

Master thesis SFS (EX0875)

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The master course EX 0875 (A2E)

Course start and end: 30.08. 2021 – 16.01.2022

You should have applied for the course EX 0875 = 30HP (EX0944 = 60HP) until the 15. April!

on the **course homepage (time schedule will be uploaded 4 weeks before course start)**

<https://www.slu.se/en/education/programmes-courses/course/EX0875/10195.2122/Master-thesis-in-Food-science-A2E/>

General information about:

- required knowledge/credits
- formats and requirements for examination
- electronic publication
- time schedule
- important links (containing more detailed information)

You can always contact me! Bettina.Muller@slu.se (course leader)

Call-over: Important information for the course and the process of writing the thesis.
Mandatory!! On the 30th of August!!

Before the course starts

*“..You are only admitted to the course with reservations.
To be registered in the course, you **must be approved....***

- Fulfil general competence for the course (course homepage EX 0875) to be approved:
 - Pass grade for the independent project at first-cycle level, or a Bachelor’s degree
 - Knowledge equivalent to 30 credits at second-cycle level in the main field of study
 - Completed at least one course relevant to the subject of the independent project (master project)
 - Knowledge of English equivalent to English 6.

Before the course starts

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*To be registered in the course, you must be approved **and have a project and supervisor...**”*

- Find a project and a supervisor: must be done during the next weeks!!
 - Think about a topic/area you want to work with
 - Check who of your teachers (or other researchers at SLU) work in the area and could be supervisors or could suggest a supervisor
 - Contact and see what's possible
 - Make a plan/proposal and discuss topic with your supervisor! This may also include:
 - Clarify potential expenses: train ticket, accommodation, the need of special software, not provided by SLU
 - Discuss with your supervisor that you have achieved sufficiently enough basic knowledge to perform the thesis
 - You need an examiner, the supervisor should be helping with that, he/she needs to be at an institute which has the right to examine in Food Science
 - For the registration you need to fill the registration form together with your supervisor

Before the course starts

Master thesis - What to think about?

- Focus should be on Food and Sustainability
- Examiner in Food science (List of departments which can examine in food science can be found on the course homepage under “Syllabus, Cooperating departments” including the Dep. of Molecular Sciences)
- Supervisors can be all teachers/researchers in the subject which have a PhD degree at least
- You can check the teachers/researchers topics on the CV homepage and contact them
- Additional information can be found on the homepage of the Departments e.g.
 - <https://internet.slu.se/en/targeted-info/faculties/nj-faculty/research-education-ema/education-bachelor-master-level/nj-msc-thesis/> header “available projects”
- You can also check the following link for projects

<https://student.slu.se/en/study-support/slu-career/career-portal/>

Before the course starts

Master thesis with a company

➤ Students who do a project work **outside SLU**:

- You need also a supervisor at SLU, who is formally the main supervisor, in addition to a co-supervisor at the company or other institutions.
- It is important that the SLU supervisor establishes a contact with the external co-supervisor and informs about our rules and guidelines for independent work. Compensation does not apply to supervisors outside SLU or other academics.
- **Make your supervisor(s) aware of this!**
- **Discuss also: Sensitive data! You need to present your thesis! Publication of the thesis. You don't have to publish your thesis but maybe you want! Publishing can also be delayed in special circumstances.**
- **See guide lines under**
- <https://www.slu.se/en/subweb/library/publish-and-analyse/register-and-publish/publish-student-projects/>

The course follows the faculty's guidelines for Degree Projects at the Faculty:

<https://internt.slu.se/en/targeted-info/faculties/nj-faculty/research-education-ema/education-bachelor-master-level/nj-msc-thesis/>

➤ This link provides:

- General information about coordination and organization
- Guide lines and forms for student, examiner, supervisor
- Grading criteria
- Web courses and instructions for writing

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➤ **Currently needed** from that link (under the header “Documents and guides”):

The registration form!

- To be completed preferably 2 weeks **before the start of the course!** Form should be sent to the course leader (Bettina.Muller@slu.se)!!!
- Examiner needs to be at an institute which has the right to examine in Food Science!
- The registration will be performed by the Dep. of Molecular Sciences, where the course is affiliated to!!! (I take care on this!).

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Lets have a look!

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To find under the same link:

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➤ **Good to read through :**

- Guide for conducting an independent project at the NJ-faculty at SLU (guidelines for student, supervisor, examiner)

➤ **Later needed:**

- Forms and templates for e.g. work plan, title page, written thesis text and general information upon responsibilities, rating criteria, mandatory moments, publication in Epsilon etc.

➤ We get back to this at course start!!

Summary

- **Course start: 30th of August with a mandatory call-over** (time will be announced on course page) Will be organised as zoom meeting!
 - If the student does not come to the call-over and has not given notice beforehand, the student can be expected to lose its place in favour of a possible waiting list. So, please tell me!!!!

- **Course end 16th of January (10./11. of January presentations/oppositions;** time will be announced) (hopefully physically! depends on regulations in January 2022)

- **Until course start you should have:**
 - Achieved general competences for the course (course homepage EX 0875)
 - a project, a supervisor, an examiner
 - sent in the **registration form** to the course leader ! **Latest two days after course start!!**
 - Course leader sends the registration form to the Director of Studies!
 - The Director of Studies will check your registration form and whether you fulfil the general competences/requirements
 - If everything is ok, registration form will be sent for registration in LADOK
 - **Then you are registered on the course!!!**

During the first week(s) of the course

- After course start you write your workplan (**time 1-2 weeks**)
 - The **working plan** must be signed by the main supervisor and the examiner. It is a requirement according to the guidelines and strengthens the role of the academic supervisor.
 - Details on call-over meeting! (zoom)
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- Additionally meetings during the course:
 - 1) individual talks with the course leader (half-way) via Zoom
 - 2) information to presentation/opposition towards the end of the course (via Zoom)