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Summary	<p>The local system of qualifications contains a description of the national rules under The Swedish Higher Education Act and The Higher Education Ordinance (including Annex 2 – System of Qualifications), and the University’s local rules. The local rules are based on the regulations and general recommendations of the Swedish Council for Higher Education (UHR) on the translation of Swedish qualification titles into English and in consideration of the recommendations of The Association of Swedish Higher Education Institutions (SUHF) concerning the designations attached to the Swedish titles for these qualifications and their English translations.</p>

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1. Introduction

The Government of Sweden determines which qualifications may be awarded by Sweden's universities and university colleges. All universities are generally authorised to award higher education diplomas, the Degree of Bachelor, the Degree of Master (60 credits), the Degree of Master (120 credits), the Degree of Licentiate, and the Degree of Doctor. A qualification may only be awarded if the courses and study programme meet the requirements set out in The Swedish Higher Education Act and The Higher Education Ordinance and in the University's own policy documents for the qualification.

All qualifications fit into one of the three cycles or levels of higher education: first cycle, second cycle, and third cycle. The title of a qualification consists of the qualification as specified in the Higher Education Ordinance preceded or followed, where relevant, by a designation indicating the area of specialisation.

Universities and university colleges may decide on their own local rules, such as which main fields of study are used, what designation is to precede or follow general qualifications, and which specific local requirements apply within the framework of the requirements for a national qualification descriptor.

The System of Qualifications for University of Gothenburg applies from 1 July 2007 and is adapted to the changes made in The Swedish Higher Education Act (SFS 2006:173) and The Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 2006:1053) in connection with the Bologna process. Among other things, these changes meant that all higher education was divided into three cycles or levels: first cycle, second cycle, and third cycle. A new credits system was introduced where 1 credit point under the old system corresponds to 1.5 credits under the new system. In order to obtain a qualification under the changes in The Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 2006:1053), at least one of the courses included in the qualification must have been completed after 1 July 2007.

The local system of qualifications contains a description of the national rules under The Swedish Higher Education Act (SFS 1992:1434) and The Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 1993:100) (including Annex 2 – System of Qualifications) as well as the University's local rules. The local rules are based on the regulations and general recommendations of the Swedish Council for Higher Education on the translation of Swedish qualification titles into English (UHRFS 2013:6) taking into account the recommendations of The Association of Swedish Higher Education Institutions concerning the designations that precede or follow the Swedish titles for these qualifications and their English translations (SUHF Rek 2010:2).

2. First-cycle qualifications

2.1 General first-cycle qualifications

2.1.1 Higher Education Diploma (*Högskoleexamen*)

National rules

A Higher Education Diploma is awarded after the student has completed the courses required to gain 120 credits with a defined specialisation determined by each higher education institution itself. A requirement for the award of a Higher Education Diploma is completion by the student of an independent project (degree project) in the main field of study.

Local rules

A Higher Education Diploma requires at least 60 credits involving progressively specialised study in the main field of study, of which at least 7.5 credits shall comprise an independent project (degree project).

A student can only be awarded one Higher Education Diploma within a specific main field of study. Two or more Higher Education Diplomas can however be awarded if the requirements for additional main field of studies are fulfilled.

2.1.2 Degree of Bachelor of Arts/Science (*Kandidatexamen*)

National rules

A Degree of Bachelor is awarded after the student has completed the courses required to gain 180 credits in a defined specialisation determined by each higher education institution itself, of which 90 credits are for progressively specialised study in the principal field (main field of study) of the programme. A requirement for the award of a Degree of Bachelor is completion by the student of an independent project (degree project) comprising at least 15 credits in the main field of study for the programme.

Local rules

A Degree of Bachelor must essentially contain courses at first-cycle level, but may also include courses at second-cycle level if it is deemed appropriate based on the requirements set out in the qualification descriptors.

A student can only be awarded one Degree of Bachelor within a specific main field of study. Two or more Degree of Bachelor can however be awarded in the same main field of study if the requirements for additional designations are fulfilled. Also, a student can be awarded two or more Degree of Bachelor if the requirements for additional main field of studies are fulfilled.

