

MA-IRIF | M-IRIFS | 2023-2024

Master of science in Computer Science and Engineering

Focus Professional

Programme mnemonic

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> Focus *Professional* : M-IRIFS

Exists also in

Focus Big Data Management and Analytics (Erasmus Mundus): M-IRIFB

Studies level

Master 120 credits

Learning language

english

Schedule

office hours

Studies category / subcategory

Sciences and technics / Sciences and technics

Campus

Plaine and Solbosch

Programme objectives

The Master in Computer Science and Engineering program provides top quality scientific training in information technology. The aim is to train engineers capable of designing, implementing, correcting and maintaining complex computer-based systems through a thorough understanding of the underlying algorithmical, software, and hardware aspects. The skills developed focus not only on the essential concepts of modern information technology but also on the technical characteristics associated with the training for civil engineering. The project-directed training in particular helps students to develop practical skills in this field.

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Programme's added value

This Master combines the multi-faceted skills set of civil engineers with expertise in computer and information technology. Due to his multi-faceted civil engineering background, the Master in Computer Science and Engineering is a privileged participant in multi-disciplinary projects who understands the technological issues and industrial constraints of the field in which the computer-based solutions are to be implemented, and can therefore ensure optimal solutions.

Teaching methods

The program is thaught entirely in English.

The program uses multiple teaching methods, from classical lectures to project-based learning. About half of the program is devoted to exercise sessions and computer labs. Since computer science is by definition a discipline that requires the development of practical expertise, many courses involve project work. During these projects, the student develops, among other competencies, the practical and proactive reflexes required in the professional life as a master in computer science and engineering.

To allow students to gain professional experience, students are offered the possibility to realize an internship of 12 weeks in an enterprise or research centre abroad. The internship has to be done between start of July and end of October, between BLOCK 1 and BLOCK 2.

Succeed in your studies

Choose

The information and guidance counsellors at the InfOR-études [https://www.ulb.be/en/studies-info-desk-1] service will help you choose your studies throughout the year.

Succeed

Take part in preparatory courses [https://www.ulb.be/en/studiesinfo-desk-1] or get help to succeed [https://www.ulb.be/en/ studies-info-desk-1], before or during your studies.

Get help

Apply for financial aid, look for accommodation or a student job, get support [https://www.ulb.be/fr/aides-serviceset-accompagnement/aid-services-and-support-1] specific needs.

International/Openness

The Master of computer science and engineering offered at the Ecole Polytechnique de Bruxelles is co-organized with the computer science department of the Faculty of Sciences of the ULB and the computer science department of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). This collaboration allows in-depth expertise in the array of computer science topics mentioned above.

The Ecole polytechnique encourages students to participate in the Erasmus mobility program. This optional program allows students to spend a semester or an entire year (either in in blocks

1 or 2) at a foreign university. Credits of successfully completed courses at the foreign university are recognized by the Ecole polytechnique.

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Job opportunities

Masters in Computer Science and Engineering find jobs in many different sectors, such as:

- > sectors where the main activity consists of the transmission of information (i.e., the telecommunication and computer networking sector);
- > sectors where the main activity concerns the treatment of information (banks, insurances, general administration);
- > the manufacturing industry, where there is an ever-growing demand for automation and computer assistance, not only at the management level (e.g., Business Intelligence) but also on the level of production processes (with a strong trend of integration of the two);
- in sectors that develop new activities with the aid of computer technology (multimedia, bio-informatics, ...);
- > in research centers

