

Independent project

Master level, 30 or 60 credits

All information is collected at

<https://internt.slu.se/nj-exjobb> (Swedish)

<https://internt.slu.se/nj-msc-thesis> (English)

Also this presentation

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- **Taken as any ordinary course**
 - Application procedure as for all other courses!

- **Which course, which subject?**
 - Depends on which Master degree you want
 - Your Masters degree is decided by the main subject area of your Individual project
 - If you want a **Master degree in Biology**, select an Independent project in **Biology**
 - Some study programs only have one option
 - Prerequisites must be fulfilled!

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You will be conditionally accepted

- The student must arrange with a supervisor and a subject!
- Not fully admitted without!
- You must have a **main supervisor from SLU**, even if the project is performed at a company etc. outside SLU!
- The director of studies at your examiner's department will check your prerequisites and register you, if fulfil the prerequisites

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How to find a project and supervisor

- Start looking for supervisor already now among teachers you meet, or at external companies or agencies!
- Available projects are listed at:
<https://internt.slu.se/nj-msc-thesis>

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The start up

- Read the guidance that describes the working procedures
- You may start the project at any day after the official start of the course, as long as you and your supervisor agree on the start date.
- Preferably two weeks before the start, fill the registration form together with your supervisor.
- **No one may start a thesis project without being admitted and registered!**
- During the first week, fill the work plan form, together with your supervisor.

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Generic competences

- Library, information search
- Scientific writing
- Given as optional on-line web course

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Compulsory parts for the thesis course

- An oral presentation at the end
- Opposition on another MSc thesis
- Check for plagiarism in “Ouriginal” (Urkund),
(handled by your supervisor)
- Uploading of the thesis to the Epsilon repository
system (handled by your supervisor's department)

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The oral presentation

- You should be opponent!
- You should have an opponent
- Start looking for a student opponent early!
- The oral presentation may take place whenever it suits all people involved in the presentation
- For some departments: may take place during the organised days for oral presentations
- Should preferably be done before the very final version of the written thesis, to be able to respond on comments

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Support and teaching

- No scheduled lectures on this course
- Your supervisor should support you in all parts of the project: selection of literature, lab or field work, statistics, writing, etc.!
- Writing and language support is also available from the SLU library!

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Examiner, not supervisor, is grading the thesis

- The supervisor should find an examiner
- Graded marks
- Grading criteria can be found on the web page for Independent Projects
- The examiner is not a second supervisor.



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Course occasions

The MSc thesis courses are given three times per year

- Spring semester
- Summer semester
- Autumn semester

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- Important for insurances etc.

Apply for the course that runs when you will start the work

EnvEuro additions

In addition to SLU guidelines, EnvEuro students must also follow the EnvEuro procedures: <https://enveuro.eu/master-programme-structure-and-courses/masters-thesis/>

Particularly important aspects:

- You must take the course *Independent project in **Environmental Science**, EX0897*
- You must have a *co-supervisor* at your home university who must attend (usually on video link) the thesis defence
- There is a *supervisor and co-supervisor guide* and other documents on the EnvEuro master thesis page. Make sure that all your supervisors get these!

Contact Ulf/Tobias (enveuro@slu.se) if you have any questions

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- In most cases, contact the department where you are doing your project
 - Supervisor,
 - Director of studies
 - Course administration

Main subject	Main responsible	Department
Biology	Malin Olofsson	Aquatic Sciences and Assessment
Env. Science	Malin Olofsson	Aquatic Sciences and Assessment
Soil Science	Katharina Meurer	Soil and Environment
Food Science	Bettina Müller, et.al.	Molecular Sciences
Chemistry	Anders Sandström	Molecular Sciences
Technology	David Ljungberg	Energy and Technology

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Take home messages

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Read the guide!

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Good luck with your project!!!