

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), SEE MSc Program
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1. I noticed that there are now two similar MSc programs at KTH in the energy field: Innovative Sustainable Energy Engineering and Sustainable Energy Engineering. Both sound interesting, so which one should I apply to?

You may choose either program freely, as (a) coursework is identical for the introductory period, and (b) students will have the chance to transfer between programs during the first semester. If you are really uncertain then list Innovative Sustainable Energy Engineering as your first priority and Sustainable Energy Engineering as your second priority.

2. Which documents should be sent to KTH, and which should be sent to the National Admission Office at the address given on studera.nu?

NO MATERIALS should be sent to KTH or the SEE Program Office; ALL DOCUMENTS must be submitted via studera.nu. The list of required documents can be found on studera.nu and KTH's international website, <http://www.kth.se/studies/master/application?!=en>

3. What will happen if my TOEFL/IELTS results or other documents arrive later than 1 February?

You are welcome to apply even if your TOEFL/IELTS results will reach the National Admission Office late. However such a case your application is considered to be late and will be reviewed only if there are openings in the SEE Program.

4. How long should letter of motivation/thesis proposal/CV/recommendation letter be, and what is the format?

Letter of motivation: 1-2 pages

Thesis proposal: 1-2 pages

CV: 1-2 pages

Recommendation letter: 1 page

There are no formatting requirements.

5. How do I know if I am eligible to apply if I hold a degree not mentioned in your webpage?

As it is stated on our website: "It is imperative that applicants have a sound knowledge of basic engineering sciences, including engineering thermodynamics, heat transfer, fluid dynamics, mathematics and numerical methods. Professional experience in related fields is considered a merit". It is our experience that applicants holding BSc degrees in Mechanical Engineering or Chemical Engineering always fulfill the minimum qualifications. Applicants holding BSc degrees in Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, or Environmental Engineering may qualify if the curricula have included courses in engineering thermodynamics, heat transfer, and fluid mechanics. Applicants holding BSc degrees in Computer Science or other engineering or science fields typically do not qualify.

If there are uncertainties it is advised that special note of such specific courses is made in the autobiographical statement. Brief course descriptions may also be included with the application.

6. Do I need TOEFL or IELTS if I took some courses/programs in English?

If it is documented in your curriculum that during your undergraduate studies English was the language of instruction for at least three years, then no TOEFL or IELTS is required. Otherwise, you need to take either of them. For special cases and more info please contact studera.nu.

7. Can I apply if I am finishing my studies this year and will get my BSc degree later on (but before the courses start)?

You still can apply provided that your current study program will be completed before the first day of courses at KTH. You will be conditionally accepted if your application is sufficiently competitive. In this case your final diploma must be presented upon arrival at KTH.

8. Is there any application fee or tuition fees?

There is no application fee, and studies in Sweden are free of charge. You will just have to pay a small fee to the Student Union for your student card (currently 350 SEK per academic year).

9. Can the Program arrange for accommodations?

All requests for student housing are handled by KTH Accommodation, <http://www.kth.se/studies/master/accommodation?l=en>. Please read this information very carefully as there is currently a large demand for student housing.

10. I do not know how to write a thesis proposal, what should I do?

The thesis proposal gives you the opportunity to express your interests in a relevant research field in energy technology. Feel free to select a topic that you are curious about, that fascinates you, or that you think may have a major impact in the future. Reviewing your thesis proposal gives us the chance to learn more about you as a candidate and to judge your abilities to formulate a problem.

Please note that this proposal is not binding, either from the perspective of the applicant or from the SEE Program.