2.1.3 Designations

At the University of Gothenburg, the following designations are used for the Degree of Bachelor:

- of Science (*Ekonomie*)
- of Pharmaceutical Science (*Farmacie*)
- of Arts/Science (*Filosofie*)
- of Medical Science (*Medicine*)
- of Science (*Naturvetenskaplig*)
- of Dental Science (*Odontologie*)
- of Science in Political Sciences (*Politices*)
- of Arts in Theology (*Teologie*)

2.1.4 Requirements for certain qualification titles

Degree of Bachelor of Science (Ekonomie kandidatexamen)

The designation *Ekonomie* 'of Science' in combination with the Degree of Bachelor is used for the following main fields of study:

- Economic Geography (*Ekonomisk geografi*)
- Economic History (*Ekonomisk historia*)
- Financial Economics (*Finansiell ekonomi*)

- Business Administration (*Företagsekonomi*)
- Legal Science (*Rättsvetenskap*)
- Economics (*Nationalekonomi*)

In addition to what is required for a Degree of Bachelor under The Higher Education Ordinance and the local rules at the University of Gothenburg, in order to use the designation *Ekonomie ‘of Science’* in the qualification title, the student must have followed the study route for the economics or alternatively logistics programme at the School of Business, Economics and Law. For other students, courses are required in each of the following areas:

- Business Administration (*Företagsekonomi*) at least 30 credits, first-cycle level
- Economics (*Nationalekonomi*) at least 30 credits, first-cycle level
- Statistics (*Statistik*) at least 15 credits, first-cycle level

A Degree of Bachelor of Science (Filosofie kandidatexamen) is awarded for students who do not meet the requirements for the designation *Ekonomie ‘of Science’*.

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Political Sciences (Politices kandidatexamen)

The designation *Politices ‘of Science in Political Sciences’* in the title of a Degree of Bachelor is used for:

- 1) main field of study Public Administration (*Offentlig förvaltning*)
- 2) main field of study Political science (*Statsvetenskap*) combined with at least 60 credits in one of the main fields of study:
 - European Studies (*Europakunskap*)
 - International Relations (*Internationella relationer*)
 - Media and Communication Science (*Medie- och kommunikationsvetenskap*)
 - Economics (*Nationalekonomi*)
 - Psychology (*Psykologi*)
 - Sociology (*Sociologi*)
 - Statistics (*Statistik*)
 - Global Development Studies (*Globala utvecklingsstudier*)
 or alternatively an additional 60 credits in Political Science (*Statsvetenskap*).
- 3) main field of study Economics (*Nationalekonomi*) in combination with 30 credits in Political Science (*Statsvetenskap*) at first-cycle level and 15 credits in Statistics (*Statistik*).

2.2 Qualifications in the fine, applied and performing arts at first-cycle level

2.2.1 Higher Education Diploma in the fine, applied and performing arts (*Konstnärlig högskoleexamen*)

National rules

A Higher Education Diploma in the fine, applied and performing arts is awarded after the student has completed the courses required to gain 120 credits with a defined specialisation determined by each higher education institution itself. A requirement for the award of a Higher Education Diploma in the fine, applied and performing arts is completion by the student of an independent project (degree project) in the main field of study.

Local rules

A Higher Education Diploma requires at least 60 credits involving progressively specialised study in the main field of study, of which at least 7.5 credits shall comprise an independent project (degree project).

2.2.2 Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (*Konstnärlig kandidatexamen*)

National rules

A Degree of Bachelor in the fine, applied and performing arts is awarded after the student has completed the courses required to gain 180 credits with a defined specialisation determined by each higher education institution itself. A requirement for the award of a Degree of Bachelor in the fine, applied and performing arts is completion by the student of an independent project (degree project) comprising at least 15 credits in the main field of study for the programme.

Local rules

A Degree of Bachelor must essentially contain courses at first-cycle level, but may also include courses at second-cycle level if it is deemed appropriate based on the requirements set out in the qualification descriptors or equivalent.

