UCLouvain

SINF2M

2024 - 2025

Master [120] in Computer Science

At Louvain-la-Neuve - 120 credits - 2 years - Day schedule - In English
Dissertation/Graduation Project : **YES** - Internship : **optional**
Activities in English: **YES** - Activities in other languages : **optional**
Activities on other sites : **NO**
Main study domain : **Sciences**
Organized by: **Louvain School of Engineering (EPL)**
Programme acronym: **SINF2M** - Francophone Certification Framework: 7

SINF2M - Introduction

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This Master's degree programme tries to strike **a balance between "soft skills" and scientific and technical knowledge, between excellence in research and the pragmatism of field work.** It offers:

- an approach to computer science based on fundamental **concepts** that keep up with the rapid pace of technological progress;
- a programme taught **entirely in English** in order to improve students' language skills, especially in technical English (both written and spoken);
- **exchange programmes** and dual degrees in Belgium, Europe and across the world.

Your profile

You would like to

- **Imagine, design, and implement** computer science systems that will shape the future;
- continue your education beyond the Bachelor's degree with a major in computer sciences (or the equivalent);
- improve your **theoretical knowledge** and develop your technical expertise in fields like artificial intelligence, computer networks, information security, software engineering and programming systems;
- improve your **interdisciplinary knowledge** in areas such as foreign languages, resource management, teamwork, autonomy and ethics.

Your future job

We train

- **scientists** who know how to investigate a sharp problematic using scientific litterature in the field;
- **professionals** who will design computer systems that meet users' needs;
- **innovators** who can master a wide range of constantly evolving technologies;
- **specialists** capable of implementing software solutions with particular attention paid to product quality and its development process.

Your programme

This Master's degree programme consists of

- **required coursework** that seeks to give students the necessary skills to model and design complex applications (which is an indispensable part of the education of all university-trained computer scientists);
- **a major** selected by students that allows them to gain cutting edge knowledge in a field of their interest: software engineering and programming systems, artificial intelligence and big data, networks and security;
- **elective courses** that allow students to explore their interests whether it be computer science or another discipline (management, business creation, languages). As a comprehensive university, UCLouvain has numerous courses of study;
- a **graduation project** that makes up half of the programme during the last year. It offers students the possibility to study a subject in-depth and thanks to its size, introduces students to the professional life of a computer scientist or researcher; the topic of this project is selected in consultation with the programme supervisors and possibly a company.

5. communicate effectively (orally or in writing) with the goal of carrying out assigned projects in the workplace (in English in particular)

5.1. Identify the needs of the client or the user: question, listen and understand all aspects of their request and not just the technical aspects.
5.2. Present your arguments and adapt to the language of your interlocutors: technicians, colleagues, clients, superiors
5.3. Communicate through graphics and diagrams: interpret a diagram, present project results, structure information
5.4. Read and analyse different technical documents (rules, plans, specification notes)
5.5. Draft documents that take into account contextual requirements and social conventions
5.6. Make a convincing oral presentation using modern communication techniques.

6. Demonstrate rigor, openness and critical thinking as well as a sense of ethics in your work

6.1. Rigorously apply the standards of your discipline (terminology, measurement units, quality standards and security)
6.2. Find solutions that go beyond strictly technical issues by considering sustainable development and the socio-economic ethics of a project
6.3. Demonstrate critical awareness of a technical solution in order to verify its robustness and minimize the risks that may occur during implementation.
6.4. Evaluate oneself and independently develop necessary skills to remain knowledgeable in the field.

Programme structure

The program consists of four parts:

- a common core (30 credits), including a final thesis (25 credits).
- a specialized focus, compulsory training (30 credits).
- one or more options allowing students to specialize in a field of IT (20-40 credits).
- elective courses (20-40 credits).

The graduation project is normally carried out in the last year. However, students may, depending on their training, conduct other courses in either the first or second year so long as they have completed the prerequisite courses. This is especially the case for students who have completed a portion of their studies abroad. The yearly allocation of course activities found in the detailed programme description is for information purposes only.

In general, this Master's degree will consist of a minimum of 120 credits spread over two years with 60 credits taken per year (regardless of the focus, major or elective courses selected).

