Translation of Subject Curriculum (Study Plan) for Third-cycle (PhD) Education

Mathematics

Swedish title: Matematik

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The Study Plan for third-cycle studies consists of three parts: a general part, this subject specific study plan, and each doctoral student's individual study plan.

Objective

The graduate level education should further expand the insights into the most central parts of the subject with the undergraduate education as starting point as well as lead to deep knowledge in at least one of its special areas. Through guidance and thesis work, the student will be well prepared to work as an independent researcher with the ability to critically analyze and evaluate the research of others or in other professions that require deep insights into the subject and research experience. The thesis should demonstrate independent thinking and include new results.

By conducting a degree project guided by a supervisor, the doctoral student shall also be able to present her/his goals and results orally and in writing to different target groups in English and, in the case of Swedish-speaking doctoral students, in Swedish.

Subject description

Mathematics is a science of abstract nature developed for problem solving and development of various methods and models which aims toward studying and building structures of various kinds. It studies not only solutions of specific problems but deals also with questions about which problems admit and do not admit solutions, respectively. Mathematical structures are often motivated by concrete problems in other sciences but are most commonly formulated and studied from a
more general viewpoint without immediate connections to applications.

The mathematical sciences include the following main areas: algebra, analysis, combinatorics, probability theory and geometry and topology. These are further subdivided into a vast number of subareas which, in spite their rich variation, have very strong interconnections. The choice of research area must be made individually by every graduate student.

Information about current research at the Department of Mathematics is available at its homepage http://www.math.uu.se/

Eligibility

Basic Eligibility
The basic eligibility for third-cycle studies is described in the general part of the study plan.

Special Eligibility
A person who has passed at least 90 higher education credits worth of courses in mathematics or in subjects relevant for mathematics, or who has corresponding education from abroad, has special eligibility. Normally, a thesis of at least 15 higher education credits is also required.

Examples of educational programs which give special eligibility are the following:

Bachelor's program in mathematics (provided that basic eligibility is fulfilled)
Master's program in mathematics
Civil engineering with specialization in technical physics

For other programs additional mathematics courses may be needed for special eligibility. For questions in individual cases contact the Graduate Chair.

Admission
Applicants for third-cycle studies in mathematics must submit an application to the Head of the Department of Mathematics. Admission to doctoral studies takes place normally one time per year.

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At the time of admission, the department must provide a financial assistance plan demonstrating sufficient support to cover the maintenance of the applicant as well as her/his research.

Program structure

At the time of admission, each doctoral student and her/his supervisor shall draw up an individual study plan after consultation with the professor in charge of third-cycle studies. The plan is to be approved by the Head of the Department (by delegation of the Faculty Board) at the time of admission.

The individual study plan shall be annually reviewed by the doctoral student and her/his supervisor jointly, and supplemented with a summary of the achieved results and the plans for the coming year. Significant changes as well as any disagreement on the individual study plan shall be reported to the Head of the Department or, if deemed necessary, to the Third-cycle Educational Board.

Courses

The third-cycle studies may include different kinds of courses, such as lectures, literature studies, practical training, field studies, etc. The courses are intended to provide necessary background for the thesis work as well as wider insights into the subject and thereby serve as a complement to the more specialized thesis work. Courses should range over a variety of different subareas, in particular each student should pass at least one course in algebra, analysis, geometry and probability theory. The courses may either be graduate level or advanced level courses in mathematics or other courses in mathematics and other subjects.

A course in research ethics (of at least 2 higher education credits) is mandatory for licentiate and doctoral degree, as well as university educational theory for doctoral students who teach at basic or advanced level.

Advanced level courses can account for at most 30 higher education credits of a licentiate degree and 45 higher education credits of a PhD degree.

The courses in the individual study plan are to be decided by the student and the main supervisor.

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The range of courses offered is revised continuously. Examples of advanced courses are the following: Homological algebra, Lie groups, Measure theory and integration, Functional analysis, Partial differential equations, Analysis on manifolds. Examples of pure research courses are the following: Graduate course in Algebra; Graduate course in Analysis; Graduate course in Topology and Geometry; Graduate course in Probability Theory and Statistics; Algebraic geometry, Category Theory, Symplectic Geometry.

Requirements for doctoral degree
The requirements for the doctoral degree consist of passed examinations in the courses included in the approved individual study plan of each doctoral student, as well as a passed public defense of the degree project. The studies awarded a doctoral degree comprise 240 higher education credits (four years of full-time studies), of which the doctoral thesis comprises 120 higher education credits and the course part 120 higher education credits.

Requirements for licentiate degree
A doctoral student who has acquired at least 120 higher education credits (two years of full-time studies) is eligible for a licentiate degree. The requirements consist of passing the examinations included in the program stage and receiving a passing grade on an academic paper of at least 60 higher education credits. The part of the course amounts to a minimum of 120 higher education credits.

Other
Research in mathematics is often conducted in cooperation with researchers from other countries and other subjects. It is therefore desirable that the student has the ability to read scientific works from other disciplines and in other languages. The student should know how to write mathematical texts in English and Swedish.

The thesis work is individual but cooperation with other graduate students is very valuable. This is encouraged e.g. through graduate student seminars.

During the education graduate students should take part and present their research results at international research conferences.

The graduate students should also take notice of the mathematical activities at the Mittag-Leffler Institute in Djursholm, Stockholm.

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University and the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm. In order to widen the perspective, to learn about applications, and to increase the ability to use mathematics outside pure mathematics, contacts with other subjects at the university are valuable. This applies to mathematical statistics and applied mathematics, as well as to subjects outside the department, e.g. biology, computer sciences, economy, geo sciences, chemistry, medicine, technical sciences, theoretical physics, and theoretical philosophy.