2.3 Professional qualifications at first-cycle level

- Degree of Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy (*Arbetsterapeutexamen*) 180 credits
- Degree of Bachelor of Science in Audiology (*Audionomexamen*) 180 credits
- Degree of Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Laboratory Science (*Biomedicinsk analytikerexamen*) 180 credits
- Degree of Bachelor of Science in Dietetics (*Dietistexamen*) 180 credits
- Degree of Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy (*Fysioterapeutexamen*) 180 credits
- Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Pre-School Education (*Förskollärarexamen*) 210 credits
- Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Primary Education - Extended School (*Grundlärarexamen med inriktning mot arbete i fritidshem*) 180 credits
- Degree of Bachelor of Arts/Science in Education (*Lärarexamen*) 180 hp, 210 credits
- Degree of Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (*Receptarieexamen*) 180 credits
- Degree of Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Radiology Nursing (*Röntgensjuksköterskeexamen*) 180 credits
- Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing (*Sjuksköterskeexamen*) 180 credits
- Degree of Bachelor of Science in Social Work (*Socionomexamen*) 210 credits
- Higher Education Diploma in Dental Hygiene (*Tandhygienistexamen*) 120 credits
- Degree of Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (*Tandhygienistexamen*) 180 credits
- Degree of Bachelor of Science in Dental Technology (*Tandteknikerexamen*) 180 credits
- Higher Education Diploma in Vocational Education (*Yrkeslärarexamen*) 90 credits
- Degree of Bachelor of Arts/Science in Secondary Education – Year 7-9 (*Ämneslärarexamen med inriktning mot arbete i grundskolans årskurs 7-9*) 180 credits, 225 credits
- Degree of Bachelor of Arts/Science in Upper Secondary Education (*Ämneslärarexamen med inriktning mot arbete i gymnasieskolan*) 210 credits

3. Second-cycle qualifications

3.1 General second-cycle qualifications

3.1.1 Degree of Master of Arts/Science (60 credits) (*Magisterexamen*)

National rules

A Degree of Master (60 credits) is awarded after the student has completed the courses required to gain 60 credits with a defined specialisation determined by each higher education institution itself, of which at least 30 credits are for specialised study in the principal field (main field of study) of the study programme. A requirement for the award of a Degree of Master (60 credits) is completion by the student of an independent project (degree project) comprising at least 15 credits in the main field of study for the programme. In addition, the prior award of a Degree of Bachelor, a Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts, a professional or vocational qualification of at least 180 credits or a corresponding qualification from abroad is required.

The requirement of the prior award of a qualification may be waived for a student admitted to the programme without the basic entry requirement in the form of a qualification. This does not, however, apply if a waiver was granted during admission pursuant to the second paragraph of Section 28 of Chapter 7 on the grounds that the qualification had not yet been issued.

Local rules

A Degree of Master (60 credits) may contain a maximum of 15 credits from first-cycle level. However, the same credits as those included in the qualifying Degree of Bachelor or equivalent qualification may not be included in a qualification at second-cycle level.

A Degree of Bachelor under older ordinances is equivalent to a new Degree of Bachelor.

Exemptions from the requirement for a Degree of Bachelor or equivalent can be made for those who hold a Degree of Master (60 credits) under the 1993 Higher Education Ordinance, those who hold a professional or vocational qualification of at least 180 credits, and those who have been admitted to the study programme based on an assessment of prior learning.

A Degree of Bachelor according to older provisions may comprise more than 120 credit points. Excess courses may be included in a Degree of Master (60 credits) if the entry requirements for the qualification in the relevant main field of study permit this.

A Degree of Master under older provisions may comprise more than 160 or 40 credit points respectively. Excess courses may be included in a Degree of Master (60 credits) if the entry requirements for the qualification in the relevant main field of study permit this.

A student can only be awarded one Degree of Master (60 credits) within a specific main field of study. Two or more Degree of Master (60 credits) can however be awarded in the same main field of study if the requirements for additional designations are fulfilled. Also, a student can be awarded two or more Degree of Master (60 credits) if the requirements for additional main field of studies are fulfilled.