SINF2M Programme

Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES [30.0]

- Mandatory
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PROFESSIONAL FOCUS [30.0]

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OPTIONS EN SCIENCES INFORMATIQUES

MAJOR IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: BIG DATA, OPTIMIZATION AND ALGORITHMS

Students completing the major in Artificial Intelligence: big data, optimization and algorithms will be able to:

- Identify and implement methods and techniques that allow software to solve complex problems that when solved by humans require “intelligence”,
- Understand and put to good use methods and techniques relating to artificial intelligence such as automatic reasoning, research and heuristics, acquisition and representation of knowledge, automatic learning, problems associated with overcoming constraints,
- Identify applications and its methods and tools; understand a particular category of applications and its related techniques, for example robotics, computer vision, planning, data mining, computational linguistics and bioinformatics, big data processing,
- Formalise and structure a body of complex knowledge and use a systematic and rigorous approach to develop quality “intelligence” systems.

OPTION IN DATA SCIENCE AND APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Students completing the major “Data science and Applied Mathematics” must be able to:

- Understand engineering fields requiring synergy between applied mathematics and computer science such as algorithms, scientific calculations, modelling computer systems, optimisation, machine learning or data mining;
- Understand and put to good use algorithms and techniques used in data science;

				Year 1	2
⊠ LMECA2170	Numerical Geometry	Vincent Legat Jean-François Remacle	EN [q1] [30h+30h] [5 Credits] *> French-friendly*	x	x

OPTION EN CYBERSECURITY

Students who have completed the "Cybersecurity and Information Technology" track should be able to:

• Understand areas of engineering that require synergy between computer security, networks, and systems, such as cryptography, data protection, application security, security architecture, or programming,

• Comprehend and appropriately apply methods and techniques related to cybersecurity, including prevention, detection, and response to cyber threats,

• Identify and implement security practices and standards to protect the infrastructure, systems, and data of organizations,

• Apply their knowledge to real-life scenarios through projects.

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Required courses in Cybersecurity

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LINFO2347	Computer system security	Ramin Sadre	[q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x
LINFO2145	Cloud Computing	Etienne Riviere	[q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x
LINFO2144	Secured systems engineering	Charles-Henry Bertrand Van Ouytsel Gaëtan Cassiers	[q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x
LELEC2770	Privacy Enhancing technology	Olivier Pereira François-Xavier Standaert	[q1] [30h+30h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x

Elective courses in Cybersecurity

LINFO2143	Concurrent systems : models and analysis	Charles Pecheur	[q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x
LMAT2450	Cryptography	Olivier Pereira	[q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x
LINFO2142	Computer networks: configuration and management	Olivier Bonaventure	[q1] [30h+30h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x
LINFO2146	Mobile and Embedded Computing	Ramin Sadre	[q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x
LINFO2345	Languages and algorithms for distributed Applications	Peter Van Roy	[q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x
LELEC2348	Information theory and coding	Jérôme Louveaux Benoît Macq Olivier Pereira	[q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x

OPTION NETWORKS AND SYSTEMS

Students who have completed the “Networks and Systems" track should be able to:

- Understand and explain different devices and protocols used in computer and cellular networks;
- Design, configure and manage computer networks while taking into account application needs;
- Understand the operation of IoT and cellular networks;
- Explain the problems that affect cellular and IoT networks and develop solutions to cope with them;
- Understand how to optimise applications to efficiently use parallel cores;
- Understand, implement and use lock-free data structures;
- Understand the interactions between real-time operating systems and hardware;
- Design and implement applications running on embedded systems

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LINFO2142	Computer networks: configuration and management	Olivier Bonaventure	EN [q1] [30h+30h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x
LINFO2146	Mobile and Embedded Computing	Ramin Sadre	EN [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x
LINFO2315	Design of Embedded and real-time systems	Cristel Pelsser	EN [q2] [30h+30h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x
LINFO2355	Multicore programming	Etienne Riviere	EN		

OPTION EN INFORMATIQUE MÉDICALE

Students completing the major in "Health informatics" will be able to:

- Identify and use methods and techniques that provide software-based solutions to complex problems encountered in hospitals, in bio-pharmaceutical environments, in life sciences, or in digital health.
- Take part in multidisciplinary projects bringing together medical, biological and engineering expertise to the benefit of patient health.
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				Year 1	2
⊠ LINFO2263	Computational Linguistics	Pierre Dupont	EN [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x
⊠ LINFO2347	Computer system security	Ramin Sadre	EN [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x
⊠ LINFO2364	Mining Patterns in Data	Siegfried Nijssen	EN [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x
⊠ LINFO2401	Open Source strategy for software development	Lionel Dricot	EN [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits] > *French-friendly*	x	x
⊠ LINMA2472	Algorithms in data science	Jean-Charles Delvenne (coord.) Benoît Legat (compensates Vincent Blondel)			

