

Master in Computer science

MA-INFO | M-INFOS | 2024-2025

## Focus Professional

The master programme includes three main types of courses: computer science lectures, an introduction to research through the writing of a Master's dissertation, and courses intended to prepare students to enter the job market.

The programme is designed for students who have general skills in computer science, which they can have acquired during the Bachelor in Computer Science at ULB:

- > they are able to gather information and acquire new knowledge autonomously and with scientific rigour, and are able to adopt a critical attitude in this process.
- > they master the main mathematical and formal tools needed in computer science.
- > they can read technical literature in English and engage in a technical conversation in English, as most of the courses in the programme are taught in English (with a few exceptions for electives).
- > They master the main concepts and skills related to programming, programming languages, algorithms, software engineering, operating systems, and fundamental theoretical results in computer science.
- > they are able to design—alone or within a group—a computer application of significant complexity, efficiently using the tools of software engineering.

Students who have not acquired the appropriate background during their Bachelor may, in some cases, have the opportunity to compensate for deficiencies with a tailored curriculum.

#### Bloc 1 | M-INFOS | MA-INFO

#### Cours obligatoires

ELEC-H473	Microprocessor architecture Dragomir MILOJEVIC (Coordinator)  ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 36h]
INFO-F403	Introduction to language theory and compiling   Gilles GEERAERTS (Coordinator)  ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h, project: 30h]
INFO-F404	Real-Time Operating Systems   Joël GOOSSENS (Coordinator)  ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 30h]
INFO-F405	Introduction to cryptography   Christophe PETIT (Coordinator)  3 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h, project: 30h]  first term  sensitive English
INFO-F408	Computability and complexity   Jean-François RASKIN (Coordinator)  3 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h]  first term  segments  first term  seg
MEMO-F403	Preparatory work for the master thesis   Maarten JANSEN (Coordinator)  • 5 credits [personal assignments: 60h]

#### Options 1

Option - 2 modules complets dans la liste des modules 1.1 à 1.5 à choisir au cours des deux blocs.

Le cours INFO-H-410 est à prendre seulement par les étudiants qui n'ont pas eu de cours d'intelligence artificielle en bachelier.

A total of 30 credits chosen from the following

# Module 1.1. Software and critical systems

INFO-F412 Formal verification of computer systems | Jean-François RASKIN (Coordinator)



INFO-F514 (optional)	restations of the state of the		
	Module 1.2. Computational Intelligence		
INFO-F409 (optional)	Learning dynamics   Tom LENAERTS (Coordinator)  ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, project: 60h]		
INFO-F422 (optional)	Statistical foundations of machine learning   Gianluca BONTEMPI (Coordinator)  o 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h]		
INFO-F439 (optional)	Methods in Bioinformatics   Matthieu DEFRANCE (Coordinator) and Wim VRANKEN  ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, project: 90h]		
INFO-H410 Techniques of artificial intelligence   Hugues BERSINI (Coordinator)  (optional) 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h]			
	Module 1.3. Optimization		
INFO-F424 (optional)	Combinatorial optimization   Bernard FORTZ (Coordinator)  ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h, project: 30h]		
INFO-F524 (optional)	Continuous optimization   Bernard FORTZ (Coordinator)  ③ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, project: 60h]		
INFO-H413 (optional)	Heuristic optimisation   Thomas,T STUTZLE (Coordinator)  ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 24h]		
	Module 1.4. Algorithms		
INFO-F413 (optional)	Randomized 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)  ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h]		
	Module 1.5. Data Science		
INFO-H415 (optional)	Advanced databases   Esteban ZIMANYI (Coordinator)  3 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h, practical work: 12h]		
INFO-H417 (optional)	Database systems architecture   Mahmoud SAKR (Coordinator)  ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 24h]		
One course cho	osen from the following		
INFO-H515 (optional)	Big Data: Distributed Data Management and Scalable Analytics   Dimitrios SACHARIDIS (Coordinator) and Gianluca BONTEMPI  ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 24h]		
INFO-H515 (optional)	Big Data: Distributed Data Management and Scalable Analytics   Dimitrios SACHARIDIS (Coordinator) and Gianluca BONTEMPI		
L	⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 24h] 🛗 second term 🔎 English		



# Master in Computer science

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Bloc 2 | M-INFOS | MA-INFO

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MEMO-F524 Masters thesis   Jean-François RASKIN (Coordinator)  ② 20 credits [mfe/tfe: 240h]	

An alternative chosen from the two following

Options 1 35 ECTS à choisir dans les options 1 dont minimum 2 modules complets au cours des 2 blocs. (60 crédits sur l'ensemble du cycle) Le cours INFO-H-410 est à prendre seulement par les étudiants qui n'ont pas eu de cours d'intelligence artificielle en bachelier. Up to 60 credits chosen from the following Module 1.1 Software and critical systems INFO-F410 Embedded systems design | Jean-François RASKIN (Coordinator) ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h] 🛗 second term 🔎 English INFO-F412 Formal verification of computer systems | Jean-François RASKIN (Coordinator) ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 12h] 🛗 second term 🔎 English INFO-F514 Protocols, cryptanalysis and mathematical cryptology | Christophe PETIT (Coordinator) Module 1.2 Computational Intelligence INFO-F409 Learning dynamics | Tom LENAERTS (Coordinator) INFO-F422 Statistical foundations of machine learning | Gianluca BONTEMPI (Coordinator) ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h] 🛗 second term 🔎 English INFO-H410 Techniques of artificial intelligence | Hugues BERSINI (Coordinator) Module 1.3 Optimization INFO-F424 Combinatorial optimization | Bernard FORTZ (Coordinator) 🕘 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h, project: 30h] 🛮 📛 second term 💢 English INFO-F524 Continuous optimization | Bernard FORTZ (Coordinator) INFO-H413 Heuristic optimisation | Thomas,T STUTZLE (Coordinator) ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 24h] 🛗 second term 🔘 English Module 1.4 Algorithms

