

MA-IRIF | M-IRIFS | 2024-2025

# Master of science in Computer Science and Engineering

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#### Programme mnemonic

MA-IRIF

> 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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- > As Engineers they are capable of applying a multidisciplinary corpus of knowledge from the exact and engineering sciences to resolve challenging multidisciplinary technical problems (e.g., those involving physics, chemistry, mechanics, electronics, . . . ).
- As Computer Scientists they are capable of mobilizing a domain-specific body of knowledge in Computer Science and exhibit competences in Computational Thinking to develop new computing systems and to advance the field of computer science itself.

The exposure to the multi-disciplinary corpus of knowledge and the associated problem-solving mindset is developed majoritarily in the Bachelor years. The specialization in Computer Science is majoritarily developed in the Master years.

Due to this multi-disciplinarity, the graduates Master of Science and Engineering in Computer Science at ULB is comfortable with the modeling and approaches to problem solving in a variety of disciplines, not limited to the computational thinking methodology of Computer Science. Given the growing application domain of computing across a wide range of disciplines, the Master Ingénieur Civil en Informatique is capable of bridging the gap between specialized scientific domains and application areas and computing.

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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/studies-info-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-services-et-accompagnement/aid-services-and-support-1] for your 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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## Bloc 1 | M-IRIFS | MA-IRIF

### Tronc commun / Core courses

ELEC-H417	Communication networks: protocols and architectures   Jean-Michel DRICOT (Coordinator)  © 5 credits [lecture: 36h, practical work: 24h] first term $\wp$ 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)  3 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h, project: 30h] first term    English
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)  ⊙ 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  3 5 credits [lecture: 48h, tutorial classes: 12h]    second term    English
INFO-H500	Image acquisition and processing   Olivier DEBEIR (Coordinator)  3 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h] first term    English
One course cho	sen from the following
PROJ-H402 (optional)	Computing project   Mauro BIRATTARI (Coordinator) and Mehrdad TERATANI  3 5 credits [project: 150h]  academic year  English
PROJ-H417 (optional)	Projet coopération au développement / Development cooperation project   Antoine NONCLERCQ (Coordinator)  © 5 credits [project: 150h]    first and second terms    French  Only on selection: see the Development Unit of the Polytechnic School of Brussels (http://polytech.ulb.be/en/international/development-cooperation)
PROJ-H418 (optional)	Hands-on learning: project manager (chef de projet)   Peter BERKE (Coordinator)  © 5 credits [project: 150h]    first and second terms    French

### 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 five following

Module Algorithms, Cryptography and Quantum Computing 1

INFO-F413 Randomized algorithms | Jean CARDINAL (Coordinator)

🛈 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h] 🛗 first term 🔎 English



INFO-F514 (optional)	Protocols, cryptanalysis and mathematical cryptology   Christophe PETIT (Coordinator)  ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
NFO-H514 (optional)	Quantum information and computation   Ognyan Oreshkov (Coordinator)  © 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 36h]   first term   English
or	
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INFO-H502 (optional)	Virtual Reality   Gauthier LAFRUIT (Coordinator)  ② 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]   ☐ second term   ☐ English
INFO-H516 (optional)	Visual Media Compression
or or	
•	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)  ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 36h]
NFO-F412 (optional)	Formal verification of computer systems   Jean-François RASKIN (Coordinator)  ① 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 12h]
or	
o* 0 0 0	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]    • second term    • English
or	
#	Module Computational intelligence and optimization 1
INFO-F422 (optional)	Statistical foundations of machine learning   Gianluca BONTEMPI (Coordinator)  ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h]
INFO-F424 (optional)	Combinatorial optimization   Bernard FORTZ (Coordinator)  ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h, project: 30h]
INFO-H413 (optional)	Heuristic optimisation   Thomas,T STUTZLE (Coordinator)  ③ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 24h]





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## Bloc 2 | M-IRIFS | MA-IRIF

### Tronc commun / Core courses - Block 2

INFO-H505	Cloud Computing   Dimitrios SACHARIDIS (Coordinator) and Mahmoud SAKR
	⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 24h] 🛗 second term 🔘 English
MEMO-H504	Mémoire de fin d'études en Informatique   Dimitrios SACHARIDIS (Coordinator
	2 20 credits [mfe/tfe: 600h] 🛗 academic year 🔎 French

### 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)  9 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h]
INFO-F424 (optional)	Combinatorial optimization   Bernard FORTZ (Coordinator)  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]
	Module Computational Intelligence and Optimization 2
INFO-F409 (optional)	Learning dynamics   Tom LENAERTS (Coordinator)  ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, project: 60h]    first term    English
INFO-F439 (optional)	Methods in Bioinformatics   Matthieu DEFRANCE (Coordinator) and Wim VRANKEN  ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, project: 90h]
INFO-F524 (optional)	Continuous optimization   Bernard FORTZ (Coordinator)  ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, project: 60h]    ☐ second term    ☐ English
INFO-H414 (optional)	Swarm Intelligence   Marco DORIGO (Coordinator) and Mauro BIRATTARI  ① 5 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 48h]
INFO-H512 (optional)	Current trends in artificial intelligence   Hugues BERSINI (Coordinator)  3 5 credits [lecture: 24h, project: 30h]
INFO-Y004 (optional)	Natural language processing VAN EECKE Paul  ① 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h]



