

# **LOCAL SYSTEM OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR KONSTFACK UNIVERSITY OF ARTS, CRAFTS AND DESIGN**

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## 1. GENERAL

A national System of Qualifications, with central regulations on qualifications, is contained in an Annex to the Swedish Higher Education Ordinance (HEO). Every higher education institution (HEI) has the option of adopting a local system of qualifications in which the rules and regulations applying to the respective HEI's award of qualifications are compiled.

Konstfack University of Arts, Crafts and Design has a local System of Qualifications comprising both national (HEO 1993:100, System of Qualifications, Annex 2) and local rules. The content has been adapted to the amendments, occasioned by the Bologna Process, to the Higher Education Act (SFS 2006:173) and Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 2006:1053).

With these amendments,

- all higher education was divided into three cycles: first (basic, undergraduate or bachelor's degree level), second (advanced, postgraduate or master's degree level) and third (research or doctoral level)
- new qualifications and degree requirements were introduced
- a new system of credits was introduced, with 1.5 higher education (HE) credits in the new system corresponding to one credit in the old system.
- 1 higher education (HE) credit is equivalent to 1 ECTS credit.

For a qualification to be awarded, under the amended provisions of the Higher Education Ordinance (HEO, SFS 2006:1053), at least one of the courses that are to be included in the qualification must have been completed after 1 July 2007. (For more information, see under 13. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS below, p. 22.)

Chapter 6 and Annex 2 of HEO (SFS 1993:100 with subsequent amendments) contain provisions on qualifications. A student who fulfils the requirements for a qualification must, on request, receive a degree certificate or diploma from the HEI (HEO Chapter 6, Section 9).

The Swedish Government decides which qualifications may be awarded at HEIs. Every HEI may then decide on local rules, such as which main fields of study are to be included and which prefixes and suffixes the titles of general qualifications should have. The title of a qualification comprises the designation as specified in Annex 2 of HEO with the addition of a prefix and suffix, where applicable, to indicate the specialisation concerned.

Konstfack awards qualifications at basic (undergraduate, bachelor's or first-cycle), advanced (postgraduate, master's or second-cycle) and research (doctoral or third-cycle) levels.

By delegation from the Vice-Chancellor, the Board of Education and Research (UFN) adopts Konstfack's local System of Qualifications. It also decides on new main fields of study, with which the System of Qualifications is continuously updated; the same is done in the event of amendments; and the latest version is posted on Konstfack's website and intranet.

## **2. QUALIFICATIONS AT BASIC LEVEL**

### **2.1 General qualifications at basic level**

#### **2.1.1 Degree of Bachelor of Science (BA)**

##### **National regulations under the Higher Education Ordinance**

A bachelor's degree is awarded after the student has:

- completed course requirements for 180 ECTS credits in a particular specialisation (on which every higher education institution itself decides),
- at least 90 ECTS credits of which were obtained through successively greater specialisation in the main field of study for the study programme,
- within the scope of the course requirements, completed an independent project (degree project) of at least 15 ECTS credits in the main field of study for the study programme.

##### **Local rules at Konstfack**

The Bachelor of Science (BA) in the main field of study, Visual Arts Education, is the only general bachelor's degree Konstfack offers. A BA in this field of study must, essentially, consist of courses at basic level, but may also include courses at advanced level if considered appropriate, based on the requirements defined in the qualification descriptors.

A BA in the main field of study at Konstfack is awarded after the student has

- completed courses for a total of 180 ECTS credits,
- 90 ECTS credits of which are in the main field of study, Visual Arts Education, and
- completed an independent project (degree project) for at least 15 ECTS credits in the main field of study, Visual Arts Education.

##### **Degree title for general bachelor's degree at Konstfack**

- Degree of Bachelor of Science in Visual Arts Education (180 ECTS credits) / Kandidatexamen i Bildpedagogik (180 högskolepoäng)

### **2.2 Artistic qualifications at basic level**

#### **2.2.1 Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts**

##### **National regulations under the Higher Education Ordinance**

A degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts is obtained after the student has:

- completed course requirements for 180 ECTS credits in a particular specialisation on which each higher education institution itself decides
- within the scope of the course requirements, completed an independent project (degree project) of at least 15 ECTS credits in the main field of study for the study programme.

## Local rules at Konstfack

A degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) must essentially contain courses at basic level, but may also include courses at advanced level if this is considered appropriate in relation to the degree objectives. At Konstfack, inserting a requirement for an advanced-level course in a local qualification descriptor or programme syllabus for a BFA is not permitted.