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Tronc commun / Core courses

ELEC-H417	Communication networks : protocols and architectures Jean-Michel DRICOT (Coordinator) © 5 credits [lecture: 36h, practical work: 24h] first term English
ELEC-H473	Microprocessor architecture Dragomir MILOJEVIC (Coordinator) ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 36h] ☐ second term ☐ English
INFO-F403	Introduction to language theory and compiling Gilles GEERAERTS (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h, project: 30h]
INFO-F405	Introduction to cryptography Christophe PETIT (Coordinator) and Gilles VAN ASSCHE ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h, project: 30h]
INFO-H410	Techniques of artificial intelligence Hugues BERSINI (Coordinator) ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h]
INFO-H417	Database systems architecture Mahmoud SAKR (Coordinator) ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 24h]
INFO-H422	Theory of information coding computing and complexity Nicolas CERF (Coordinator) and Jérémie ROLAND ① 5 credits [lecture: 48h, tutorial classes: 12h]
INFO-H500	Image acquisition and processing Olivier DEBEIR (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h]
- One course cha	osen from the following
PROJ-H402 (optional)	Computing project Mauro BIRATTARI (Coordinator) and Mehrdad TERATANI ① 5 credits [project: 150h]
PROJ-H417 (optional)	Projet coopération au développement Antoine NONCLERCQ (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [project: 150h]
PROJ-H418 (optional)	Hands-on learning: project manager (chef de projet) Peter BERKE (Coordinator) ② 5 credits [project: 150h]

Elective courses - Block 1

Choisissez 1 module parmi les modules des Electives 1 / Choose 1 complete module among the modules of Electives

An alternative chosen from the four following

Module Computational intelligence and optimization 1



INFO-F424 (optional)	Combinatorial optimization Bernard FORTZ (Coordinator) and RENAUD CHICOISNE ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h, project: 30h]
INFO-H413 (optional)	Heuristic optimisation Thomas,T STUTZLE (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 24h]
or	
	Module Data science 1
INFO-H415 (optional)	Advanced databases Esteban ZIMANYI (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h, practical work: 12h]
INFO-H420 (optional)	Management of Data Science and Business Workflows Dimitrios SACHARIDIS (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 36h]
INFO-H509 (optional)	Geo-Spatial and web technologies Mahmoud SAKR (Coordinator) ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 24h]
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	Module embedded design 1
ELEC-H409 (optional)	Digital architectures and design Dragomir MILOJEVIC (Coordinator) ② 5 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 36h]
ELEC-H410 (optional)	Real-time computer systems François QUITIN (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 36h] second term English
INFO-F412 (optional)	Formal verification of computer systems Jean-François RASKIN (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 12h]
or	
	Module multimedia 1
INFO-H502 (optional)	Virtual Reality Gauthier LAFRUIT (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h, project: 12h]
INFO-H503 (optional)	GPU computing Gauthier LAFRUIT (Coordinator) and Jan LEMEIRE ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h, project: 24h]
INFO-H516 (optional)	Visual Media Compression Mehrdad TERATANI (Coordinator) and Gauthier LAFRUIT ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h, personal assignments: 12h]





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Tronc commun / Core courses - Block 2

GEST-S483	Digital and IT Governance Georges ATAYA (Coordinator) ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
INFO-H505	Cloud Computing Dimitrios SACHARIDIS (Coordinator) and Mahmoud SAKR • 5 credits [lecture: 24h] • second term • English
MEMO-H504	Mémoire de fin d'études en Informatique Dimitrios SACHARIDIS (Coordinator

COURS ELECTIVES/ELECTIVE COURSES - Block 2

Electives 1 and 2

Pour arriver à un total de 60 ECTS, choisissez 35 ECTS de cours parmi les cours d'ELECTIVES 1 pas encore choisi en 1ere année d'étude et les cours d'ELECTIVES 2. Avec l'accord du jury et du titulaire, vous pouvez

aussi choisir maximum 10 ECTS de cours offert dans un autre programme de l' Ecole (y compris les cours des modules transversaux de l'Ecole) et/ou maximum 6 ECTS de cours hors faculté.

Choose, to arrive at a total of 60 credits, 30 credits of courses among the courses of ELECTIVES 1 not chosen in the block 1 of study and the courses of ELECTIVES 2. With the approval of the jury and the lecturer, you may also complete your program by choosing at most 10 credits of courses offered in the other programs of the School (including the courses of the transversal modules of the school) and/or at most 6 credits of courses offered outside of the School.