3.1.2 Degree of Master of Arts/Science (120 credits) (*Masterexamen*)

National rules

A Degree of Master (120 credits) is awarded after the student has completed the courses required to gain 60 credits with a defined specialisation determined by each higher education institution itself, of which at least 60 credits are for specialised study in the principal field (main field of study) of the study programme. A requirement for the award of a Degree of Master (120 credits) is completion by the student of an independent project (degree project) comprising at least 30 credits in the main field of study for the programme.

The independent project may comprise fewer than 30 credits, but at least 15 credits, if the student has already completed an independent project at second-cycle level of at least 15 credits in the main field of study for the programme or equivalent study from education abroad. In addition, the prior award of a Degree of Bachelor, a Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts, a professional or vocational qualification of at least 180 credits or a corresponding qualification from abroad is required.

The requirement of the prior award of a qualification may be waived for a student admitted to the programme without the basic entry requirement in the form of a qualification. This does not, however, apply if a waiver was granted during admission pursuant to Chapter 7 Section 28 second paragraph of The Higher Education Ordinance on the grounds that the qualification had not yet been issued.

Local rules

A Degree of Master (120 credits) may contain a maximum of 30 credits from first-cycle level. However, the same credits as those included in the qualifying Degree of Bachelor or equivalent qualification may not be included in a qualification at second-cycle level.

A Degree of Bachelor under older ordinances is equivalent to a new Degree of Bachelor.

Exemptions from the requirement for a Degree of Bachelor or equivalent can be made for those who hold a Degree of Master (60 credits) under the 1993 Higher Education Ordinance, those who hold a professional or vocational qualification of at least 180 credits, and those who have been admitted to the study programme based on an assessment of prior learning.

A Degree of Bachelor according to older provisions may comprise more than 120 credit points. Excess courses may be included in a Degree of Master (120 credits) if the entry requirements for the qualification in the relevant main field of study permit this.

A Degree of Master under older provisions may comprise more than 160 or 40 credit points respectively. Excess courses may be included in a Degree of Master (120 credits) if the entry requirements for the qualification in the relevant main field of study permit this.

A student can only be awarded one Degree of Master (120 credits) within a specific main field of study. Two or more Degree of Master (120 credits) can however be awarded in the same main field of study if the requirements for additional designations are fulfilled. Also, a student can be awarded two or more Degree of Master (120 credits) if the requirements for additional main field of studies are fulfilled.

3.1.3 Designations

At the University of Gothenburg, the following designations are used for the Degree of Master (60 credits) and the Degree of Master (120 credits):

- of Science (*Ekonomie*)
- of Pharmaceutical Science (*Farmacie*)
- of Arts/Science (Filosofie)
- of Medical Science (Medicine)
- of Science (Naturvetenskaplig)
- of Dental Science (*Odontologie*)
- of Science in Political Sciences (*Politices*)
- of Arts in Theology (*Teologie*)

3.1.4 Requirements for certain qualification titles

Master of Science (60 credits)

The designation *Ekonomie* 'of Science' in combination with the Degree of Master (60 credits) is used for the following main fields of study:

- Economic Geography (*Ekonomisk geografi*)
- Economic history (*Ekonomisk historia*)
- Financial Economics (*Finansiell ekonomi*)
- Business Administration (*Företagsekonomi*)
- Legal Science (*Rättsvetenskap*)
- Economics (*Nationalekonomi*)

Master of Science (120 credits) (*Ekonomie Masterexamen*)

The designation *Ekonomie* 'of Science' in combination with the Degree of Master (120 credits) is used for the following main fields of study:

- Economic geography (*Ekonomisk geografi*)
- Economic history (*Ekonomisk historia*)
- Legal Science (*Rättsvetenskap*)
- Accounting
- Accounting and Financial Management
- Economics
- Environmental Management and Economics
- Finance
- Industrial and Financial Management
- Innovation and Industrial Management
- Intellectual Capital Management
- International Business and Trade
- Knowledge-based Entrepreneurship
- Logistics and Transport Management
- Management
- Marketing and Consumption
- Tourism and Hospitality Management

Degree of Master of Science in Political Sciences (60 credits) (Politics Magisterexamen)

The designation Politics 'of Science in Political Sciences' in the title of a Degree of Master (60 credits) is used for:

