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Questionnaire on language use in the education at Enkät: KTH

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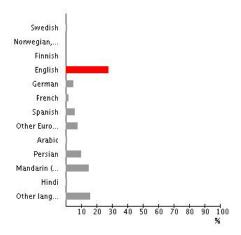
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Aktiverade deltagare (Enkät om språkanvändning i utbildningen på KTH) Grupp:

797(65 933) (1%) Besvarad av:

This survey is targeted at anyone who is studying at KTH, at any level. The survey is made by the Language Committee and will be used as a guide for the committee's work. It is completely anonymous. The survey only takes 5-10 minutes to answer! We want to thank in advance for your help. If you are interested in sharing the results, go to the Language Committee's website later this spring.

Which language are you most fluent in?



antal fördelning alternativ

1,6% Swedish

7 0,9% Norwegian, Danish or Icelandic

0 0% Finnish

230 28,9% English

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5,2% German 19 2,4% French

54 6,8% Spanish

69 8.7% Other European language

13 1,6%

85 10,7% Persian

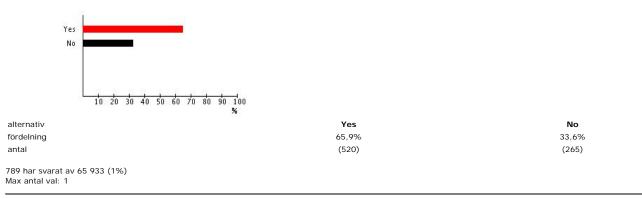
120 15,1% Mandarin (Chinese)

10 1,3%

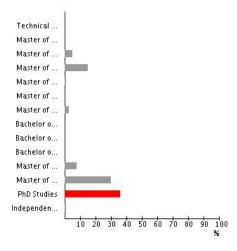
Other language 135 17%

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Are you bilingual (can speak and write on about the same level in two different languages)?



Which program are you following? (More than one answer is possible.)



antal fördelning alternativ

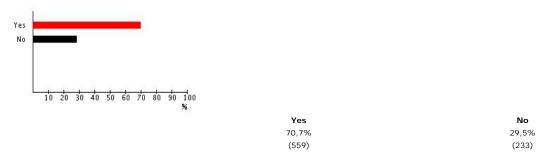
2 0,3% Technical Preparatory Year 3 0,4% Master of Architecture 40 5% Master of Science in Engineering, year 1 124 15,6% Master of Science in Engineering, year 2 10 1,3% Master of Science in Engineering, year 3 3 0,4% Master of Science in Engineering, year 4 24 3% Master of Science in Engineering, year 5 (or higher) 0,5% Bachelor of Science in Engineering, year 1 0,1% Bachelor of Science in Engineering, year 2 1 2 0,3% Bachelor of Science in Engineering, year 3 (or higher) 70 8,8% Master of Science/Degree of Master, year 1 30,4% Master of Science/Degree of Master, year 2 (or higher) 241 290 36,6% PhD Studies

1,1% Independent courses/Further education

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Max antal val: 14

Have you studied at college level in any other country than Sweden (for example, as an exchange student)?



791 har svarat av 65 933 (1%) Max antal val: 2

If yes, in which country/countries?

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- -Spain, Canada and England -Thailand
- -Sudan

alternativ

fördelning

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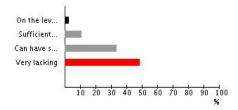
- -Ghana -USA

Kommentar:

- -Spain, Italy -IRAN
- -Spain
- -Ukraine,Italy,France,Germany
- -China
- -Pakistan
- -Switzerland -China
- -Portugal
- -Germany -Brazil and Switzerland
- -Denmark -Ethiopia
- -Pakistan
- -Iran
- -Switzerland, Finland
- -Iceland -China
- -China
- -Canada
- -Iran University of Tehran

- -Mexico, USA, Germany
- -Greece
- -The Netherlands
- -India
- -Italy, USA
- -Greece
- -Bangladesh
- -Spain and France -China
- -Lithuania
- -Estonia
- -Zambia
- -I got my bachelor's degree in my home country, Romania -China
- -I have my Bachelor from Iran
- Master and PhD at KTH
- -china
- -Germany
- -China
- -Perú
- -Spain
- -Sri Lanka
- -no applicable
- -Pakistan
- -France, Belgium
- -Iran
- -Ukraine
- -Italy, Palestine
- -Turkey -Italy
- -Botswana
- -Bangladesh

How do you assess your overall skills in the Swedish language?



