own personal expression, to identify, formulate and solve artistic and creative problems autonomously and also to plan and undertake advanced artistic tasks using appropriate methods within both national and international contexts and
- demonstrate the competence and knowledge required to work autonomously with other parties in a professional capacity.

**Judgement and approach**

For a pass on the course, the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the field of design informed by relevant artistic, social and ethical issues.

**Full course description:** [https://kurser.lth.se/kursplaner/19_20%20eng/IDEM05.html](https://kurser.lth.se/kursplaner/19_20%20eng/IDEM05.html)
Before the holidays

• **E-mail Cecilia Nilsson** [cecilia.nilsson@kansli.lth.se](mailto:cecilia.nilsson@kansli.lth.se) to indicate whether or not you are planning to execute your master degree project in the spring. If yes, she will double check that you have fulfilled the prerequisites (credits, etc.) and give the official ok to start.

• **E-mail Anna Persson by December 11th** stating your project topic + preference for Examiner and Supervisor. NB please include a pdf (max 5MB) or link to your portfolio in the communication.
By January 31st

- **Reach out to your assigned examiner and supervisor(s)** to set up a time for the first crit(s).

- **Brief and initial research crit**
  - Initial crit with examiner (1st meeting out of 3)
  - Initial crit with the supervisor(s) (1st meeting out of 5)

* Be prepared to present (at least) the following material:
  - Personal motivation and background
  - Project description (motivation, idea, brief, intended outcomes (there may of course be more than one project idea))
  - Procedure (planned research and activities, etc.)
  - Time plan
  - Description of possible project partner and/or cooperations.

- **Hand-in signed Enrolment Form** The examiner and supervisor officially approves the brief and time plan by signing the enrolment form, which can then be submitted to Rose-Marie Hermansson for course registration. [http://www.student.lth.se/fileadmin/lth/anstallda/kvalitet/examensarbete/Enrolment_Form_Degree_Project_-_150918.pdf](http://www.student.lth.se/fileadmin/lth/anstallda/kvalitet/examensarbete/Enrolment_Form_Degree_Project_-_150918.pdf)

- **Select a project to peer-review** – In completion of the degree project, it is mandatory to review another student’s Master’s degree. The topics should be unrelated. The result of the reading and criticism of another student’s degree project will be presented as an oral critical review at the public seminar. NB two students cannot review eachother’s projects.
February-April

- **Mid-February** Intermediate crit with the supervisor(s) (2/5)

- **Mid-March** Intermediate crit with the supervisor(s) (3/5)

- **End of March** Intermediate crit with the examiner (2/3)

- **Mid-April** Intermediate crit with the supervisor(s) (4/5)
Last 3 weeks (in May)

- **Two weeks prior to the final presentation: Project Documentation Due***
  Send as a pdf to the examiner, supervisor and student reviewer(s)

  * In a format suitable for examination: including all picture material (sketches, drawings, images, models, etc.) documenting the design process and result. Photos of the finished model may be added later. NB. Detailed feedback on the documentation is only given once the final version (including everything) is handed in.

- **One week prior to the final presentation: Final Review**
  Final crit with the supervisor(s) (5/5)
  Final crit – go or no go – with the examiner (3/3)
Final Presentations & Degree Show 2020

- **May** 25\(^{th}\) LTH Graduation ceremony downtown
- **May** 28\(^{th}\) - 29\(^{th}\) and **June** 1\(^{st}\) - 3\(^{rd}\) Final Presentations
- **June** 5\(^{th}\) Degree Show Opening (including pen ceremony)
- **June** 5\(^{th}\) – 10\(^{th}\) Degree Show
June

- **Second week in June** – send in **final documentation**
  - Count on a couple of feedback-loops so give yourself time.
  - Once okayed by the supervisor it is sent to the examiner for OK to print.