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⊠ Cours en Sourcing and Procurement

⊠ LLSMS2036	Supply Chain Procurement	Per Joakim Agrell Antony Paulraj	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	x	x
⊠ LLSMS2038	Procurement Organisation and Scope	Constantin Blome Canan Kocabasoglu Hillmer (compensates Constantin Blome)	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]	x	x
⊠ LLSMS2037	Sourcing Strategy	Constantin Blome Michael Henke	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		

MAJOR IN INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP - INEO

Commune à la plupart des masters de l'EPL, cette option a pour objectif de familiariser l'étudiant·e avec les spécificités de l'entreprenariat et de la création d'entreprise afin de développer chez lui les aptitudes, connaissances et outils nécessaires à la création d'entreprise.

Cette option rassemble des étudiants de différentes facultés en équipes interdisciplinaires afin de créer un projet entrepreneurial. La formation interdisciplinaire en entrepreneuriat (INEO) est une option qui s'étend sur 2 ans et s'intègre dans plus de 30 Masters de 9 facultés/écoles de l'UCLouvain. Le choix de l'option INEO implique la réalisation d'un mémoire interfacultaire (en équipe) portant sur un projet de création d'entreprise. L'accès à cette option, ainsi qu'à chacun des cours, est limité aux étudiant·es sélectionnés sur dossier. Toutes les informations sur https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/ineo.

L'étudiant.e qui choisit de valider cette option doit sélectionner au minimum 20 crédits et au maximum 25 crédits. Cette option n'est pas accessible en anglais et ne peut être prise simultanément avec l'option « Enjeux de l'entreprise ».

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LINEO2001	Théorie de l'entrepreneuriat	Frank Janssen	[FR] [q1] [30h+20h] [5 Credits]	x	
LINEO2002	Aspects juridiques, économiques et managériaux de la création d'entreprise	Yves De Cordt Marine Falize	[FR] [q1] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]	x	
LINEO2003	Plan d'affaires et étapes-clefs de la création d'entreprise *Les séances du cours LINEO2003 sont réparties sur les deux blocs annuels du master. L'étudiant doit les suivre dès le bloc annuel 1, mais ne pourra inscrire le cours que dans son programme de bloc annuel 2.*	Frank Janssen	[FR] [q2] [30h+15h] [5 Credits]		

COURS AU CHOIX EN CONNAISSANCES SOCIO-ÉCONOMIQUES

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LESPA2600	Vocational Induction Seminar - Spanish (B2.2/C1)	Paula Lorente Fernandez (coord.)	ES [q1] [30h] [3 Credits]	x	x
LESPA2601	Vocational Induction Seminar - Spanish (B2.2/C1)	Paula Lorente Fernandez (coord.)	ES [q1] [45h] [5 Credits]	x	x
LNEER2500					

Cours alternatifs Calculabilité, logique et complexité

L'étudiant·e choisit un cours parmi:

LINFO1123	Calculability, Logic and Complexity	Yves Deville	FR [q2] [30h+30h] [5 Credits]
LSINC1123	Calculability, Logic and Complexity	Maxime Parmentier (compensates Yves Deville)	FR [q2] [30h+30h] [5 Credits]

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SINF2M - Information

Access Requirements

Master course admission requirements are defined by the French Community of Belgium Decree of 7 November 2013 defining the higher education landscape and the academic organisation of courses.

General and specific admission requirements for this programme must be satisfied at the time of enrolling at the university.

Unless explicitly mentioned, the bachelor's, master's and licentiate degrees listed in this table or on this page are to be understood as those issued by an institution of the French, Flemish or German-speaking Community, or by the Royal Military Academy.

In the event of the divergence between the different linguistic versions of the present conditions, the French version shall prevail.