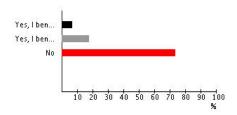
antal fördelning alternativ

- 3,3% On the level of a native/am a native Swede 26
- 94 11,9% Sufficient to get along well in the Swedish society
- 34,9% Can have simple conversations and read simple texts
- 396 49,9% Very lacking

793 har svarat av 65 933 (1%)

Max antal val: 1

Do you benefit from education given in Swedish?



antal fördelning alternativ

- 7.8% Yes. I benefit fully 61
- 142 18,1% Yes, I benefit somewhat
- 74,1% No

783 har svarat av 65 933 (1%)

Max antal val: 1

Area for comments on benefits of education in Swedish:

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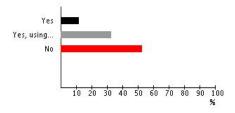
Kommentar:

- -I do not get any education in Swedish at KTH, basically because as PhD student I do not have access to the couses given at KTH. It is possible to do swedish courses in SFI but the level of education in that courses is very poor. I think it is important that the university concider to open swedish courses for students that will stay in sweden for more than 2 years at least, as is the case of PhD students.
- -communication
- -1 think Introduction to swedish should have been made compulsory and graded as part of the programmes for foreign students. This would have forced some of us to learn the language.
- -Job opportunities, better integration with Swedish society, networking.
- -More english material
- -a
 -Not for me, as an exchange student.
- -Socializing with people outside university.
- -Just a few words about my personal experience: As a Phd student It has been very hard to have time to study Swedish. But still, I took the beginner's level Swedish course

- -I learn better to speak better.
- -can be helpful to socilaise with swedish society as well as more opportunity to teach.
- -I can communicate easily in sweden and learn more its nice culture
- -Since I am not fluent in swedish i will not understand swedish at technical level, and hence i will not understand the subject. However I wish to understand swedish at advanced level this is the reason i am learning the language.
- -Engaging local institutions
- -I do not understand the KTH language policy. Many times I tried to enroll for swedish course at KTH but every time I was refused due to lack of places for PhD. Only Socrates erasmus student have this privillige. So I am forced today to participate in courses offered by Folkuniversitet.
- -Terms are important.
- -I haven't taken any course that is held in Swedish
- -It helps me to learn the correct terms for things that I am studying.
- -I find it easy to refer to technical books in my field in Swedish now. This is indeed a benefit.
- I lenjoy learning languages and I want to learn Swedish. I speak Spanish, English, German, Portuguese and some Finnish.

 I study full time, currently taking about 20 ECTS worth of courses this period alone. I do not have the time, nor the energy, to also study a new language. Since Swedish has no use whatsoever outside Sweden, the benefit of education in Swedish is practically non-existant.
- -I'm still lack in my swedish
- -An opportunity to do a rich distance MSc programme using advanced internet facilities such as Bilda, Centra and PIM.
- -we can learn some technical Swedish
- there is no job opportunity without knowing Swedish
- -I have no education in Swedish...
- -It is easier to communicate with Swedish classmate
- -I have not been given any Swedish education since I have studied only on an international master program in Sweden.
- -PhD students and KTH staff do not have access to any language course. Non Swedish native speakers have VERY big problems in order to take Swedish classes and this definitely slower the integration process in the Country!!
- -I haven't taken any course taught in Swedish and I don't understand the language. I believe that if I had dared try to take such a course I'd benefit nothing. However, it'd be for my own good to understand the language so that those teachers who have a limited command of the English language could still use the Swedish word where they couldn't immediately think of the word to use
- -Numerical Analysis and Fluid Mechanics

Can you understand written technical instructions in Swedish (for example exam questions)?



antal fördelning alternativ

102 12.9% Yes

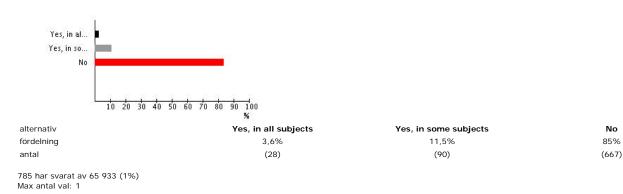
264 33,3% Yes, using a dictionary/machine translation

53,8% 426

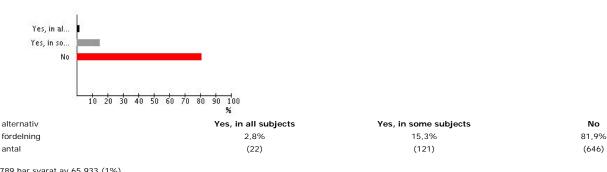
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Can you write technical texts in Swedish in the subjects you've studied?