To meet the requirements for a BFA at Konstfack, the student must have followed the study route for one of the following bachelor's programmes:

<b>Bachelor's programme:</b>	<b>Name of degree (qualification and main field of study obtained after completing the Bachelor's programme):</b>	<b>Name of degree in English:</b>	<b>Degree specialisation: (Swedish and English title)</b>
Bachelor's programme in Fine Art	Konstnärlig kandidatexamen i Konst	Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Fine Art	
Bachelor's programme in Graphic Design and Illustration (last admission autumn 2016)	Konstnärlig kandidatexamen i Visuell kommunikation <sup>1</sup>	Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Visual Communication <sup>1</sup>	Grafisk design och illustration/Graphic Design and Illustration
Bachelor's programme in Graphic Design and Illustration (admission from autumn 2017)	Konstnärlig kandidatexamen i Visuell kommunikation	Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Visual Communication	Grafisk formgivning och illustration/Graphic Design and Illustration
Bachelor's programme in Interior Architecture and Furniture Design	Konstnärlig kandidatexamen i Design	Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Design	Inredningsarkitektur och möbeldesign/Interior Architecture and Furniture Design
Bachelor's programme in Industrial Design	Konstnärlig kandidatexamen i Design	Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Design	Industridesign/Industrial Design

Bachelor's programme in Textile (last admission autumn 2013)	Konstnärlig kandidatexamen i Konst/Design <sup>2</sup>	Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Fine Art/Design <sup>2</sup>	Textil/Textile
Bachelor's programme in Textiles (admission from autumn 2014)	Konstnärlig kandidatexamen i Konsthantverk <sup>3</sup>	Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Crafts <sup>3</sup>	Textil/Textiles
Bachelor's programme in Ceramics and Glass	Konstnärlig kandidatexamen i Konsthantverk	Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Crafts	Keramik och glas/Ceramics and Glass
Bachelor's programme Ädellab (last admission autumn 2020)	Konstnärlig kandidatexamen i Konsthantverk	Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Crafts	Ädellab/Ädellab
Bachelor's programme in Jewellery and Corpus: Ädellab (admission from autumn 2021)	Konstnärlig kandidatexamen i Konsthantverk	Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Crafts	Smycke och corpus: Ädellab/Jewellery and Corpus: Ädellab

<sup>1</sup> Students admitted in autumn semester 2012 or earlier obtain a Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Design.

<sup>2</sup> The main field is determined on whether the student has completed their specialised studies within Fine Art or Design.

<sup>3</sup> Students admitted for the autumn semester of 2014 can choose whether they want to receive a Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Crafts or Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Fine Art/Design depending on whether the student has specialised in Fine Art or Design studies during the programme.

### **3. QUALIFICATIONS AT ADVANCED LEVEL**

#### **3.1 General qualifications at advanced level**

##### **3.1.1 Degree of Master of Science (one year, 60 ECTS credits)**

###### **National regulations under the Higher Education Ordinance**

The one-year Master of Arts (MA) degree is obtained after the student has:

- met course requirements of 60 ECTS credits with a particular specialisation adopted by the HEI itself
- of these 60 ECTS credits, obtained at least 30 ECTS credits with in-depth work in the main field of study for the study programme
- within the scope of the course requirements, completed an independent project (degree project) of at least 15 ECTS credits in the main field of study for the study programme
- also met the requirement of a completed bachelor's degree (BA or BFA), a professional qualification conferring at least 180 ECTS credits, or equivalent foreign qualification. Exemption from the requirement of a previous qualification may be granted for a student who has been admitted to the study programme without possessing basic eligibility in the form of a qualification. However, this does not apply if, on the student's admission, exemption has been granted on the grounds that, under Chapter 7, Section 28, second paragraph, there has not been sufficient time for the degree certificate or diploma to be awarded.

A Degree of Bachelor under older regulations, preceding SFS 1993:100, may comprise more than 120 credits (old system). Surplus courses may be included in a general one-year master's degree provided that this is allowed by the conditions for degrees in the main field of study concerned. A one-year master's degree under older regulations may confer more than 160 and 30 credits respectively. Surplus courses may be included in a one-year master's degree, provided that the conditions for degrees in the main field of study concerned so permit.

Exemption from the requirement of a previous bachelor's degree or equivalent may be granted for someone who has a one-year master's degree under the Higher Education Ordinance of 1993; someone who has a professional qualification conferring at least 180 ECTS credits; and someone who has been admitted to the study programme, based on an assessment of genuine proficiency.

###### **Local rules at Konstfack**

Visual Arts Education is, at present, the only main field of study in which a one-year Master of Science (MA) degree is obtainable at Konstfack.

A general one-year master's degree may comprise a maximum of 15 ECTS credits at basic level. However, the same credits that are included in the bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification conferring eligibility may not be included in a qualification at advanced level.

The 30 ECTS credits included in a one-year master's degree over and above the 30 ECTS credits in the main field of study must be relevant to the main field of study (in this case, Visual Arts Education).

