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BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROJECT IN PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY (EARTH SCIENCE)

Within the Bachelor's Programme in Earth Science, Distance Learning you have the possiblity to write your degree project either with the Department of Geological sciences OR with the Department of Physical Geography. NOTE! This information only applies for the Physical Geography track.

Documents and links referred to in the following text can be found on our website: www.natgeo.su.se

1 Application and registration

If you choose to write your thesis in Physical Geography, the courses available are:

- Physical Geography, Degree Project, 15 credits
- Physical Geography, Degree Project, 30 credits

You apply for these courses via universityadmissions.se the term before starting.

The eligibility for the degree projects are: knowledge equivalent to 135 credits and that must include 75 credits in Earth sciences. Also required is knowledge equivalent to Earth Science by Distance Learning - Specialisation, 15 credits (GE5040) or Philosophy and History of Science 7.5 credits (GG3010). Therefore you need to have taken the course GE5040 or GG3010 before being able to start the degree project.

When you are admitted to the course, you register yourself in Ladok with web registration. If you are admitted with VI (conditions), you have until the start of the course to meet the prerequisites.

2 Supervisor, supervision and subject

When you write your thesis, you have a supervisor, subjects and supervisor are discussed with the course responsible before starting the course, preferably contact the course responsible by e-mail.

You often have the opportunity to influence an essay topic. If you have one or more subject suggestions yourself, you can discuss these with the course responsible.

The number of supervision hours is regulated in the course syllabus and supervision is only given within the planned course time. If the work is performed at an external workplace outside the department, supervisors must be present both at the department and at the workplace. The department does not pay compensation to external supervisors.

3 Scientific method, 1.5 hp

The scientific method 1.5 hp is obligatory for obtaining the Bachelor of Science degree at the Science faculty at Stockholm University. At present this course module is already part of the earlier courses within the Bachelor's Programme in Earth Science, Distance Learning.

For students that took the Scientific method course module 1.5 credits before Spring 2026, contact exjobb@natgeo.su.se for more information.

4 Project plan and template

The student fills out a project plan together with their supervisor, and sends it to exjobb@natgeo.su.se and course responsible teacher.

Information for Mac-user: Open the project plan template using Adobe Reader, then save it. This will produce a pdf-file that can be read also by PC-users.

Degree projects at the department should be formatted according to the department template. Degree projects which have not used the appropriate template will not be approved for uploading and publication in DiVA. The template can be found on our website.

5 Grading criteria

Grading criteria for the Degree Projects at the Bachelor's level can be found on our website or on your Athena course page.

6 Examination and presentation

At the end of the course, your degree project will be presented at a scheduled seminar. Specific instructions regarding your course will be handed out by the course responsible.

Alternatively, you agree on a date, time and suitable form of online/distance presentation you're your supervisor and examiner.

7 Archiving and publication in DiVA

After presenting your thesis and handing it in to the examiner, they have 15 workdays for the examination. The examiner thereafter notifies you of your grade via e-mail, the grade is then reported in Ladok.

Together with the grade, the examiner will hand in an archive copy of your thesis to the student administration. This file will then be processed for digital archiving and receive a serial number. As a student you will receive this file back via e-mail and will then have three options. Publish the file on DiVA in total, only publish the abstract or choose not to publish at all. Publication in DiVA is only allowed for theses following the department template.

Publication in DiVA

8 Application for Degree certificate

When you have finished your studies and want to apply for the award of a qualification, you should apply to receive a degree certificate (diploma). You apply in Ladok.

Degrees

9 Contact

Degree project coordinator, exjobb@natgeo.su.se