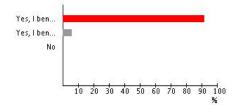


Can you use the correct Swedish terminology in the subjects you've studied?



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antal fördelning alternativ

734 92,4% Yes, I benefit fully

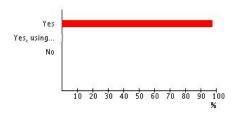
54 6,8% Yes, I benefit somewhat

6 0,8% No

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Max antal val: 1

Can you understand written technical instructions in English (for example course PM or exam questions)?



antal fördelning alternativ

785 99% Yes

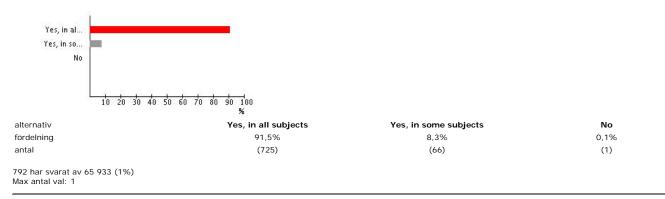
8 1% Yes, using a dictionary/machine translation

0 0% No

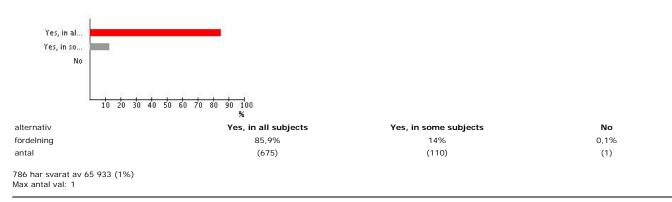
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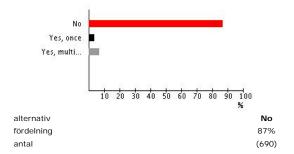


Can you use the correct English terminology in the subjects you've studied?



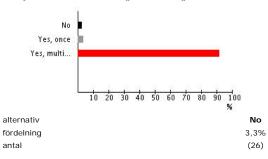
Think about the courses you took in 2011, and answer the following questions. One response only per question.

Have you handed in written assignments in Swedish?



Have you handed in written assignments in English?

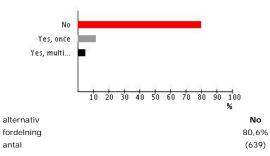
Yes, once	Yes, multiple times
4,7%	7,1%
(37)	(56)



Yes, once

Yes, multiple times 92,1% (730)

Have you used course literature in Swedish in a course?



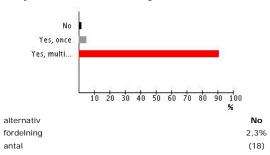
Yes, once 12,5% (99)

4%

(32)

Yes, multiple times 5,9% (47)

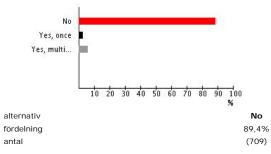
Have you used course literature in English in a course?



Yes, once 5% (40)

Yes, multiple times 91,4% (725)

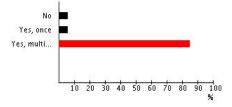
Have you done a group assignment where the primary working language was Swedish?