- 1) main field of study Public Administration (*Offentlig förvaltning*)
- 2) main field of study Political Science (*Statsvetenskap*) with at least 45 credits in Political Science (*Statsvetenskap*). The remaining 15 credits shall consist of courses at first- and second-cycle level in one of the main fields of study:
 - European Studies (*Europakunskap*)
 - International Relations (*Internationella relationer*)
 - Media and Communication Science (*Medie- och kommunikationsvetenskap*)
 - Economics (*Nationalekonomi*)
 - Psychology (*Psykologi*)
 - Sociology (*Sociologi*)
 - Statistics (*Statistik*)
 - Global Development Studies (*Globala utvecklingsstudier*)or alternatively additional courses in Political Science (*Statsvetenskap*).

Degree of Master of Science in Political Sciences (120 credits) (Politics Masterexamen)

The designation Politics 'of Science in Political Sciences' in the title of a Degree of Master (120 credits) is used for:

- 1) main field of study Public administration (*Offentlig förvaltning*)
- 2) main field of study Political Science (*Statsvetenskap*) with at least 90 credits in Political Science (*Statsvetenskap*). The remaining 30 credits shall consist of courses at first- and second-cycle level in one of the main fields of study:
 - European Studies (*Europakunskap*)
 - International Relations (*Internationella relationer*)
 - Media and Communication Science (*Medie- och kommunikationsvetenskap*)
 - Economics (*Nationalekonomi*)
 - Psychology (*Psykologi*)
 - Sociology (*Sociologi*)
 - Statistics (*Statistik*)
 - Global Development Studies (*Globala utvecklingsstudier*)or alternatively additional courses in Political Science (*Statsvetenskap*).

3.2 Second-cycle qualifications in the fine, applied and performing arts

3.2.1 Degree of Master of Fine Arts (60 credits) (*Konstnärlig magisterexamen*)

National rules

A Degree of Master (60 credits) in the fine, applied and performing arts is awarded after the student has completed the courses required to gain 60 credits with a defined specialisation determined by each higher education institution itself. A requirement for the award of a Degree of Master (60 credits) is completion by the student of an independent project (degree project) comprising at least 15 credits in the main field of study for the programme. In addition, the prior award of a Degree of Bachelor, a Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts, a professional or vocational qualification of at least 180 credits or a corresponding qualification from abroad is required.

The requirement of the prior award of a qualification may be waived for a student admitted to the programme without the basic entry requirement in the form of a qualification. This does not, however, apply if a waiver was granted during admission pursuant to Chapter 7 Section 28 second paragraph of The Higher Education Ordinance on the grounds that the qualification had not yet been issued.

Local rules

A Degree of Master (60 credits) may contain a maximum of 15 credits from first-cycle level. However, the same credits as those included in the qualifying Degree of Bachelor or equivalent qualification may not be included in a qualification at second-cycle level.

A Degree of Bachelor under older ordinances is equivalent to a new Degree of Bachelor.

Exemptions from the requirement for a Degree of Bachelor or equivalent can be made for those who hold a Degree of Master (60 credits) under the 1993 Higher Education Ordinance, those who hold a professional or vocational qualification of at least 180 credits, and those who have been admitted to the study programme based on an assessment of prior learning.

A Degree of Bachelor according to older provisions may comprise more than 120 credit points. Excess courses may be included in a Degree of Master (60 credits) if the entry requirements for the qualification in the relevant main field of study permit this.

A Degree of Master under older provisions may comprise more than 160 or 40 credit points, respectively. Excess courses may be included in a Degree of Master (60 credits) if the entry requirements for the qualification in the relevant main field of study permit this.

3.2.2 Degree of Master of Fine Arts (120 credits) (*Konstnärlig masterexamen*)

National rules

A Degree of Master of Fine Arts (120 credits) in the fine, applied and performing arts is awarded after the student has completed the courses required to gain 120 credits with a defined specialisation determined by each higher education institution itself. A requirement for the award of a Degree of Master (120 credits) is completion by the student of an independent project (degree project) comprising at least 30 credits in the

main field of study for the programme. The independent project may comprise fewer than 30 credits, but at least 15 credits, if the student has already completed an independent project at second-cycle level of at least 15 credits in the main field of study for the programme or equivalent study from education abroad. In addition, the prior award of a Degree of Bachelor, a Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts, a professional or vocational qualification of at least 180 credits or a corresponding qualification from abroad is required.