A Degree of Master of Science in Visual Arts Education at Konstfack is obtained after the student has completed courses for a total of 60 ECTS credits, provided that

- at least 45 of these 60 ECTS credits are at advanced level,
- at least 30 of these 45 ECTS credits are in the main field of study, Visual Arts Education
- the student has completed an independent project (degree project) conferring at least 15 ECTS credits in the main field of study, Visual Arts Education
- ECTS credits that are not derived from the main field of study, Visual Arts Education (max. 30 ECTS credits), have a relevant connection with the main field of study.

### **Degree title for general master's degree at Konstfack**

- Degree of Master of Science in Visual Arts Education (one year, 60 ECTS credits) /  
Magisterexamen i bildpedagogik (60 högskolepoäng)

### **3.1.2 Degree of Master of Arts (120 ECTS credits)**

#### **National regulations under the Higher Education Ordinance**

The degree of Master of Arts is obtained after the student has

- completed course requirements for 120 ECTS credits with a particular specialisation on which each higher education institution itself decides,
- including at least 60 ECTS credits for in-depth studies in the main field of study for the study programme
- in the main field of study for the study programme, completed an independent project (degree project) of at least 30 ECTS credits; this project may comprise fewer than 30 ECTS credits, subject to a minimum 15 ECTS credits, if the student has already completed an independent project at advanced level of at least 15 ECTS credits in the main field of study for the study programme, or the equivalent from a study programme abroad
- obtained, in addition, the award of a Degree of Bachelor, professional qualification conferring at least 180 ECTS credits, or equivalent qualification from abroad. Exemption from the requirement of a previous qualification may be granted for a student admitted to the study programme without possessing basic eligibility in the form of a qualification. However, this does not apply if, on the student's admission, exemption has been granted on the grounds that, under HEO Chapter 7, Section 28, second paragraph, there has not been sufficient time for the degree certificate or diploma to be issued.

Exemption from the requirement of a previous bachelor's degree or equivalent may be granted for a person with a one-year master's degree under the 1993 Higher Education Ordinance; someone with a professional qualification conferring at least 180 ECTS credits; and someone admitted to the study programme, based on an assessment of genuine proficiency.

### **Local rules at Konstfack**

Konstfack is entitled to award a two-year master's degree in the main field of study, Visual Culture and Learning, with a specialisation in Visual Arts Education, for 120 ECTS credits. Specialised studies in the main field of study comprise 60 ECTS credits. This is the only general two-year master's degree awarded at Konstfack.

The 60 ECTS credits included in a two-year master's degree over and above the 60 ECTS credits comprised by the main field of study must be of relevance to the main field of study, which in this case is Visual Culture and Learning with a specialisation in Visual Arts Education.

A two-year master's degree in the main field of study, Visual Culture and Learning, with a specialisation in Visual Arts Education at Konstfack is obtained after the student has completed courses conferring a total of 120 ECTS credits,

- of which at least 90 ECTS credits are at advanced level and
- at least 60 of these 90 ECTS credits are in the main field of study, Visual Culture and Learning, with a specialisation in Visual Arts Education
- completed an independent project (degree project) of at least 30 ECTS credits in the main area of study, Visual Culture and Learning, with a specialisation in Visual Arts Education, and
- the ECTS credits not belonging to the main field of study (max. 60 ECTS credits) must have a relevant connection with the main field of study.

### **Degree title for general master's degree at Konstfack**

- Degree of Master of Arts in Visual Culture and Learning with a specialisation in Visual Arts Education (two years, 120 ECTS credits) /Filosofie masterexamen i Visuell kultur och lärande med inriktning bildpedagogik (120 högskolepoäng)

The requirements for a general two-year MA degree at Konstfack may also be fulfilled if the student has followed the study route for one of the following two-year master's programmes:

<b>Master's programme (two years):</b>	<b>Name of degree (qualification and main field of study obtained after completing the two-year Master's Programme):</b>	<b>Name of Degree in English:</b>	<b>Degree specialisation: (Swedish and English title)</b>
Master's programme in Visual Culture and Learning – Visual Arts Education	Filosofie masterexamen i Visuell kultur och lärande med inriktning bildpedagogik	Degree of Master of Arts in Visual Culture and Learning with a specialisation in Visual Arts Education	
Master's Programme in Visual Culture and Learning – Visual Arts Education NoVA	Filosofie masterexamen i Visuell kultur och lärande med inriktning bildpedagogik	Degree of Master of Arts in Visual Culture and Learning with a specialisation in Visual Arts Education	

