

# Clive

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Hej! My name is Clive, and I'm from Kenya. Currently, I am pursuing my master's in Production Engineering and Management at the School of Industrial Engineering and Management at KTH. Before joining KTH, I completed my bachelor's at NMAM Institute of Technology in India and worked as a Maintenance Engineer in the manufacturing industry in Kenya. As an active person, I spend most of my time exploring Stockholm on my bike and capturing the beauty of nature with my passion for wildlife photography.

### **Why did you choose this master's programme at KTH?**

During my career in the manufacturing industry in Kenya, my interest in production grew, and I decided to embark on a new learning journey. Since I was interested in production, this programme at KTH was at the top of my list because, as the name says, this course perfectly combines the technical and management aspects of the industry. I was fortunate that KTH, a top university with a vast multinational background, offered me a place.

### **What are the best aspects of your programme?**

One of the best aspects of the programme is that the courses taught have a practical implementation, providing a unique way to measure the students' performances instead of writing exams. This implementation, in the form of project work and assignments, gives us an added advantage of working in the college physically instead of attending online. Working in these tasks as part of a multicultural team prepares you for your future professional life and improves your soft skills like teamwork, presentation, and

communication, among others. Having close collaborations with industries, we have guest lectures from company experts around Stockholm, giving you valuable feedback on the current scenarios in the sectors and how we can improve.

### **Have you chosen a specialisation track within the programme?**

Though you are not required to follow all the courses in a track, the master's programme has three recommended study tracks to choose from Industrial IT systems, Production Engineering and Management, and Industrial Welding. The courses I have chosen are close to the Industrial IT system because I am more interested in pursuing a career as a process engineer or design engineer. However, I have also chosen some courses within other tracks as I would like to learn more about management aspects.

### **How do studies at KTH differ from your previous studies?**

I would say that the main difference compared to my previous studies is the learning approach and the international environment. At KTH, my colleagues are from different parts of the world and working in groups is a completely different experience. Rather than focusing entirely on academic approaches, the courses focus on practical work in group projects and preparing students for a future in professional life.

The best aspect would be how each semester is divided into two periods with a maximum of 30 credits per semester, around 3 or 4 courses per semester, instead of overloading with more classes and more workload. This system gives a perfect balance in life and allows us to focus well on the specific course with a much better understanding.

### **How is student life in Stockholm?**

The best part of student life is living in a corridor room. Here, I have made friends from different regions of the world who have become part of my family. I have had a wonderful time having dinner with my friends every night and coming home to a kitchen full of friends with whom I can talk about my day. During any busy day, especially during deadlines or exams, I come home to cook dinner, making me feel at home.

Stockholm is a beautiful city with a perfect blend of nature and the different seasons. Many outdoor activities change from season to season; some of my favourites in the summer are swimming, trekking, kayaking, and barbequing, along with ice skating and skiing during winter. Exploring Stockholm with friends is the best destressing solution. As a photographer, I love walking around the streets and forest, capturing beautiful moments.

### **How would you describe your time at KTH so far?**

Among all the seconds spent at KTH, the best time I have had is in the M building, which we call our second home. We sit together working on our projects/assignments, and when we are tired, a ping pong table is available for a short refreshing time, keeping our mind and body active. Surrounded by the forest, KTH gives a perfect environment to refresh and work with colleagues from all over the world. The professors here are the best mentors who are like friends to us, and we can speak with them for hours.

### **What would you like to say to students thinking of choosing KTH for master's studies?**

As the saying goes, "If something excites you, go for it". I am sure you will not regret choosing KTH for your master's studies. Since the time I flew to Stockholm, I was never disappointed. I am sure that I have done the right thing.

If you have any questions or need more specific advice, please do not hesitate to contact us; we will help you.

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