Randomized algorithms | Jean CARDINAL (Coordinator)

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



INFO-F420 (optional)	Computational geometry   Stefan LANGERMAN F. SWARZBERG (Coordinator)  © 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h]    first term    English
INFO-F521 (optional)	Graph theory   Gwenaël JORET (Coordinator)  ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h]
	Module 1.5 Data Science
INFO-H415 (optional)	Advanced databases   Esteban ZIMANYI (Coordinator)  ① 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h, practical work: 12h]
INFO-H417 (optional)	Database systems architecture   Mahmoud SAKR (Coordinator)  ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 24h]
One course chos	en from the following
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]
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(optional)	BONTEMPI
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	Module 2.1 Software and critical systems
INFO-H503 (optional)	GPU computing   Gauthier LAFRUIT (Coordinator) and Jan LEMEIRE  © 5 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 24h, project: 24h]
INFO-Y082 (optional)	Distributed and mobile programming paradigms  ① 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h, project: 30h]
INFO-Y085 (optional)	Functional programming   Wolfgang DE MEUTER (Coordinator)  ① 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h]
INFO-Y099 (optional)	Multicore programming  ① 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h]
INFO-Y110 (optional)	Higher Order Programming  ① 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h]    first term
	Module 2.2 Computational Intelligence
INFO-F439 (optional)	Methods in Bioinformatics   Matthieu DEFRANCE (Coordinator) and Wim VRANKEN  ② 5 credits [lecture: 24h, project: 90h]
INFO-H414 (optional)	Swarm Intelligence   Marco DORIGO (Coordinator) and Mauro BIRATTARI  ① 5 credits [lecture: 12h, practical work: 48h]
One course chos	en from the following
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]
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]    second term    English
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INFO-Y004 (optional)	Natural language processing VAN EECKE Paul  • 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h]    first term    English



	INFO-Y087 (optional)	Declarative programming  ⊙ 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h]
		Module 2.3 Optimization
		Module 2.4 Algorithms
	INFO-F440 (optional)	Algorithms for big data   John IACONO (Coordinator)  9 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, project: 60h]
	INFO-H514 (optional)	Quantum information and computation   Ognyan Oreshkov (Coordinator)  • 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 36h]
		Module 2.5 Data Science
	INFO-H419 (optional)	Data warehouses   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-H423 (optional)	Data Mining   Mahmoud SAKR (Coordinator)  ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 24h]
	INFO-H509 (optional)	Geo-Spatial and web technologies   Mahmoud SAKR (Coordinator)  © 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 24h]
	INFO-Y528 (optional)	Information visualisation  ② 6 credits [lecture: 26h, tutorial classes: 26h]
		Module 2.6 Internship
	GEST-S483 (optional)	Digital and IT Governance   Georges ATAYA (Coordinator)  ⊙ 5 credits [lecture: 24h]
	TRAN-F501 (optional)	Internship   Gianluca BONTEMPI (Coordinator) and Maarten JANSEN  15 credits [project: 200h]
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### Variante Master ORO - Université de Nantes

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Students attending one or two semesters at the University of Nantes in the framework of the double diploma register to the 30 or 60 ECTS corresponding to their stay in Nantes in Block 2.

INFO-Y515 (optional)	Large Scale Optimisation  ② 3 credits [lecture: 13h, tutorial classes: 13h]	academic year			
INFO-Y516 (optional)	Discrete Constraint Programming  3 credits [lecture: 13h, tutorial classes: 13h]	academic year			
INFO-Y517 (optional)	Global Optimization  ③ 3 credits [lecture: 13h, tutorial classes: 13h]	academic year			
INFO-Y518 (optional)	Black-box Optimization  3 credits [lecture: 13h, tutorial classes: 13h]	academic year			
INFO-Y519 (optional)	Multi-Objective Optimization  ③ 3 credits [lecture: 13h, tutorial classes: 13h]	academic year			
INFO-Y520 (optional)	Cloud Artifcial Intelligence Services  3 credits [lecture: 13h, tutorial classes: 13h]	academic year	⊆ English		
INFO-Y521 (optional)	Transportation and Logistics  ② 3 credits [lecture: 13h, tutorial classes: 13h]	academic year			



INFO-Y522 (optional)	Planning and Scheduling  ③ 3 credits [lecture: 13h, tutorial classes: 13h]
INFO-Y523 (optional)	Bioinfomatics  ② 3 credits [lecture: 13h, tutorial classes: 13h]    academic year
INFO-Y524 (optional)	OR Special Topic II ② 2 credits [lecture: 13h, tutorial classes: 13h]
INFO-Y525 (optional)	Conferences  ① 1 credit [tutorial classes: 26h]
INFO-Y526 (optional)	Master Thesis (track research)  ② 20 credits
INFO-Y527 (optional)	Internship (track application)  10 credits academic year