### 3.2 Artistic qualifications at advanced level

#### 3.2.1 Degree of Master of Fine Arts (two years, 120 ECTS credits)

##### National regulations under the Swedish Higher Education Ordinance

Artistic two-year master's degrees are obtained after the student has

- completed course requirements for 120 ECTS credits in a particular specialisation on which each higher education institution itself decides
- in the main field of study for the study programme, completed an independent project (degree project) conferring at least 30 ECTS credits; this independent project may comprise fewer than 30 ECTS credits, subject to a minimum of 15, if the student has already completed an independent project, at advanced level, conferring at least 15 ECTS credits in the main field of study for the study programme, or equivalent, from a programme outside Sweden
- met the following extra requirement: a Bachelor's degree, a professional qualification conferring at least 180 ECTS credits or a corresponding foreign degree. Exemption from the requirement of a previous qualification may be granted for a student who has been admitted to the study programme without possessing basic eligibility in the form of a

qualification. However, this does not apply if, on the student's admission, exemption under Chapter 7, Section 28, second paragraph of HEO has been granted on the grounds that there has been insufficient time for a degree certificate or diploma to be issued.

A bachelor's degree under older ordinances is equated with a new bachelor's degree. Exemption from the requirement of a previous bachelor's degree or equivalent may be granted for a person with a master's degree under the Higher Education Ordinance of 1993; someone who has a professional qualification conferring at least 180 ECTS credits; and someone who has been admitted to the study programme, based on an assessment of genuine proficiency. A bachelor's degree under older regulations may comprise more than credits (old system). Surplus courses may be included in an artistic master's degree if permitted under the conditions for qualifications within the main field of study. HE credits for a one-year master's degree under older regulations may exceed 160 and 40 credits (old system) respectively.

### *Independent project*

For a Degree of Master of Fine Arts, the student must, within the scope of the course requirements, have completed an independent project (degree project) of at least 30 ECTS credits in the main field of study for the study programme. The independent project may comprise fewer than 30 ECTS credits, subject to a minimum of 15 ECTS credits, if the student has already completed an independent project at advanced level of at least 15 ECTS credits, in the main field of study for the study programme, or the equivalent from a programme outside Sweden.

### **Local rules at Konstfack**

A Degree of Master of Fine Arts may not confer more than 30 ECTS credits at first-cycle level. However, the same credits included in the bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification conferring eligibility may not be included in a qualification at advanced level.

A Degree of Master of Fine Arts is obtained after the student has completed courses of 120 ECTS credits, of which at least 60 ECTS credits are in the main field of study.

A Degree of Master of Fine Arts may not include courses from the qualification conferring eligibility. Exemption from this rule may be granted if the qualification conferring eligibility comprises more than 180 ECTS credits. Course accreditation may then be possible to the extent that the qualification conferring eligibility exceeds 180 ECTS credits. This applies only to courses that, based on the local qualification descriptor, are relevant to the qualification.

The degree project may be accredited only for the portion exceeding 15 ECTS credits in the qualification conferring eligibility, given that it is an advanced level, if

- the course is specified in the programme syllabus, or
- obtaining the qualification the programme caters for is not possible within the scope of the range of courses offered by Konstfack.

Scope for accrediting courses from the qualification conferring eligibility is assessed by the degree administrator in every individual case.

To meet the requirements for a Degree of Master of Fine Arts at Konstfack, the student must have followed the study route for one of the following two-year master's programmes:

<b>Master of Fine Arts programme (two years), specialising in:</b> (Last admission autumn 2013)	<b>Name of degree (qualification and main field of study obtained after completing the Master of Fine Arts programme):</b>	<b>Name of degree in English:</b>	<b>Degree specialisation:</b> ( <i>Swedish and English title</i> )
Storytelling	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Visuell kommunikation	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Visual Communication	Storytelling
In Space	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Design	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Design	In Space
Industrial Design/ Formgiving Intelligence	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Design	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Design	Industrial Design
Jewellery and Corpus	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Konsthantverk	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Crafts	Jewellery and Corpus
Art in the Public Realm	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Konst	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Fine Arts	Konst i offentligheten/Art in the Public Realm
Ceramics and Glass	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Konsthantverk	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Crafts	Keramik och glas/ Ceramics and Glass
Textiles in the expanded field	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Konst/Design	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Fine Arts/Design <sup>1</sup>	Textil/Textile
Experience Design (last admission autumn 2012)	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Design	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Design	Experience Design
Critical Writing and Curatorial Practice (last admission autumn 2008)	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Konst	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Fine Arts	Write+Interpret+ Research

<sup>1</sup> Main field is determined on whether the student has completed their specialised studies within Fine Arts or Design.