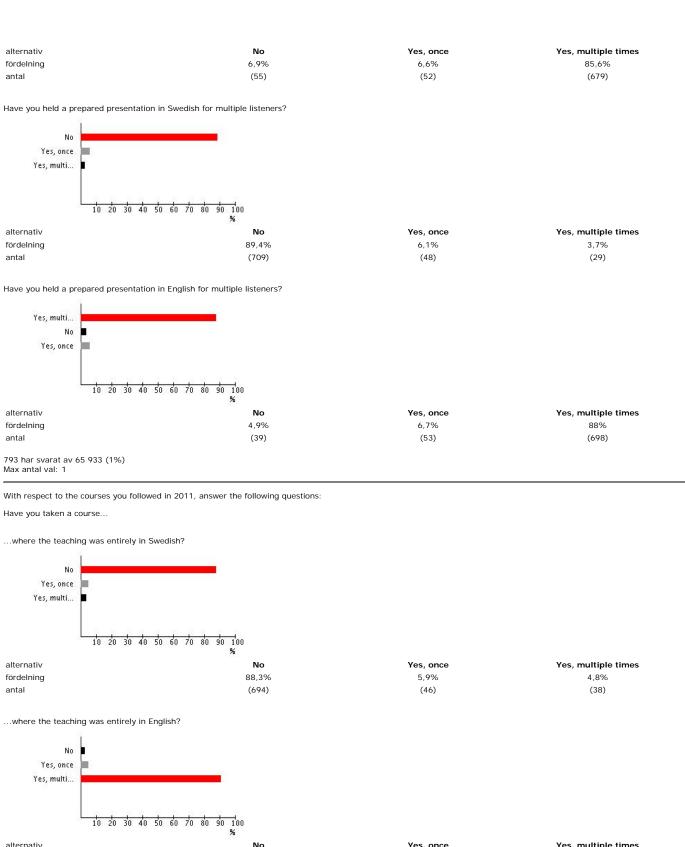


Yes, once 3,9% (31)

Yes, multiple times 6,1% (48)

Have you done a group assignment where the primary working language was English?



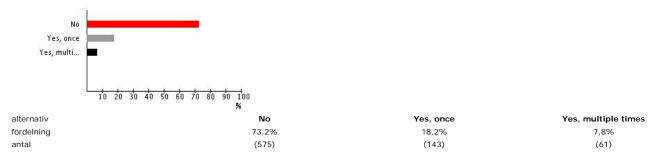


alternativ No Yes, once Yes, multiple times 3,2% fördelning 5,1% 91,2% (717) antal (25)(40)

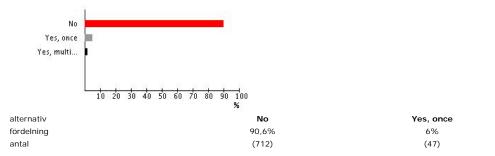
...where the teaching was both in English and Swedish? No Yes, once Yes, multi... No Yes, once 79,4% 15,8%

alternativ Yes, multiple times fördelning 3,8% antal (624) (124) (30)

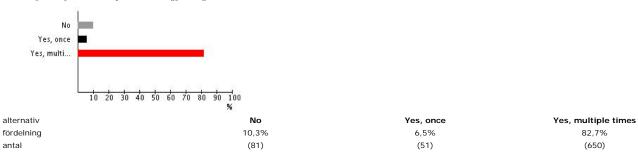
 \ldots where the teacher's language knowledge was so poor that it affected the teaching?



...where you only learned subject terminology in Swedish?



...where you only learned subject terminology in English?

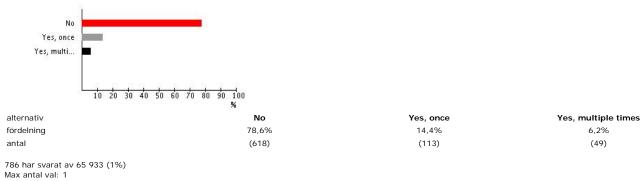


Yes, multiple times

2.4%

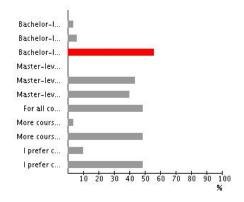
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...where you learned subject terminology in both Swedish and English?



How should KTH's teaching be conducted from a language standpoint?

Please tick the statements that you agree with. You can tick multiple statements.



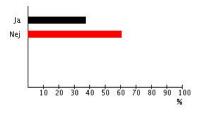
antal fördelning alternativ 4,9% Bachelor-level education should be in Swedish only. 38 6,9% Bachelor-level education should be in English only 53 Bachelor-level education should be in both English and 438 56,9% Swedish. 0 0% Master-level courses should be in Swedish only. 44,7% Master-level courses should be in English only. 344 308 40% Master-level courses should be in both English and Swedish. For all courses, subject terminology should be available in both 379 49,2% Swedish and English. 38 4,9% More courses should be available in Swedish. 378 49.1% More courses should be available in English. 81 10,5% I prefer courses in Swedish being taught by Swedish teachers. 49,4% I prefer courses in English being taught by teachers who are 380 more fluent in English than Swedish

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Max antal val: 11

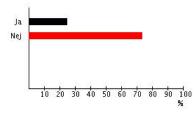
The following questions concern your entire education at KTH.

