

TO GET STARTED WITH THE MASTER'S PROJECT

Remember to **apply** for the master thesis course via Studentwebb if you are an SLU student. Otherwise, apply via www.universityadmissions.se/intl/start. Check that you have the right application code! Note: *exchange students have a separate application process.*

There is **no common course start**, lectures or presentations in the master's thesis course. The course leader will contact students individually.

You as a student need to **find a relevant project and a supervisor** before the course start. You are very welcome to discuss with the course leader about finding a project. You may have an idea of your own or a suggestion from an external part. Suggestions may also be available at the course website, department websites or at:
<http://www.plantlink.se/education/undergraduate-students/> (in English)
<http://partnerskapalnarp.slu.se/expool/pa.aspx> (in Swedish)

In addition to a **literature survey**, a master's project has to include an **experimental part**, which can be experiments in the field, greenhouse or laboratory or structured interviews. The project can be done in collaboration with a company or other external part. In case the company is a member of *Partnerskap Alnarp*, the supervisor may apply a grant for consumables and/or travel costs. If Biotron chamber is needed, the course leader can apply support from the faculty (LTV).

The main supervisor and the examiner have to be from SLU. Co-supervisor can be external.
The main supervisor and/or course leader will find a suitable examiner.

During the first two weeks of the project, you will **write a project plan** (*arbetsplan*) in agreement with the supervisor(s). The project plan consists of a form, a project description and a preliminary timeplan. It is possible to modify the plan during the course in agreement with the supervisor. In case, inform the course leader.

About the **timeplan**: 30 credits corresponds 20 weeks. The oral presentation usually takes place 1-2 weeks before the end of the period, giving the student time to finish the written thesis. Note that there are no common dates for oral presentations. The student, supervisor and examiner can decide the date together with the course leader.

The thesis is **written in English** unless there is some particular reason to write in Swedish. Contact the course leader in the latter case. The written report will be **published in Epsilon, SLUs open archive**. Take this up with your supervisor; one may have to think which results can be published in case they are supposed to be included in a scientific article as well. Publishing of the thesis in Epsilon can be postponed for 2 x 6 months if necessary.

When you are ready with the project plan, return it to the course leader.