<b>Master of Fine Arts programme (two years), specialising in:</b> (Admission from autumn 2014)	<b>Name of degree (qualification and main field of study obtained after completing the Master of Fine Arts programme):</b>	<b>Name of degree in English:</b>	<b>Degree specialisation:</b> ( <i>Swedish and English title</i> )
CRAFT! — Ceramics and Glass	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Konsthantverk	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Crafts	Keramik och glas/Ceramics and Glass
CRAFT! — Textiles	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Konsthantverk	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Crafts	Textil/Textiles
CRAFT! — Ädellab (last admission autumn 2020)	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Konsthantverk	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Crafts	Ädellab
CRAFT! — Jewellery and Corpus (admission from autumn 2021)	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Konsthantverk	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Crafts	Smycke och corpus/Jewellery and Corpus
Design — Individual Study Plan Design (last admission autumn 2021)	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Design	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Design	Design
Design Ecologies (admission from autumn 2022)	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Design	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Design	
Design — Spatial Design	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Design	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Design	Rumslig gestaltning/Spatial Design
Fine Art	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Konst	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Fine Art	
Visual Communication	Konstnärlig masterexamen i Visuell kommunikation	Degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Visual Communication	

## **4. QUALIFICATIONS AT RESEARCH LEVEL**

### **4.1 Artistic qualifications at research level**

#### **4.1.1 Degree of Licentiate of Philosophy (120 ECTS credits)**

##### **National regulations under the Swedish Higher Education Ordinance**

An artistic licentiate is obtained either after the doctoral student has

- completed a study programme conferring at least 120 ECTS credits in a subject for education at research level, or after the doctoral student has completed one part, conferring at least 120 ECTS credits, of a programme culminating in an artistic doctorate, if the HEI decides that it can provide an artistic licentiate of this kind.
- obtained a pass grade for a documented artistic research project conferring at least 60 ECTS credits.

An artistic licentiate with a particular specialisation must be subject to detailed requirements determined by every HEI itself, within the scope of the requirements specified in this qualification descriptor.

##### **Local rules at Konstfack**

The Degree of Licentiate of Philosophy is issued at Konstfack in the subject of Artistic Practice in Visual, Applied and Spatial Arts. For the artistic licentiate at Konstfack, the doctoral student must meet the requirements laid down in the general syllabus:

- a course module of 30 ECTS credits (compulsory courses) and
- a documented artistic research project conferring 90 ECTS credits.

##### **Degree title for artistic licentiate at Konstfack**

- Degree of Licentiate of Philosophy in Artistic Practice in Visual, Applied and Spatial Arts (120 ECTS credits) / Konstnärlig licentiatexamen i konstnärlig gestaltning inom bild, form, rum (120 högskolepoäng)

#### **4.1.2 Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (240 ECTS credits)**

##### **National regulations under the Swedish Higher Education Ordinance**

An artistic doctorate is awarded after the doctoral student has

- completed a study programme of 240 ECTS credits in a subject taught at research level
- obtained a pass grade for a documented artistic research project conferring at least 120 ECTS credits.
- completed a documented artistic research project (doctoral thesis) of at least 120 ECTS credits, with a pass grade.

An artistic doctorate with a particular specialisation is also subject to the well-defined requirements that every HEI itself determines, within the scope of the requirements in the qualification descriptor concerned (Ordinance 2021:1338).

### **Local rules at Konstfack**

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy is awarded at Konstfack in the subject of Artistic Practice in Visual, Applied and Spatial Arts. For a Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Konstfack, the doctoral student must meet the requirements laid down in the general syllabus:

- a course module of 45 ECTS credits (30 from compulsory courses and 15 from optional courses)
- a documented artistic research project conferring 195 ECTS credits.

### **Degree title for Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Konstfack**

- Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Artistic Practice in Visual, Applied and Spatial Arts (240 ECTS credits) / Konstnärlig doktorsexamen i konstnärlig gestaltning inom bild, form, rum (240 högskolepoäng)

## **5. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION AT FIRST OR SECOND CYCLE LEVEL**

### **5.1 Degree of Master of Arts in Education (270–300 ECTS credits)**

*(Applies to students admitted to the Teacher programme at Konstfack with effect from autumn semester 2011)*

**National regulations under the Swedish Higher Education Ordinance** *(excerpt from HEO Annex 2, System of Qualifications)*

A Degree of Master of Arts in Secondary/Upper Secondary Education is awarded with two different specialisations. A Degree of Master of Arts in Secondary Education is awarded at second-cycle after the student has completed courses for 270 ECTS credits. A Degree of Master of Arts in Upper Secondary Education is awarded at second-cycle after the student has completed courses for 300 ECTS credits or, when required, 330 ECTS credits.

During their studies, the student shall have acquired; knowledge in subjects and subject didactics that are relevant for teaching school subjects for which the programme has been laid down, and also studies in core education subjects (UVK) for 60 ECTS credits and a work placement or internship education (VFU) in a relevant subject and organisation for 30 ECTS credits.

