

Why Are Young Women Attracted to Survey Education in Sweden

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ABSTRACT

Surveying is the ideal educational programme for those interesting in engineering, law and economics.

Education of surveyors started in Sweden 1628. The education was in the beginning concentrated on map production. In the middle of the 18th century re-allotment of Swedish rural land was the main task of the Surveyors. Knowledge in legal matters as well as in economic subjects was expected.

The education was organised by The National Land Survey. In 1936 the first surveyors graduated with an MSc from The Swedish Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm (KTH). Education is from 1992 conducted even at Lund Technical Institute (LTH).

The occupation was entirely male until 1963 when the first woman graduated. During the next ten years it was still rare with girls. Around 1975 the number of girls increased to be some 20% of the students. The development continued and from the beginning of 1990:s the number of girls studying to become land surveyors are around or above 50%.

The education in Sweden combine engineering, law and economics and results in a MSC from Technical University without being to technical. This attracts girls.

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