Have you ever taken a course in communication or speaking and writing skills at KTH?



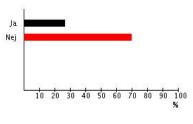
alternativ fördelning antal **Ja** 38,2% (300) **Nej** 61,3% (481)

Have you ever taken a course in technical English at KTH?



alternativ fördelning antal **Ja** 25,7% (202) **Nej** 74% (581)

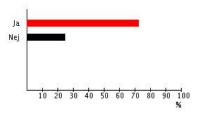
Have you ever taken a course in a foreign language at KTH?



alternativ fördelning antal **Ja** 27,1% (213)

Nej 70,4% (553)

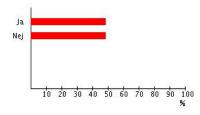
Would you take a course in Swedish as a foreign language (answer "No" if Swedish is your first language)?



alternativ fördelning antal **Ja** 73,2% (575)

Nej 25,5% (200)

Would you take a course in Swedish, rhetorics etc.?

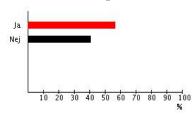


alternativ fördelning antal

Ja 49,2% (386)

Nej 49,2% (386)

Would you take a course in technical English?



alternativ fördelning antal

Ja 57,8% (454)

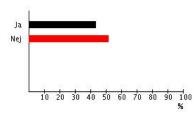
Nej 41,3% (324)

Nei

53%

(416)

Would you take a course in another foreign language?



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If there are any other language-related courses that you want to take, please state which course/courses below:

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Kommentar:

alternativ

fördelning

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-I think it is also lacking the admission to foreign languages courses, where swedish knowledge is required to access. I think independent to the knowledge of swedis, students should be available to take and learn other language than swedish.

Ja 44.5%

(349)

- -Technical Swedish, i.e a course specific for the subject area of interest.
- -Finnish, Nordish
- -PhD courses
- -a -Arabic and french
- -No. Degree completed.
- -German
- -The Swedish language course. From beginner to advanced. -N/A
- -I would like to learn more useful languages such as German, French and Spanish. -french
- -No -Technical French
- Beginner Mandarin
- Beginner Russian
- Beginner Arabic
- -I would like a writing course in 'academic swedish'. I speak fluent, but my language skills are not suffiencient for high level writing!
- -i want to take swedish course if there is a place available for me in the coming summer
- -no comments
- -spanish -Russian
- -French, German
- -Spanish, Mandarin, French, German -German, Italian, Spanish
- -oral swedish
- -Spanish, Chinese
- -Russian
- -Russian
- -I would like to take a course, if it was available, that teaches a foreign language but they use English, not Swedish, as the communicating language. I would be very interested to learn Spanish or French.
- -Spanish
- -No
- -German
- -I would like to take a course in technical Swedish.

- -German, French
- -Korean
- -There should be more high-level Swedish courses for PhD students.
- -English literature and rhetoric.
- -Dautch
- -I guess all the international students (excluding European students) dont have the opportunity to avail from the KTH swedish language course and all cannot also got to SFI, so just to learn the basic swedish, it will be good if KTH arranges a mandatory swedish course with 3 credits, so that atleast they can communicate and enjoy their stay in Sweden in a better way and also become familiar with the swedish culture.
- -I would wish to take a Swedish course, and already tried once, but can only follow it if ECTS are awared which count towards my PhD. Otherwise, I lack the justification to go there and study for it. In the spare time in the evenings I am simply not focussed any longer...
- -Spanish
- -German, Dutch, Chinese
- -Spanish, Arabic
- -Swedish and french
- -Spanish
- -Rhetorics in English if that is to be the main language of science in Sweden
- -presentation skills
- -Spanish
- Japanese

French

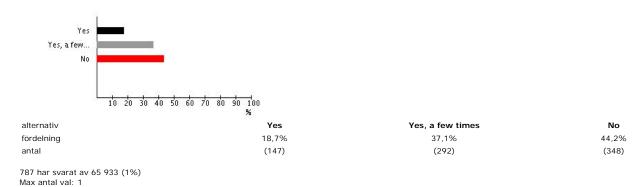
-now I am learning swedish on distance at elementary level, I wish to have a hance to learn the language and for other levels, since i am not all the time in sweden. Distance learning is really helpful for me and very necessary. Wil be happy if I have that chance. Thanks.