SUMMARY

BA en informatique de gestion - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60 BA en informatique et systèmes, orientation informatique industrielle - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60 BA en informatique et systèmes, orientation réseaux et télécommunications - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60 BA en informatique et systèmes, orientation sécurité des systèmes - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60 BA en informatique et systèmes, orientation technologie de l'informatique - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60 BA en informatique, orientation développement d'applications - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60 BA en informatique, orientation informatique industrielle - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60 BA en informatique, orientation réseaux et télécommunications - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60 BA en informatique, orientation sécurité des systèmes - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60 BA en informatique, orientation technologies de l'informatique - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60	Les enseignements supplémentaires éventuels peuvent être consultés dans le module complémentaire.	Type court

Holders of a 2nd cycle University degree

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
"Licenciés"			
"Licencié en informatique"		-	
Masters			
Master in computer science		-	

Holders of a non-University 2nd cycle degree

Access based on validation of professional experience

> It is possible, under certain conditions, to use one's personal and professional experience to enter a university course without having

Teaching method

Active learning and non-technical skills

You will play an active role in your training. The pedagogical approach is a well-balanced mix of lectures, exercises, and projects to be carried out alone or in a group. The teaching methods vary. Sometimes, you will discover concepts and techniques independently. At these times, the teaching team acts as a resource in the learning process. At other times, the pedagogy focuses on transmitting the knowledge necessary to complete future tasks.

Special emphasis is placed on non-technical skills (autonomy, organisation, time management, different modes of communication, etc.) In particular, by emphasising project-based activities (including a large scale project that puts students in a semi-professional situation), this programme develops students' critical thinking skills, which allows them to design, model, implement, and validate complex computing systems.

Languages

The lingua franca of computer science is English. The use of English in the programme allows students to develop their mastery of this language, which facilitates their integration into professional life. All course material and course supervision are in English. However, students may always ask or respond to exam questions in French if desired.

Moreover, the programme allows students to attend language courses at the university's Language Institute (ILV) and to take part in exchange programmes.

Interdisciplinary approach

Over the course of their careers, computer scientists are expected to manage projects as well as teams and show interest in the complex socio-economic environment in which computer science belongs. It is therefore suggested that students learn about disciplines through elective courses or certain major courses such as the interfaculty major "small and medium sized business creation".

Evaluation

The evaluation methods comply with the regulations concerning studies and exams. More detailed explanation of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".

The learning activities are assessed according to the rules of the University (see exam regulations), that is through written and oral exams, personal or group assignments, public presentation of projects and defence of the graduation thesis. For the courses given in English, questions will be expressed in English by the teacher, but the student may choose to answer in French. For the courses given in French, the questions will be expressed in French by the teacher, but the student man ask for help in translation and choose to answer in English.

Some activities such as projects during the semester under the supervision of the teaching staff and in collaboration with other students are not reorganized outside the period prescribed for the course. They are not re-evaluated at a later session.

Evaluation methods specific to each course are communicated to students by teachers at the beginning of the semester.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

Over the years, EPL has developed over a hundred partnerships with partners in more than 36 countries (EU and non-EU) to offer exchange programmes to its students. We also offer the possibility of obtaining Double degrees, Joint Degrees or Dual Masters in several fields. The EPL is currently participating in two Erasmus Mundus programmes: FAME and STRAINS.

In addition to exchange programmes under the Erasmus+ programme, numerous agreements have been established with a wide range of universities through various partner networks such as:

- TIME network (Top Industrial Managers in Europe).

- CLUSTER network

- Magalhães network

- Circle U. network through several networks and European University Alliance

So, there's no shortage of opportunities to gain an additional qualification and/or spend part of the year abroad during your two-year Master's degree! It's the perfect opportunity to discover or improve your knowledge of a foreign language, tackle subjects from a new angle and gain unique experience in Europe or the rest of the world.

If you would like more information, please visit the dedicated pages of the EPL International Office to discover all the destinations, testimonials from former students and all the procedures to follow to make these opportunities a success.

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

Accessible supplementary Master's degree programme: not applicable

Accessible Doctoral Programmes

The Master’s degree in computer science may be followed by a doctoral programme in engineering sciences.

Most of the UCLouvain Master’s degree programmes (generally 60) are open to UCLouvain Master’s degree diploma holders. For example:

Different Master’s degree programmes (60) in management (automatic admission based on written application): see this list

The Master’s degree (60) in information and communication at Louvain-la-Neuve or the Master’s degree (60) in information and communication at Mons.

Contacts

Curriculum Management

Entity

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