The requirement of the prior award of a qualification may be waived for a student admitted to the programme without the basic entry requirement in the form of a qualification. This does not, however, apply if a waiver was granted during admission pursuant to Chapter 7 Section 28 second paragraph on the grounds that the qualification had not yet been issued.

Local rules

A Degree of Master (120 credits) may contain a maximum of 30 credits from first-cycle level. However, the same credits as those included in the qualifying Degree of Bachelor or equivalent qualification may not be included in a qualification at second-cycle level.

A Degree of Bachelor under older ordinances is equivalent to a new Degree of Bachelor.

Exemptions from the requirement for a Degree of Bachelor or equivalent can be made for those who hold a Degree of Master (60 credits) under the 1993 Higher Education Ordinance, those who hold a professional or vocational qualification of at least 180 credits, and those who have been admitted to the study programme based on an assessment of prior learning.

A Degree of Bachelor according to older provisions may comprise more than 120 credit points. Excess courses may be included in a Degree of Master (120 credits) if the entry requirements for the qualification in the relevant main field of study permit this.

A Degree of Master under older provisions may comprise more than 160 or 40 credit points, respectively. Excess courses may be included in a Degree of Master (120 credits) if the entry requirements for the qualification in the relevant main field of study permit this.

3.3 Second-cycle professional qualifications

- Degree of Master of Science in Pharmacy (*Apotekarexamen*) 300 credits
- Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery (*Barnmorskeexamen*) 90 credits
- Degree of Master of Science in Business and Economics (*Civilekonomexamen*) 240 credits
- Degree of Master of Arts in Primary Education – Pre-School Class and Year 1-3 (*Grundlärarexamen med inriktning mot arbete i förskoleklass och grundskolans årskurs 1-3*) 240 credits
- Degree of Master of Arts in Primary Education – Year 4-6 (*Grundlärarexamen med inriktning mot arbete i grundskolans årskurs 4-6*) 240 credits
- Degree of Master of Science in Healthcare Counselling (*Hälso- och sjukvårdskurator*) 60 credits
- Degree of Master of Laws (*Juristexamen*) 270 credits
- Degree of Master of Science in Speech and Language Pathology (*Logopedexamen*) 240 credits
- Degree of Master of Science in Medicine (*Läkarexamen*) 330 credits
- Degree of Master of Arts/Science in Education (*Lärarexamen*) 240 credits, 270 credits, 300 credits, 330 credits
- Degree of Master of Science in Psychology (*Psykologexamen*) 300 credits

- Postgraduate Diploma in Psychotherapy (*Psykoteraeutexamen*) 90 credits
- Degree of Master of Science in Medical Physics (*Sjukhusfysikerexamen*) 300 credits
- Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Nursing (*Specialistsjuksköterskeexamen*) 60/75 credits
 - - Anaesthesia Care (*inriktning mot anestesisjukvård*)
 - - Intensive Care (*inriktning mot intensivvård*)
 - - Theatre Care (*inriktning mot operationssjukvård*)
 - - Pre-hospital Emergency Care (*inriktning mot ambulanssjukvård*)
 - - Surgical Care (*inriktning mot kirurgisk vård*)
 - - Medical Care (*inriktning mot medicinsk vård*)
 - - Oncological Care (*inriktning mot onkologisk vård*)
 - - Paediatric Care (*inriktning mot hälso- och sjukvård för barn och ungdomar*)
 - - Mental Health Care (*inriktning mot psykiatrisk vård*)
 - - Elderly Care (*inriktning mot vård av äldre*)
 - - Primary Health Care (*inriktning mot distriktssköterska*)
 - - Diabetes Care (*inriktning mot diabetesvård*)
 - - Cardiac Care (*inriktning mot hjärtsjukvård*)
 - - Neuroscience Care in Neurology (*inriktning mot neurosjukvård*)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Special Needs Training (*Speciallärarexamen*) 90 credits
- Postgraduate Diploma in Special Educational Needs (*Specialpedagogexamen*) 90 credits
- Degree of Master of Science in Dental Surgery (*Tandläkarexamen*) 300 credits
- Degree of Master of Arts/Science in Secondary Education – Year 7-9 (*Ämneslärarexamen med inriktning mot arbete i grundskolans årskurs 7-9*) 240 credits, 270 credits
- Degree of Master of Arts/Science in Upper Secondary Education (*Ämneslärarexamen med inriktning mot arbete i gymnasieskolan*) 300 credits, 330 credits