Up to 35 credits chosen from the following

	Module Computational intelligence and optimization 1
INFO-F422 (optional)	Statistical foundations of machine learning Gianluca BONTEMPI (Coordinator) © 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h]
INFO-F424 (optional)	Combinatorial optimization Bernard FORTZ (Coordinator) and RENAUD CHICOISNE ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h, project: 30h]
INFO-H413 (optional)	Heuristic optimisation Thomas,T STUTZLE (Coordinator) ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 24h]
	Module Data science 1
INFO-H415 (optional)	Advanced databases Esteban ZIMANYI (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h, practical work: 12h]
INFO-H420 (optional)	Management of Data Science and Business Workflows Dimitrios SACHARIDIS (Coordinator) © 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 36h]
INFO-H509 (optional)	Geo-Spatial and web technologies Mahmoud SAKR (Coordinator) ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 24h]
	Module Embedded design 1
ELEC-H409 (optional)	Digital architectures and design Dragomir MILOJEVIC (Coordinator) ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 36h]



ELEC-H410 (optional)	Real-time computer systems François QUITIN (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 36h]
	Module Multimedia 1
INFO-H502 (optional)	Virtual Reality Gauthier LAFRUIT (Coordinator) 3 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h, project: 12h] first term
INFO-H503 (optional)	GPU computing Gauthier LAFRUIT (Coordinator) and Jan LEMEIRE ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h, project: 24h]
INFO-H516 (optional)	Visual Media Compression Mehrdad TERATANI (Coordinator) and Gauthier LAFRUIT ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h, personal assignments: 12h]
	Module Computational intelligence and optimization 2
INFO-F409 (optional)	Learning dynamics Tom LENAERTS (Coordinator) ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, project: 60h]
INFO-F439 (optional)	Advanced Methods in Bioinformatics Matthieu DEFRANCE (Coordinator) and Wim VRANKEN 9 5 credits [lecture: 24h, project: 90h]
INFO-F524 (optional)	Continuous optimization Bernard FORTZ (Coordinator) and Dimitrios PAPADIMITRIOU 3 5 credits [lecture: 24h, project: 60h]
INFO-F530 (optional)	Computer science seminar Tom LENAERTS (Coordinator), Jérôme De Boeck, Bernard FORTZ, John IACONO and Olivier MARKOWITCH
	② 5 credits [seminars: 36h, project: 60h]
INFO-H414 (optional)	Swarm Intelligence Marco DORIGO (Coordinator) and Mauro BIRATTARI ② 5 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 48h] ☐ second term English
INFO-H512 (optional)	Current trends in artificial intelligence Hugues BERSINI (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, project: 30h]
	Module DataScience 2
INFO-H419 (optional)	Data warehouses Esteban ZIMANYI (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h, practical work: 12h]
INFO-H423 (optional)	Data Mining Mahmoud SAKR (Coordinator) ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 24h]
INFO-H515 (optional)	Big Data: Distributed Data Management and Scalable Analytics Dimitrios SACHARIDIS (Coordinator) and Gianluca BONTEMPI © 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 24h]
	Module Multimedia 2
INFO-H501 (optional)	Pattern recognition and image analysis Olivier DEBEIR (Coordinator) and Christine DECAESTECKER ① 5 credits [lecture: 36h, practical work: 24h]
INFO-Y004 (optional)	Natural language processing Paul VAN EECKE ① 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h]
INFO-Y106 (optional)	Information visualisation Beat SIGNER ① 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h]
	Module Algorithms 2
INFO-F413 (optional)	Data structures and algorithms Jean CARDINAL (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h]
INFO-F420 (optional)	Computational geometry Stefan LANGERMAN F. SWARZBERG (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h]
INFO-F521 (optional)	Graph theory Gwenaël JORET (Coordinator) ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h]



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Module Embedded design 2
Advanced digital architecture Dragomir MILOJEVIC (Coordinator) 3 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 36h] second term English
Embedded systems design Jean-François RASKIN (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h]
Formal verification of computer systems Jean-François RASKIN (Coordinator) 3 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 12h] second term English
Distributed and mobile programming paradigms Elisa GONZALEZ BOIX ② 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h, project: 30h] first term English
Functional programming Wolfgang DE MEUTER (Coordinator) ① 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h]
Declarative programming WIGGINS Geraint and VAN EECKE Paul ② 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h]
Multicore programming SWALLENS Janwillem ② 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h] ☐ second term ☐ English
Higher order programming Jens Nicolay (Coordinator) ① 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h] first term
Module Entrepreneurship and management 2
Logistics Engineering and Management Alassane Ballé NDIAYE (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 36h]
Supply Chain Performance Analytics Alassane Ballé NDIAYE (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 36h, personal assignments: 12h]
Introduction to theoretical finance Laurent GHEERAERT (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]
Entrepreneurial ecosystems Judith BEHRENS (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]
Module Stage/Internship
Internship (3 months) Frédéric ROBERT (Coordinator)