-Chinese

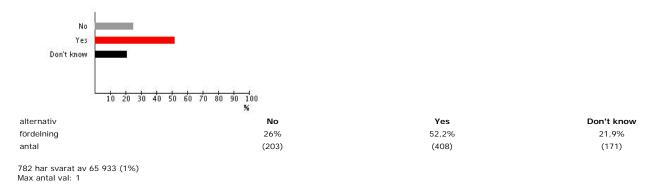
Ancient languages i.e. Norse?

- -finska, vetenskaplig svenska
- -French
- -I am a international master student from Mexico. I have good language skills. I have been attending the SFI class for 5 months and it is a shame that KTH cannot provide enough Swedish classes. I had high expectations about KTH but I am really disappointed
- -Basic Swedish
- -My primary objective for learning a foregin language is to be able to socialize and understand the culture of the place i am working. However, if there are possibilities of learning the language further to put in use at work place (understanding meetings and instructions) or for technical/scientific writings I would find them useful
- -German, French
- -French
- -None
- -Madarin would be nice
- -Spanish, Italian, Dutch, German, by English base teaching
- -Japanese and Spanish
- -None
- -no course
- -I applied for a Swedish course, but got no seat.
- -No
- -Swedish
- French
- -Italian
- -German
- -I am not yet in a position of saying which courses I need to to take but, I'd be willing to be advised on the courses to take

Has the language quality of your assignments been judged or have you received feedback on your communication skills (oral and/or written) while at KTH?



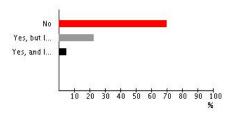
Have you during your studies been challenged to develop your communicative ability (that is, have the demands for language ability been raised)?



This question is about group work within the KTH courses that are reported with oral and/or written presentations. How do you feel that the work on and results of such group work are influenced by the fact that students with different backgrounds regarding language skills co-operate?

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Do you know that KTH has a language policy?



antal fördelning alternativ

559 70.8% No

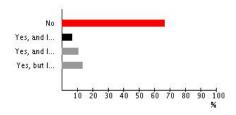
186 23,6% Yes, but I don't know what it says

5,6% Yes, and I know at least partially what it says

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Max antal val: 1

Do you know that KTH has a centre for academic writing ("Språkverkstaden")?



antal fördelning alternativ

530 67% No

58 7,3% Yes, and I have already been there

11,3% Yes, and I plan to go there eventually 89

114 14,4% Yes, but I will probably not visit it myself

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Max antal val: 1

Further comments about language in the education or about the language policy.

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Kommentar:

- -There should be at least one Basic Swedish course available as elective in the curriculum of every program aimed towards international students.
- -None
- -It is good to make the students learn Swedish in the university by any means. However their technical knowledge should not assessed based on their ability to present them in Swedish.
- -It is not clear for me what you mean about the language policy -N/A
- -The Swedish language education should be more widely performed. Take use of the free time like weekends and summer vacation. Less exam, but more speaking.
- -I was not allowed to study language there because I am a permanent resident in Sweden, I think it's wrong and not fare because there are no other places where we can study technical language than in KTH
- -no comments. -I hope more language courses could be provided.
- -no comments
- -Train teachers first, then train students!
- -I think that all Swedish language classes should be free, i.e. one shouldn't pay for the extra credits. Because people want to learn Swedish, but when they charge for it a lot of
- people don't want to anymore. Then they turn to SFI where the quality might not be that good for beginners.

 -First of all: You put Swedish (ja and nej) in the English questionnaire. About the language, I tried a few times to enroll at the Swedish course, after a while i give up, there are a limited places and PhD students (which are the ones that will have the most benefits from learning Swedish) are the last in the queue.
- -I don't know about it
- -I think all international students should have a Swedish class that would teach the basics. It should be easy to sign up for and i would even say it should be compulsory for international students that stay more then 1 year!

I tried to sign up for a Swedish course but there was only the online version available (no places in a real class) so i just skipped that since the online course was hard to follow (not motivational?)

There is a big difference between academic relationships at KTH and work place relations. At KTH English is the only language you speak. Outside of KTH it's so different, at work for example I experience a serious problem communicating, everybody is socializing only using Swedish.