4. Third-cycle qualifications

4.1 Degree of Licentiate (*Licentiatexamen*) 120 credits

A Degree of Licentiate is awarded:

- *either* after a third-cycle student has completed a study programme of at least 120 credits in a subject in which third-cycle teaching is offered,
- *or* after a third-cycle student has completed one part comprising at least 120 credits of a study programme intended to conclude with the award of a PhD, if a higher education institution decides that a Degree of Licentiate of this kind may be awarded at the institution.

4.2 Degree of Doctor (*Doktorsexamen*) 240 credits

A Degree of Doctor is awarded after the third-cycle student has completed a study programme of 240 credits in a subject in which third-cycle teaching is offered.

4.3 Designations

Designations for third-cycle qualifications at the University of Gothenburg.

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
(*Ekonomie doktorsexamen*)

Degree of Licentiate of Philosophy
(*Ekonomie licentiatexamen*)

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
(*Farmacie doktorsexamen*)

Degree of Licentiate
(*Farmacie licentiatexamen*)

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
(*Filosofie doktorsexamen*)

Degree of Licentiate of Philosophy/Degree of Licentiate
(*Filosofie licentiatexamen*)

Degree of Doctor of Laws
(*Juris doktorsexamen*)

Degree of Licentiate of Laws
(*Juris licentiatexamen*)

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Fine Arts
Konstnärlig doktorsexamen

Degree of Licentiate of Philosophy in Fine Arts
Konstnärlig licentiatexamen

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
(*Medicine doktorsexamen*)

Degree of Licentiate
(*Medicine licentiatexamen*)

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
(*Odontologie doktorsexamen*)

Degree of Licentiate
(*Odontologie licentiatexamen*)

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
(*Teknologie doktorsexamen*)

Degree of Licentiate of Philosophy
(*Teknologie licentiatexamen*)

Degree of Doctor of Theology
(*Teologie doktorsexamen*)

Degree of Licentiate of Theology
(*Teologie licentiatexamen*)

5. Degree certificates

National rules

A student who fulfils the requirements for the award of a qualification shall, upon request, be provided with a certificate. In the certificate, the higher education institution shall indicate the title of the qualification, the cycle in which it was awarded, if the qualification forms part of a joint degree, the first and second-cycle courses taken for award of the qualification, and at which higher education institution the courses (or corresponding third-cycle courses and programmes) have been completed.

If a certificate is awarded for a study programme undertaken at more than one higher education institution, it shall be awarded by the institution at which it was completed by the student. This does not apply, however, if the higher education institutions involved have reached some other agreement or the higher education institutions shall jointly issue a joint degree (see also point 5.2 below).

Local rules

The Vice-Chancellor has delegated the right to issue qualifications at first-, second- and third-cycle levels to the Section of Degrees and Examination Service via the University Director.

As of 5 November 2018, digital degree certificates are awarded at the University of Gothenburg. Previously issued degree certificates on paper will not be reissued in digital form.

The Degrees and Examination Service is responsible for the design of the degree certificate. The degree certificate is bilingual (in Swedish and English). The date on the degree certificate is the date on which the qualification was awarded.

