

## Welcome to Mälardalen University, MDU!

**We are delighted that you have chosen to study at MDU this autumn! As Programme Responsible, I am looking forward to getting to know you all.**

My name is Marcus Bjelkemyr and I am the Programme Responsible for the Master's programme in Innovation and Design. I want to share some important information about the programme to enable a great start at the University. There is also information about who to contact if you have questions.

Here you can read about the following:

- Start of programme and courses during the first semester
- Checklist to go through before the program starts
- Student life and The Welcoming
- Contact details for questions

### Master's programme in Innovation and Design

The Master program in innovation and design starts on ***September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15 in room A3-033 at MDU Campus Eskilstuna.***

The program is interdisciplinary and combines subjects such as engineering science, social science, the humanities, and perspectives taken from the world of art. This results in that our student group has a diverse academic and professional background, which is very valuable when working with innovation and design.

The program starts with a 10 week full-time course that provides an overview of the areas of innovation and design. In the course we are specifically focusing on challenges that organizations and the society face and relate them to innovation and design.

In the first course, students start to explore their own individual focus in relation to the aspects, and this is something that is further explored throughout the program.

### Courses in the first semester

During the first semester, you will take the following courses:

- **ITE431** Challenges in Innovation and Design (September 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- **ITE429** Research methods in Innovation and Design (November 11<sup>th</sup>)
- **ITE433** Early Phases in Innovation and Design (November 11<sup>th</sup>)

## Literature

You can find the content of the course and required reading by searching with the course code on [Find your programme syllabus and course syllabus](#).

If you want to get a head start before the program begins, you can start getting acquainted with the literature from the first course.

## Timetables

You can find the timetable for your course by searching with the course code on [Timetable and Academic calendar](#)

## Checklist ahead of starting

For new students, there are a few things that you need to do before you start enjoying your student life with us. On the website [New Student](#) you will find information in a concise checklist.

## Student website

On the [student website](#), you will find the information you need as an MDU student. Here you will find some handy tips and good advice on study techniques and scheduling which can be worth a read.

## The Welcoming

We at MDU would like you to feel really welcome at MDU! Therefore we are arranging an event called [The Welcoming](#), on Friday, 30 August between 13:00 and 16:00. This year we will all meet at MDU in Eskilstuna. For those travelling from Västerås there is a free bus.

The programme and student associations will be there and will help you to find your particular association. Without giving away too many details we just want to say, don't miss this event!

## The Rookie period

The Rookie period takes place during the first few weeks of your studies and it's going to be jam-packed with many fun activities. It will be arranged by Mälardalen Student Union together with the programme and student associations at the University. The aim is for you to get to know your fellow students and quickly get a feeling of belonging.

[Here is some information](#) about the Mälardalen Student Union and which programme association your programme belongs to.

## **Any questions?**

If you have any questions about your studies, you are welcome to contact:

### **Study counsellor Helen Lundblad**

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We look forward to meeting you!

Kind regards,

Marcus Bjelkemyr