For the award of a Degree of Master of Arts in Secondary Education, the programme shall comprise subject courses and courses in subject didactics for 165 ECTS credits in two teaching subjects or 195 ECTS credits in three teaching subjects. However, if the teaching subject music

or art is included in the programme, the degree can include subject studies limited to these two teaching subjects.

For the award of a Degree of Master of Arts in Upper Secondary Education, the programme shall comprise subject courses and courses in subject didactics for 225 ECTS credits in two teaching subjects. 15 of these ECTS credits are to consist of the work placement or internship education (VFU) part of the programme. Studies shall include at least one specialisation for 120 ECTS credits in a relevant subject or subject area and a specialisation for 90 ECTS credits.

Specialisations are offered in a limited number of subject combinations.

#### *Independent project (degree project)*

Within the scope of the course requirements, the student must have completed at least one independent project (degree project) conferring 30 ECTS credits or at least two such projects conferring 15 ECTS credits each in one or two of the subjects studied in the study programme.

The degree certificate must make it clear which specialisation the student has undertaken, and which teaching subject(s) the degree comprises.

#### **Local rules at Konstfack**

For the award of a Degree of Master of Arts in Secondary Education (compulsory school years 7–9), the student must have completed 90 ECTS credits of subject and subject-teaching studies in the subject of Sloyd and 90 ECTS credits of subject and subject-teaching studies in the subject of Visual Arts.

Exemption is granted for the students admitted in autumn semester 2012 and 2013. They can choose whether to follow the above programme syllabus or whether they would prefer to have one primary subject of 90 ECTS credits and also a secondary and a third subject of 45 ECTS credits each. See under ‘Subject combinations’ (according to the programme syllabi of 2013–14) below.

The award of the Degree of Master of Arts in Upper Secondary Education is obtained after completion of course requirements totalling 300 ECTS credits. Of the subject-teaching studies, 120 ECTS credits must be in the primary subject (Visual Arts), with courses in the secondary subject (Design or Media) comprising ECTS HE credits.

#### *Independent project (degree project)*

For the award of a Degree of Master of Arts in Secondary Education with a specialisation in subject teaching in years 7–9 of compulsory school (lower secondary level), the student must have completed two independent projects at advanced level of 15 ECTS credits each, one in the subject of Sloyd and one in the subject of Visual Arts. An exemption is granted for students admitted in autumn semester 2012 and 2013, when the student had to have carried out an independent project (degree project) conferring 30 ECTS credits at advanced level in the subject of Visual Arts.

For the award of a Degree of Master of Arts in Upper Secondary Education with a specialisation in subject teaching at upper secondary school, the student must complete an independent project (degree project) for 30 ECTS credits at advanced level in the subject of Visual Arts.

Admission to the Teacher Education programme with a specialisation in subject teaching in years 7–9 of compulsory school took place for the first time in autumn semester 2012, and admission to the Teacher Education programme with a specialisation in subject teaching at upper secondary school in autumn semester 2011.

### Subject combinations

Annex 4 (Subject combinations) of the Higher Education Ordinance states which subjects may be combined in an MA in Education under Chapter 6, Section 5. The primary subject in the study programmes for this MA at Konstfack is Visual Arts. This subject is included in subject group 2 for the specialisation in subject teaching in years 7–9 of compulsory school.

The secondary subject included in the MA in Education is Sloyd, which also belongs to group 2. An exemption is granted for students admitted to Konstfack in autumn semester 2013. According to these students' programme syllabi, their MA degree with a specialisation in subject teaching in lower secondary school (years 7–9 of compulsory school) containing Visual Arts and Sloyd may also include a third subject, which must belong to subject group 4, 6 or 7. These subject groups comprise the following subjects: Geography, History, Religious Studies, Social Science (group 4), English, Modern Languages, Home Language, Swedish, Swedish as a Second Language, Sign Language (group 6), Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and engineering and/or technology (group 7).

For the MA in Education with a specialisation in subject teaching at upper secondary school, Visual Arts is included in subject group 6. The subjects in subject group 6 can be combined with a further 90 ECTS credits in the chosen main field of study in group 6 in Konstfack's MA in Education programme specialising in upper secondary school teaching at Konstfack.