5.1 Full title of qualification

The full titles of qualifications at the University of Gothenburg are:

Higher Education Diploma with a major in xxx
Högskoleexamen med huvudområdet xxx

Degree of Bachelor of xxx with a major in xxx/
Degree of Master of xxx (60 credits) with a major in xxx/
Degree of Master of xxx (120 credits) with a major in xxx
xxx kandidat/magister/masterexamen med huvudområdet xxx

Higher Education Diploma in xxx
Konstnärlig högskoleexamen i xxx

Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts in xxx/
Degree of Master of Fine Arts (60 credits) in xxx/
Degree of Master of Fine Arts (120 credits) in xxx
Konstnärlig kandidat/magister/masterexamen i xxx

5.2 Joint, double and multiple degrees

National rules

A joint degree refers to a qualification which may be issued by higher education institutions that have

jointly arranged a study programme that can lead to this qualification. Among other things, the agreement between the higher education institutions must be in writing. When a higher education institution awards a joint degree together with another higher education institution, it may use the same document for its award as the other higher education institution.

Local rules

At the University of Gothenburg, the Vice-Chancellor has delegated the authority to sign agreements concerning joint degrees at first-, second- and third-cycle levels to the chair of the University Board of Education. Local rules for joint, double and multiple degrees at the University of Gothenburg are found in the Administrative Procedures for programme collaborations leading to the award of double, multiple or joint degrees for first- and second-cycle education Reg. No. V 2018/715, and in the Administrative Handbook for first- and second-cycle education.

5.3 Supplements to degree certificates

National rules

Pursuant to The Higher Education Ordinance, a degree certificate shall be accompanied by:

1. a diploma supplement that includes a description of the scope and content of a Swedish qualification and the Swedish higher education system.
2. in the case of a Higher Education Diploma in Vocational Education, a diploma supplement that lists the qualified and relevant vocational expertise that formed the special entry requirements pursuant to Section 4 of the Ordinance on admission to programmes leading to the award of a Higher Education Diploma in Vocational Education (2010:2021) and the regulations issued in conjunction with that provision.

The Swedish Council for Higher Education may issue more detailed specifications of the content of a diploma supplement.

Local rules

Diploma supplements to qualifications in basic education (first- and second-cycle levels) were introduced at universities and university colleges in Sweden on 1 January 2003. Diploma supplements for third-cycle qualifications were introduced on 1 July 2007. Diploma supplements are not issued retroactively at the University of Gothenburg.

5.4 Contract education

National rules

Participants in contract education may be given grades and diplomas or course certificates pursuant to the regulations for first and second-cycle higher education if the same quality requirements apply to the contract education as to corresponding programmes of study in higher education. This applies even if the participants lack the entry requirements for higher education (Section 6 Ordinance on contract education at higher education institutions (2002:760))

6. Local degree descriptor

For each qualification title for general qualifications at the University of Gothenburg, the Faculty Board establishes a qualification descriptor stating the requirements for the qualification: outcomes, scope, independent project, and which courses within and in addition to the main field of study must be successfully completed in order to achieve the outcomes. The local degree descriptor must contain information on the extent to which prior learning corresponds to the current requirements for the qualification.

7. Appeals

Under Chapter 12, Section 2 of The Higher Education Ordinance, a rejection of a student's request to be issued with a degree certificate or a course certificate may be appealed. In connection with the rejection decision notification, the student must be informed of the option to appeal against the decision and that the appeal must be in writing. The letter appealing such a decision addresses the Higher Education Appeals Board, but sent to the University of Gothenburg, Box 100, SE-405 30 Gothenburg, Sweden within three weeks of the date on which the student received notification of the decision.

8. Main fields of study

Information about the main fields of study at the University of Gothenburg can be found on the University of Gothenburg website. New main fields of study are established by the faculty boards and the list is continuously updated on the website.

9. Specialisations in the fine, applied and performing arts

Information about the specialisations in the fine, applied and performing arts at the University of Gothenburg can be found on the University of Gothenburg website. New specialisations in the fine, applied and performing arts are established by The Artistic Faculty Board and the list is continuously updated on the website.

10. Transitional provisions

Transitional provisions in relation to earlier rules in The Higher Education Ordinance are found at the end of The Higher Education Ordinance.

Other transitional provisions found in other regulations apply to teaching qualifications awarded under earlier provisions.