- **End of June**
  - Submit the printed document, digital files (including a pdf and high-res picture material) AND the signed Summary of Activities form to Rose-Marie Hermansson. [https://www.lth.se/fileadmin/lth/student/Arkitekt/bild/Summary_of_activities_-_degree_project_-_141217.pdf](https://www.lth.se/fileadmin/lth/student/Arkitekt/bild/Summary_of_activities_-_degree_project_-_141217.pdf)

- **And Then?** Once the credits are registered you may apply for your Degree Certificate [https://www.lth.se/english/study-at-lth/masters-programmes-in-english/degree-and-career/degree-certificate/](https://www.lth.se/english/study-at-lth/masters-programmes-in-english/degree-and-career/degree-certificate/)
Timeline (if it continues)

Feb-Jun 2021

- **Mid-February (2021)** Catch-up presentations*
  
  * NB. Could be held via Skype if there are VISA issues (no extensions granted for general delay).

- **Mid-March (2021)** Final deadline for handing in report

- **Early June (2021)** Degree show
To Rose-Marie at the START of the project

http://www.student.lth.se/fileadmin/lth/anstallda/kvalitet/examensarbete/Enrolment_Form_Degree_Project_-_150918.pdf

To Rose-Marie at the END of the project

https://www.lth.se/fileadmin/lth/student/Arkitekt/bild/Summary_of_activities_degree_project_-_141217.pdf
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https://www.lth.se/english/study-at-lth/masters-programmes-in-english/degree-and-career/degree-certificate/

## Degree certificate

### Apply for your Master's Degree Certificate

You need to apply for the degree certificate once you have completed all your courses and the final grades are reported by your lecturers into the student register LADOK.

You apply for the degree certificate in the Student Portal [www.student.lu.se](http://www.student.lu.se). If you have problems finding your degree in the list limit the number of results searching by faculty (i.e. LTH) or by type of degree (i.e. Master).

The degree certificate is issued by the degree office at LTH (E-building, fifth floor) and it is free of charge.

In case you graduated several years ago and can no longer access the Student Portal please contact the degree office [examen@lth.lu.se](mailto:examen@lth.lu.se).

Please check that the spelling of your name in LADOK is correct. Otherwise contact LU support: [https://luservicedesk.service-now.com/support.en](https://luservicedesk.service-now.com/support.en)

If any credits are missing please contact the course coordinator.

The degree certificate can be sent to an address in Sweden or abroad.

The degree certificate is sent to your address registered in LADOK. To have the certificate sent to another address:

- change the address in the Student Portal
- alternatively, state your new address in the message box in the application.

The degree office will handle all applications in turn and the handling time varies over the year depending on the number of applications received.

### Contacts

- **Student Portal**
  - [www.student.lu.se](http://www.student.lu.se)
- **Degree Office**
  - [examen@lth.lu.se](mailto:examen@lth.lu.se)
  - [International Master coordinators](mailto:International Master coordinators)

### Do you need certified photocopies of your degree certificate?

Send an email to [examen@lth.lu.se](mailto:examen@lth.lu.se) with the following information

1. Type "Order Copy of Degree Certificate" in the header
2. First and last name:
3. Identification number "Personnummer":
4. Degree:
5. Education completed:
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https://lu-mediaportal.qbank.se/en/login

On the title page behind the cover page:

Title (subtitle)
Author’s name
Degree Project for Master of Fine Arts in Design, Main Field of Study Industrial Design, from Lund University, School of Industrial Design
Department of Design Sciences
Name and title of examiner
Name and title of supervisor(s).
Name(s) and title(s) or position(s) of external supervisor(s)/contributor(s)
Print year*
ISRN-number – this number is obtained from the division’s course administrator (Rose-Marie).

Titles of the industrial design division staff can be found at:

http://www.ide.lth.se/staff/faculty/

*If the work was conducted in a year other than the year the report was printed, this needs to be clearly stated in the documentation.
Old Degree Projects

2019

2016
https://schoolofindustrialdesign.com/degreeshow/

Other years
http://www.industrialdesign.lth.se/gallery/ma-degree-projects/

LUP Student papers: https://lup.lub.lu.se/student-papers/search/organization/V1000239?limit=10&sort=year.desc&start=10

(paper copies available at the A-house library)
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