### Name of qualification for the Teacher education programmes (MA Education programme in second-cycle at Konstfack):

<b>Teacher Education programme:</b> (admission from autumn 2011)	<b>Degree title (the degree and main field of study, obtained after the completion of the Teacher Education Programme)</b>	<b>Name of degree in English:</b>	<b>Degree specialisation:</b> <i>(Swedish and English title)</i>
Teacher Education programme (Visual Arts and Sloyd) in Secondary Education	Ämneslärarexamen med inriktning mot arbete i grundskolans årskurs 7-9	Degree of Master of Arts in Secondary Education	Undervisningsämnen: Bild och slöjd / Teaching subjects: Visual Arts and Sloyd

Teacher Education Programme with the specialisation Upper Secondary Education – Specialisation in Visual Arts and Design	Ämneslärarexamen med inriktning mot arbete i gymnasieskolan	Degree of Master of Arts in Upper Secondary Education	Undervisningsämnen: Bild och design / Teaching subjects: Visual Arts and Design
Teacher Education Programme with the specialisation Upper Secondary Education – Specialisation in Visual Arts and Media	Ämneslärarexamen med inriktning mot arbete i gymnasieskolan	Degree of Master of Arts in Upper Secondary Education	Undervisningsämnen: Bild och media / Teaching subjects: Visual Arts and Media

## 5.2 Older Teacher Qualifications

Information about the regulations regarding older teacher qualifications for students admitted to teacher education programmes at Konstfack before 2011 can be found under section 13 Transitional Provisions.

## 6. CONTENT OF DEGREE CERTIFICATE

In the degree certificate or diploma, the higher education institution must specify the title of the qualification and the academic level in which it is awarded (HEO Chapter 6, Section 10). The rules in HEO Chapter 6, Section 10, first paragraph, whereby the degree certificate must specify the academic level of the qualification, are not applicable with respect to qualifications issued under older regulations (predating SFS 2006:1053 — that is, the qualifications permitted to be awarded until year-end 2015 and year-end 2018 respectively).

The certificate for a degree at first or second-cycle level must state which courses are included in the qualification. If a course that is included in a degree has been approved at an HEI other than the one issuing the certificate, the approved HEI must be specified (HEO Chapter 6, Section 10, SFS 2006:1053). Every course must have a set syllabus and course modules, if any, jointly make up an integral unit. Only completed courses with pass grades can be included in the qualification. To fulfil a specific degree requirement, this must be achieved through whole courses, not individual credits or ECTS credits in course modules. Courses from preliminary education (also known as ‘foundation-year courses’) conferring eligibility do not count towards a degree and, accordingly, may not be included in the qualification.

In addition, the degree certificate must state which ordinance the student has followed; the courses the student has passed, along with the course names, numbers of credits, grades and

dates awarded; grade scale; and, where applicable, previous education or activities that have been credited as part of the degree. Moreover, the total credits conferred by the degree must be stated. The title of the student's independent project, degree project or dissertation is, if possible, also stated in the degree certificate.

The degree title translated into one or more languages may be inserted in the degree certificate (HEO Chapter 6, Section 10, SFS 2011:687). The System of Qualifications contains rules about the degree title and the translation(s) of the same (HEO Annex 2).

The main field of study is clear from the degree title. The degree specialisation and/or the subject (for the Teacher Education diploma or MA in Education) are not specified in the title of the qualification, but are evident from the degree certificate, and also in the course summary enclosed with the degree certificate and a diploma supplement. Degree certificates are issued in accordance with the *Rules of Procedure and Delegation of Decision-making Powers at Konstfack* (HS 15/12/2021).

Students admitted to Konstfack who, within the scope of the studies included in their degrees, wish to study at a foreign university and thereafter include their studies abroad in a Konstfack degree must, first, apply for advance confirmation, before their departure, that these studies will be accredited to their degree. Second, they must be able to show the decision document on accreditation of the foreign studies at the time of their degree application. In every individual case, accreditation is done following an application by the student.

## **7. DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT**

Every degree certificate is accompanied by a diploma supplement in English describing the study programme and its place in the education system. Diploma supplements for qualifications at first and second-cycle level were introduced at Swedish HEIs on 1 January 2003. At Konstfack, diploma supplements are not issued retroactively for qualifications issued before 1 January 2003.

## **8. AWARDING HEI**

For every qualification awarded at Konstfack, at least one course must have culminated in an examination, for which a pass grade has been awarded, at Konstfack. Degree certificates are issued by the Vice-Chancellor or the person to whom the power to do so has been delegated by the Vice-Chancellor.

If a degree certificate relates to education at more than one HEI, the certificate must be issued by the HE where the student's education was completed. However, this does not apply if, in the individual case, the HEIs concerned have agreed otherwise (HEO Chapter 6, Section 11).

The question of whether to transfer the award of a degree to an HEI other than Konstfack is assessed by the degree administrator in each individual case.

## **9. OVERLAPPING COURSES**

Every course included in the qualification must be unique. Accordingly, two courses with overlapping content cannot be included in a single degree.

## **10. DATE OF AWARD**

The date stated on the degree certificate must be the one on which the decision to approve the degree application is taken and the certificate is issued.

## **11. PROCESSING TIME**

Degree applications received by Konstfack must be processed as rapidly as possible. The processing time for a degree application should not exceed two months. If an incoming application is incomplete and additional information is needed, or if an application deviates in any way from the standard instructions, the processing time may come to be extended. If the applicant's education has not been completed or the applicant does not meet the objectives of the qualification, the applicant must be informed to this effect as soon as possible and the degree application must be rejected.