So my opinion is to teach Swedish for master stundents as a compulsory course!

- -I am a master's student. I know that exchange students are sometimes offered intensive swedish courses before their technical coursework begins. I have always felt that this would be very useful for master's and phD students, perhaps even more so than exchange students. Since higher education students plan to stay in sweden for a larger number of years, it would be very nice if they could undergo some intensive swedish education on arrival. Even though just about everyone is fluent in English, Swedish definitely helps!
- -Swedish is a language not known in advance by most foreign students. You could make it easier for them to familiarize with it by introducing reference and other simple to translate Swedish texts that mirror their English based syllabus from their coursework.

Students who want to excel in their engineering courses (myself included) usually do not have enough time to study Swedish or simply do not make the time as the motivation is minimal.

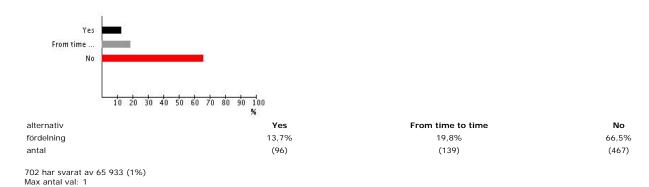
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- -I have no idea about any language policy at KTH!!!
 -I DONOT KNOW THE LANGUAGE POLICY
- -KTH used to have a Swedish language course for PhD students and other employees. I tried to register for that recently but the response was that KTH does not offer the

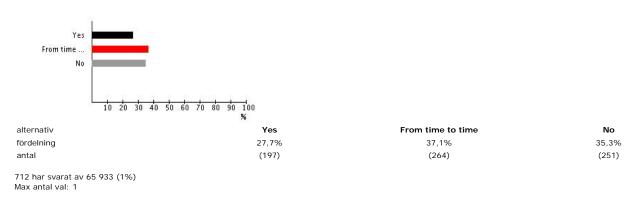
- -yes, to the above question, but none of the given answers...:)
- -no comments
- -It is quite commendable that KTH has provision for international students to learn Swedish language because it would help during their researches in different places where the local people might not be understanding English at all.

The following three questions (Q1, Q2, Q3) should be answered only by persons who are not fluent in Swedish.

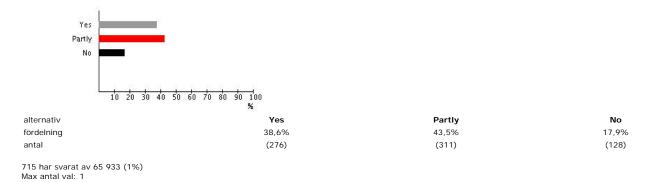
Q1. Have you had problems to follow the teaching since you don't master Swedish well enough?



Q2. Do you feel inhibited in discussions with friends/colleagues since you don't master Swedish well enough?

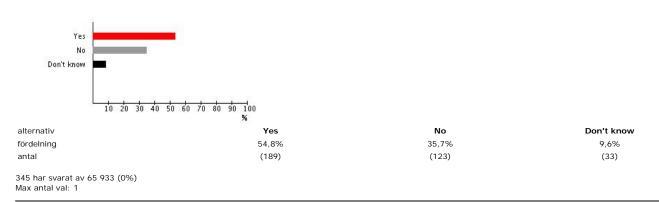


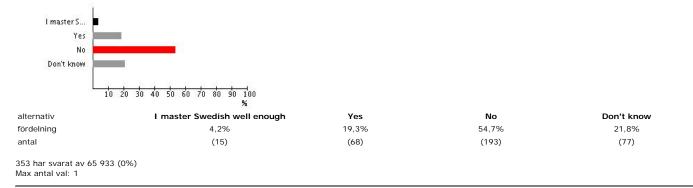
Q3. Do you feel isolated in the Swedish society outside KTH, since you don't master Swedish well enough?



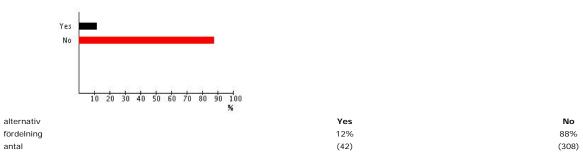
The following three questions (D1, D2, D3) should be answered only by Ph.D students.

D1. Do you have any departmental duties ("institutionstjänstgöring", for example teaching or equipment responsibility) in your position?





D3. Have you ever taught in courses that are given in Swedish?



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