Studies for a licentiate degree

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This internal regulation is based on:

- The Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 1993:100)
- President’s decision Reg. no. 930-1237-94 Dossier 60
- President’s decision Reg. no. 930-743-97 Dossier 60
- President's decision no. 431/00, reg. no. 930-738-00, dossier 60
- President’s decision no. 361/2005, “KTH rules of procedure” reg. no. 930-2005-0480, dossier 10
- President’s decision no. UF-0449-07, reg. no. V-2007-0625, dossier 60
- President's decision no. UF 314-08, dossier 60
- President's decision no. UF-2011-0243, reg.no. V-2011-0482, dossier 60
- Language Policy for KTH, reg. no. V-2009-0365, established by the University Board April 21, 2011

A licentiate degree is received after undergoing studies in one of KTH’s third-cycle subjects. The studies correspond to 120 credits.

Besides a scientific paper of a minimum of 60 credits, a licentiate degree includes courses corresponding to a minimum of 30 credits. Higher requirements for the course component may be established in the study plan for a subject.

Further objectives within the framework of the Higher Education Ordinance system of qualifications (appendix 2 of the Ordinance) and the objectives set out in the local regulation of qualifications are established by the Faculty Council in the study plan for the third-cycle subject. For detailed information, see the respective study plan.

The qualification is named “Teknologie licentiatexamen” (Licentiate of Engineering). In individual cases, another prefix, like “Filosofie” (Philosophy) may be used, as decided by the Director of Doctoral studies.

Students who have met the above requirements relating to third-cycle studies will have acquired wider and more detailed subject knowledge, training in research methods and in qualified independent work in the subject.

The studies must be so arranged that they are normally equivalent to two years’ full-time study.
Licentiate thesis

Forms:

Notice of Licentiate Seminar (Anmälan - Licentiatseminarium)

“Summering av kvalitetsgranskning för licentiatuppsats/doktorsavhandling/Summary of quality review of licentiate/doctoral thesis”

Decision – Licentiate seminar (Beslut – Licentiatseminarium)

Forskning och forskarutbildning

Licentiate thesis is normally written in English and shall, according to the Language Policy for KTH, have a summary in Swedish. A licentiate thesis in another language requires approval by the Director of Doctoral Studies. A summary in English must always be included.

The thesis should be assigned an ISBN (International Standard Book Number), see

Doctoral students who wish to present their licentiate thesis must inform the School no later than five weeks during term-time before the date set for the licentiate seminar. This may not include the period from 16 June to 14 August. An established individual study plan for the licentiate degree and a completed form “Summary of quality review of licentiate/doctoral thesis” must be attached to the form “Notice of Licentiate Seminar”. A check for plagiarism should be carried out.

The licentiate thesis must be presented at a public licentiate seminar lasting approximately 1 hour. The seminar should take place between 7 January and 15 June or between 15 and August and 20 December unless particular reasons exist why such should not be the case.

The licentiate thesis must be reviewed by a special reviewer who issues a general assessment of the thesis and who also serves as an “opponent” at the seminar. This person should have obtained a doctoral qualification and should be scientifically competent at a level equivalent to reader (Swe. docent). The main supervisor proposes a reviewer and the Director of Doctoral studies appoints the reviewer. The licentiate student must provide the reviewer with a copy of the thesis when the notice of a planned licentiate examination is submitted to the School.

The grade for a licentiate thesis is decided by the main supervisor and he or she must always attend the licentiate seminar. In cases in which the main supervisor is not a teacher, a special examiner (who is a teacher) must be appointed, see

The licentiate thesis must be available for review at least three (3) weeks of term-time prior to the seminar. The seminar must have been previously announced in good time in the KTH calendar. It must be possible to order the thesis from the School. KTHB should receive two copies of the licentiate thesis. The author is responsible for ensuring that KTHB receives printed copies of the thesis.
An electronic version of the thesis is, according to the President’s decision, published in the KTH publication database DiVA at the time of exhibition.

The theses are available in KTH's publication database DiVA and KTHB's library catalog.

kth.diva-portal.org/smash/search.jsf?rvn=1

Questions can be sent to the PI unit support mail: pi@ece.kth.se