## **12. OPTION OF APPEAL**

Under Chapter 12, Section 2 of the Higher Education Ordinance, rejection of a student's request for a degree certificate or diploma can be appealed. In connection with the rejection, the student must be informed of the option of appealing against the decision and told that the appeal must be submitted in writing. It must be addressed to the Board of Appeals for Higher Education but sent to Konstfack, Box 3601, SE-126 27 Stockholm, Sweden within three weeks of the day on which the student was informed of the decision.

A decision by the Board of Appeals for Higher Education may not be appealed (SFS 2002:81).

## **13. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

### **13.1 Transitional provisions for general and artistic study programmes**

Those students who began study programmes under the older regulations (1993 system of qualifications) before 1 July 2007, and also those who were admitted to such programmes before that date but granted a deferment until a later date to start the programme, had the right to complete their education to obtain a degree under the older regulations, the deadline for completion being 30 June 2015.

Students in this category can no longer catch up on unfinished courses or obtain an artistic or general degree under older regulations. Konstfack has therefore developed a separate procedure to assess what students can do to complete their education to obtain a degree according to the current (2007) system of qualifications. The HEI must, as far as possible, make it possible for the students to complete their education by taking supplementary courses according to the 2007 study system. See decision FUFA 4 2020.

If, for a qualification at second-cycle level issued under the new regulations, requirements are set for previous education or a qualification at first-cycle level, students with equivalent educational attainment or basic academic degrees must also be able to meet the requirements.

One credit as defined before 1 July 2007 to indicate the scale of basic higher education or research education corresponds to 1,5 ECTS credits according to the new regulations. 1,5 ECTS credits is equivalent to 1,5 högskolepoäng.

Applying these rules mean that it is no longer possible to award degrees in previous systems of qualifications, such as master's degrees with subject breadth and academic degrees.

### **13.2 Transitional provisions for teacher education**

Students admitted to the teacher education programme at Konstfack before 2001 were entitled to complete their studies by 30 June 2023, in order to obtain a Degree of Bachelor of Education in Art and Design (180 ECTS credits) / Examen motsvarande Bildlärarexamen (180 högskolepoäng).

Students admitted to the teacher education programme in visual culture, art and design, between autumn 2001 and autumn 2006 were entitled to complete their studies by 30 June 2023, in order to obtain a Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education in Visual Culture, Art and Design (180 credits or 270 ECTS credits) / Lärarexamen med konstnärlig inriktning bild och visuell kultur (180 poäng/270 högskolepoäng).

Students admitted to the teacher education programme between autumn 2007 and autumn 2010 were entitled to complete their studies by 30 June 2023, in order to obtain a Degree of Master of Science in Education (270 ECTS credits) / Lärarexamen (270 högskolepoäng).

#### **14. DEGREE-AWARDING POWERS AT KONSTFACK**

Konstfack is authorised to confer the following degrees, as accredited by the Swedish Higher Education Authority (UKÄ):

*Qualifications in the Fine, Applied and Performing Arts:*

Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts

Degree of Master of Fine Arts (60 credits)

Degree of Master of Fine Arts (120 credits)

Degree of Licentiate of Philosophy in Artistic Practice in Visual, Applied and Spatial Arts

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Artistic Practice in Visual, Applied and Spatial Arts

*Professional Qualifications:*

Degree of Bachelor of Education

Degree of Master of Education

Degree of Master of Arts in Secondary Education, teaching subjects Visual Arts and Sloyd

Degree of Master of Arts in Upper Secondary Education, teaching subjects Visual Arts and Design or Media

*General Qualifications:*

Higher Education Diploma

Degree of Bachelor

Degree of Master in Visual Arts Education, Glass, Graphic Design, Industrial Design, Interior Architecture, Ceramics, Fine Art, Metal Design, Furniture Design and Textile (60 credits)

Degree of Master with Broath (60 credits)

Degree of Master of Arts in Visual Culture and Learning (120 credits)

#### **15. MAIN FIELDS OF STUDY ESTABLISHED AT KONSTFACK**

Konstfack has established the following main fields of study (FÖ§3 2016):

*Qualifications in the Fine, Applied and Performing Arts:*

Design/Design

Konsthantverk/Crafts

Konst/Fine Arts

Visuell kommunikation/Visual Communication

*General qualifications:*

Bildpedagogik/Visual Arts Education

Visuell kultur och lärande med inriktning bildpedagogik/Visual Culture and Learning with a specialisation in Visual Arts Education

*Doctoral education subject (RÖ§30 2022):*

Konstnärlig gestaltning inom bild, form, rum/Artistic Practice in Visual, Applied and Spatial Arts