	Module Data Science 1
INFO-H415 (optional)	Advanced databases   Esteban ZIMANYI (Coordinator)  ② 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 Data Science 2
INFO-H419 (optional)	Data warehouses   Esteban ZIMANYI (Coordinator)  ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h, practical work: 12h]
INFO-H423 (optional)	Data Mining   Mahmoud SAKR (Coordinator)  ⊙ 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
	③ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 24h] ☐ second term ♀ English
	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)  ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 36h]
INFO-F412 (optional)	Formal verification of computer systems   Jean-François RASKIN (Coordinator)  ② 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 12h]
	Module Embedded Design 2
ELEC-H505 (optional)	Advanced digital architecture   Dragomir MILOJEVIC (Coordinator) and Jan Tobias Mühlberg  © 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 36h]
ELEC-H550 (optional)	Embedded System Security   Jan Tobias Mühlberg (Coordinator)  3 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 36h]
INFO-F410 (optional)	Embedded systems design   Jean-François RASKIN (Coordinator)  ① 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h]
	Module Multimedia 1
INFO-H502 (optional)	Virtual Reality   Gauthier LAFRUIT (Coordinator)  ③ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h, project: 12h]
INFO-H503 (optional)	GPU computing   Gauthier LAFRUIT (Coordinator) and Jan LEMEIRE  ③ 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]
	Module Multimedia 2
INFO-H501 (optional)	Pattern recognition and image analysis Olivier DEBEIR (Coordinator) and Christine DECAESTECKER  © 5 credits [lecture: 36h, practical work: 24h]    second term    English
INFO-H518 (optional)	Immersive Multimedia Technologies   Gauthier LAFRUIT (Coordinator)  ③ 5 credits [lecture: 30h, project: 15h]
INFO-Y106 (optional)	Information visualisation  ② 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h]    academic year
	Module Algorithms, Cryptography, and Quantum Computing 1
INFO-F413 (optional)	Randomized algorithms   Jean CARDINAL (Coordinator)  © 5 credits [lecture: 24h. tutorial classes: 12h. project: 60h]



INFO-F514 (optional)	Protocols, cryptanalysis and mathematical cryptology   Christophe PETIT (Coordinator)  ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
INFO-H514 (optional)	Quantum information and computation   Ognyan Oreshkov (Coordinator)  ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 36h]
	Module Algorithms, Cryptography, and Quantum Computing 2
INFO-F420 (optional)	Computational geometry   Stefan LANGERMAN F. SWARZBERG (Coordinator)  ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h]
INFO-F521 (optional)	Graph theory   Gwenaël JORET (Coordinator)  ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h]
INFO-H517 (optional)	Quantum information and Computation II   Nicolas CERF (Coordinator) and Jérémie ROLAND  ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h, project: 12h]
	Elective courses
GEST-S483 (optional)	Digital and IT Governance   Georges ATAYA (Coordinator)  ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
INFO-F530 (optional)	Computer science seminar   Tom LENAERTS (Coordinator), Bernard FORTZ, John IACONO and Olivier MARKOWITCH  ① 5 credits [seminars: 36h, project: 60h]
STAG-H500 (optional)	Internship (3 months)   Frédéric ROBERT (Coordinator)  ① 10 credits [work placement: 300h]

### Free elective courses

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 Interfaculty and interdisciplinary program in Healthcare Innovation | Hilde STEVENS (Coordinator) CHIM-H504 Engineering aspects of circular economy | Prakash VENKATESAN (Coordinator) Approche interdisciplinaire du droit de la propriété intellectuelle/Interdisciplinary Approach to In | Julien CABAY (Coordinator) DROI-C5174 EDUC-H601 Summer School | Johan GYSELINCK (Coordinator) ELEC-Y514 Sustainability: an interdisciplinary Approach | Cathy MACHARIS (Coordinator) and Waldo Galle 🔾 6 credits [lecture: 36h, practical work: 24h, personal assignments: 100h] 🛗 academic year 🔎 English ENVI-F405 Climat: sciences et politiques | Frank PATTYN (Coordinator) and Louise Knops ENVI-F452 Environmental impact analysis and management | Wouter ACHTEN (Coordinator) 



(optional)	S credits [lecture: 30h, practical work: 12h, project: 24h]
GEST-H501 (optional)	Logistics Engineering and Management   Alassane Ballé NDIAYE (Coordinator)  ② 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 36h]
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)	Ethique de l'ingénieur  ② 3 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h]
GEST-S101 (optional)	Comptabilité financière   Laurent GHEERAERT (Coordinator) and Gilles GEVERS  ① 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 8h]
GEST-S318 (optional)	Introduction to theoretical finance   Laurent GHEERAERT (Coordinator)  3 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  English
LANG-H500 (optional)	English for professional purposes   Alexander CORNFORD (Coordinator)  ① 5 credits [tutorial classes: 48h, personal assignments: 12h]
PROJ-H421 (optional)	Projet polydaire: expériences didactiques innovantes pour le secondaire   Simon-Pierre GORZA (Coordinator)  ① 5 credits [project: 150h]