Students have also the opportunity to choose courses among the courses of the 'transversal modules' of the School.

English: LANG-H500

Engineering and society: PROJ-H421 - GEST-H509 - BIME-G5505 - PHYS-F517

Sustainability : GEST-S492 - ENVI-F405 - CHIM-H504 - ENVI-F452 - ENVI-F454 - ELEC-Y514

Finance, accounting, management, marketing, logistics and quality: GEST-S101 - GEST-S318 - GEST-S421 - GEST-Y501 GEST-H501 - GEST-

H502

Participation to a summer school: EDUC-H601

Free elective courses

Up to six credits chosen from the following



BIME-G5505 (optional)	Interfaculty and interdisciplinary program in Healthcare Innovation Hilde STEVENS (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 40h, tutorial classes: 20h]
CHIM-H504 (optional)	Engineering aspects of circular economy Prakash VENKATESAN (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 36h]
DROI-C5174 (optional)	Approche interdisciplinaire du droit de la propriété intellectuelle/Interdisciplinary Approach to In Julien CABAY (Coordinator) 3 credits [lecture: 24h] first term Senglish/French
EDUC-H601 (optional)	Summer School Johan GYSELINCK (Coordinator) ② 5 credits [personal assignments: 5h] ☐ academic year English
ELEC-Y514 (optional)	Sustainability: an interdisciplinary Approach Cathy MACHARIS (Coordinator) and Waldo Galle ① 6 credits [lecture: 36h, practical work: 24h]
ENVI-F405 (optional)	Climat: sciences et politiques Frank PATTYN (Coordinator) and Louise Knops ① 5 credits [lecture: 40h]
ENVI-F452 (optional)	Environmental impact analysis and management Wouter ACHTEN (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 12h, project: 24h]
ENVI-F454 (optional)	Energie: Société et environnement Michel HUART (Coordinator) and Nadine MATTIELLI ① 5 credits [lecture: 30h, practical work: 12h, project: 24h] — first term French
GEST-H501 (optional)	Logistics Engineering and Management Alassane Ballé NDIAYE (Coordinator) 3 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 36h] first term penglish
GEST-H502 (optional)	Supply Chain Performance Analytics Alassane Ballé NDIAYE (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 36h, personal assignments: 12h]
GEST-H509 (optional)	🗂 unknown term
GEST-S101 (optional)	Comptabilité financière Gilles GEVERS (Coordinator) and Laurent GHEERAERT ① 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 8h]
GEST-S318 (optional)	Introduction to theoretical finance Laurent GHEERAERT (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]
GEST-S421 (optional)	Entrepreneurial ecosystems Judith BEHRENS (Coordinator) ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]
GEST-S492 (optional)	Energy policy, sustainability & management Adel EL Gammal (Coordinator), Julien BLONDEAU and Michel HUART ① 5 credits [lecture: 36h, seminars: 24h]
GEST-Y501 (optional)	Business Management and Entrepreneurship Marc GOLDCHSTEIN (Coordinator) 3 credits [lecture: 33h] first term
LANG-H500 (optional)	English for professional purposes Alexander CORNFORD (Coordinator) and Matthew LANGSLEY ① 5 credits [tutorial classes: 48h, personal assignments: 12h]
PHYS-F517 (optional)	How To Make (almost) Any Experiment Using Digital Fabrication Denis TERWAGNE (Coordinator) 3 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h] first term French
PROJ-H421 (optional)	Projet polydaire: expériences didactiques innovantes pour le secondaire Simon-Pierre GORZA (Coordinator) © 5 credits [project: 150h] academic year French
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