

# SYLLABUS FOR THE GRADUATE SCHOOL CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

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This syllabus applies to doctoral students admitted as of 2021-08-20.

Transitional regulations:

*A doctoral student admitted to an older syllabus may earn a degree in accordance with this, provided that the current Appointment regulation for doctoral programmes and current Local Qualifications Framework – third cycle qualifications are followed.*

*Doctoral students admitted to an older syllabus of graduate school Civil and Environmental Engineering can, however, change to the current syllabus by an application to the Deputy/Vice Head of Department. The change must be documented in the individual study plan.*

The graduate school is regulated by the *Appointment regulation for doctoral programmes* and the *Local Qualifications Framework for Chalmers University of Technology - third cycle qualifications* and is described in the syllabus for the graduate school. In the event of any conflict between the documents, the *Appointment regulation for doctoral programmes* and the *Local Qualifications Framework for Chalmers University of Technology - third cycle qualifications* are governing. For the most recent version of all regulatory documents referenced in this syllabus, see Chalmers's internal website.

## 1. Subject description

### Description of subject

Research within the graduate school *Civil and Environmental Engineering* aims to create knowledge and understanding of the physical conditions for a resource-efficient and sustainable society. The research focuses on buildings, transport infrastructure and interdisciplinary research that covers the entire construction process. Important general issues are thus related to human safety and health, environmental impact, energy use, design, production, maintenance and management of facilities / buildings and cost-effectiveness in social structures.

The research subject and its specializations represent the scientific scope of the master's degree program.

The Graduate School of Civil and Environmental Engineering provides, at an internationally competitive level, both general and broad knowledge within and around the chosen scientific area and offer high competence within the intended subject specialization.

### Description of specializations

The graduate school Civil and Environmental Engineering offers ten specializations:

- Concrete Structures
- Building Economics and Management
- Building Physics
- Building Materials
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Sustainable Building
- Steel and Timber Structures

- Engineering Geology
- Water Engineering
- Building Services Engineering

## 2. Objectives of the doctoral program

### Objectives

The national objectives for third cycle degrees (licentiate and doctoral degree) and local requirements are stated in the *Local Qualifications Framework for Chalmers University of Technology – third cycle qualifications*.

## 3. Entry requirements

### General entry requirements

To be qualified for admission in *Civil and Environmental Engineering* the student must have earned a degree at the second-cycle level. The orientation of the student's degree shall also have a sufficiently close connection to the subject of the doctoral programme. Equivalent requirements apply to individuals who have taken their first degree in a country other than Sweden. The examiner, in consultation with the principal supervisor, shall assess whether the applicant has the requisite capacity to successfully complete the doctoral programme. Other requirements for general entry are regulated in *Appointment regulation for doctoral programmes*.

### Admission

Regulations regarding admission are stated in *Appointment regulation for doctoral programmes*.

## 4. Curriculum

The study programme towards a doctoral degree encompasses 240 higher education credits. The study programme towards a licentiate degree encompasses at least 120 higher education credits. One year of full-time studies equals 60 credits.

For the licentiate degree programme the credits are distributed between courses and thesis work as follows: courses at least 30 credits and thesis at least 60 credits.

For the doctoral degree programme the credits are distributed between course work and thesis work as follows: courses at least 60 credits and thesis at least 180 credits.

### Courses

Courses within the graduate school include general courses that cover all doctoral programmes at Chalmers as well as courses specific for the graduate school.

#### **General courses in Chalmers's doctoral programmes**

The general course requirements for doctoral programmes at Chalmers are regulated in *Local Qualifications Framework for Chalmers University of Technology – third cycle qualifications*.

## **Licentiate thesis**

A licentiate thesis shall be written in English. In exceptional cases it can be written in Swedish; in such cases it shall contain a summary in English.

The purpose of the licentiate thesis is to account for the relevant scientific results that have been attained during the thesis work and describe these in a way that is accessible outside of the scientific inner circle of researchers. A licentiate thesis can either be written as a compilation thesis or as a monograph. If the licentiate thesis is a compilation thesis it should begin with an introduction, a summarizing text, followed by the included scientific articles. The purpose of the summarizing text is to put the studies in context, and to present relevant results that for various reasons are not described within the articles.

Other regulations concerning the licentiate thesis are stated in *Appointment regulation for doctoral programmes*.

## **Doctoral thesis**

A doctoral thesis shall be written in English. In exceptional cases it can be written in Swedish; in such cases it shall contain a summary in English.

The purpose of the doctoral thesis is to account for the relevant scientific results that have been attained during the thesis work and describe these in a way that is accessible outside of the scientific inner circle of researchers. A doctoral thesis can either be written as a compilation thesis or as a monograph. If the doctoral thesis is a compilation thesis it should begin with an introduction, a summarizing text, followed by the included scientific articles. The purpose of the summarizing text is to put the studies in context, and to present relevant results that for various reasons are not described within the articles.

Other regulations concerning the doctoral thesis are stated in *Appointment regulation for doctoral programmes*.

## **Supervision**

The *Appointment regulation for doctoral programmes* states that for each doctoral student at least two supervisors shall be appointed. One of them shall be appointed principal supervisor. The doctoral student has the right to supervision during the studies unless the Head of Department decides otherwise.

Other regulations concerning supervision are stated in *Appointment regulation for doctoral programmes*.

## **5. Examination**

After completion of a doctoral programme a doctoral degree is awarded. A licentiate degree can be an intermediate stage in a doctoral degree. If a licentiate degree is not a part of the individual study plan, an interim seminar shall be held to denote that licentiate level has been reached.

### **Examination, licentiate degree**

For a licentiate degree to be awarded, the doctoral student must have received a grade of pass for the licentiate thesis and its presentation and must also have received a grade of pass for the other elements that are included in the programme.

### **Examination, doctoral degree**

For a doctoral degree to be awarded, the doctoral student must have had a doctoral thesis and its defence approved and must also have passed the other elements that are included in the programme.

Other regulations regarding examination are stated in:

- *Appointment regulation for doctoral programmes*
- *Local Qualifications Framework for Chalmers University of Technology – third cycle qualifications*

## **6. Title of degree**

The title of qualification is *Teknologie doktorexamen i Bygg och miljöteknik* or *Filosofie doktorexamen i Bygg och miljöteknik*. The English translation of the title of the qualification is *Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Civil and Environmental Engineering*.

For a licentiate degree the title of the qualification is *Teknologie licentiatexamen i Bygg och miljöteknik* or *Filosofie licentiatexamen i Bygg och miljöteknik*. The English translation of the title of qualification is *Degree of Licentiate of Engineering in Civil and Environmental Engineering* or *Degree of Licentiate of Philosophy in Civil and Environmental Engineering*.

*The degree is given a title corresponding to the name of the faculty within which the undergraduate degree was earned. The title is determined by the Head of Department in connection with admission.*

*Any decision regarding exemption from use of the defined title is made by the Head of Department. In some individual cases, it is possible to use a title that does not correspond to the name of the faculty within which the undergraduate degree was earned.*