

## Department of Biology Education

### Education plan

for

**Masterprogram i ekologi och biodiversitet**  
**Master's Programme in Ecology and Biodiversity**

**120.0 Higher Education Credits**  
**120.0 ECTS credits**

<b>Programme code:</b>	NEKCO
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2024
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<b>Department:</b>	Department of Biology Education

### Decision

Finalized by: Områdesnämnden för naturvetenskap, 2023-09-05

### Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Admission to the programme requires a Bachelor's degree in Biology at Stockholm University or equivalent including Ecology II 15 hp (BL5005), alternatively, Evolutionary biology 15 hp (BL5026). Swedish upper secondary school course English 6/English B or equivalent.

### Programme structure

The programme consists of compulsory 30 HEC, elective courses of 15 HEC, a degree project of at least 30 HEC and optional courses of up to 45 HEC.

### Goals

The main field of study is Ecology and Biodiversity. After completing the education programme the student is expected to:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in their main field of study, including both broad knowledge in the field and substantially deeper knowledge of certain parts of the field, together with deeper insight into current research and development work; and
- demonstrate deeper methodological knowledge in their main field of study.
- demonstrate an ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, even when limited information is available;
- demonstrate an ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate issues and to plan and, using appropriate methods, carry out advanced tasks within specified time limits, so as to contribute to the development of knowledge and to evaluate this work;
- demonstrate an ability to clearly present and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments

behind them, in dialogue with different groups, orally and in writing, in national and international contexts;

- demonstrate the skill required to participate in research and development work or to work independently in other advanced contexts.
- demonstrate an ability to make assessments in their main field of study, taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects, and demonstrate an awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work;
- demonstrate insight into the potential and limitations of science, its role in society and people's responsibility for how it is used;
- demonstrate an ability to identify their need of further knowledge and to take responsibility for developing their knowledge.

## **Courses**

Compulsory courses:

Biodiversity: Patterns and Processes SC, 7,5 HEC (BL8001)\*,

Biological Statistics II, 7,5 HEC (BL7048),

Evolutionary Ecology SC, 7,5 HEC (BL7054)\*,

Science in Biological Research and Investigation SC, 7,5 HEC (BL8008), Degree Project in Ecology and Biodiversity SC, 30/45/60 HEC (BL9037/BL9038/BL9039).

Elective courses:

Courses of at least 15 HEC from a list of elective courses. The elective courses are decided by the department board. The list of all elective courses should be updated before each new academic year. Before the start of a programme, there should be a list of the minimum number of courses where teaching is guaranteed during the

programme.

Optional courses 15-45 HEC.

\*The course is within the main field of study.

**Degree**

Master's degree.

**Misc**

Students who have been admitted to the programme but not completed it during the scheduled two years can request to complete the programme even after the programme syllabus no longer applies. In such cases, the limitations stated in the course syllabus apply.