



Teaching and Examination Regulations (TER)

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Masterprogramme in Computer Science (Joint Degree)

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Section A: Faculty Section

1. General provisions

Article 1.1 Applicability of the Regulations

1. These Regulations apply to anyone enrolled for the programme, irrespective of the academic year in which the student was first enrolled for the programme. These Regulations apply to the teaching and examinations for the following Master's degree programmes:	Advice OLC, approval FGV (9.38 ub b)
	Advice OLC,
2. These Regulations enter into force with effect from 1 September 2019.	approval FGV (9.38 ub b)
3. An amendment to the Teaching and Examination Regulations is only permitted to concern an academic year already in progress if this does not demonstrably damage the interests of students.	Advice OLC, approval FGV (9.38 sub b)

Article 1.2 Definitions

The following definitions are used in these Regulations (in alphabetical order):

a. academic year: the period beginning on 1 September and ending on 31 August of the following

calendar year;

b. CvB: the Executive Board of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

c. Double degree programme joint programme in the context of cooperation between Vrije Unviersiteit

Amsterdam and the educational institution within and outside the EU, as to gain a double university degree; of the VU and the educational institution concerned; though not being the same as a 'joint degree programme' according to the art. 7.3c

WHW';

d. EC (European Credit): an EC credit with a workload of 28 hours of study;

e. educational component: a unit of study of the programme within the meaning of the WHW;

f. examination: the final examination of the Master's programme;

g. exemption Exemption from an examination/ practical/ fieldwork based on an earlier

successfully completed examination, or knowledge / skills of a similar content,

level and scope gained outside higher education;

h. FGV: Faculty joint assembly – assembly of the faculty student council and faculty staff

council;

i. interim examination: an assessment of the student's knowledge, understanding and skills relating to a

course component. The assessment is expressed in terms of a final mark. An interim examination may consist of one or more partial examinations. A resit always covers the same material as the original interim examination;

j. joint degree: a degree awarded by an institution together with one or more institutions in the

Netherlands or abroad, after the student has completed a study programme (a degree programme, a major or a specific curriculum within a degree programme)

for which the collaborating institutions are jointly responsible;

k. OLC: programme committee; l. period: a part of a semester;

m. practical exercise: the participation in a practical training or other educational learning activity,

aimed at acquiring certain (academic) skills. Examples of practical exercises are:

o researching and writing a thesis or dissertation

o carrying out a research assignment

o taking part in fieldwork or an excursion

o taking part in another educational learning activity aimed at acquiring

specific skills, or

o participating in and completing a work placement;

n. premaster student those who enroll in a premaster programme;

o. Programme: the totality and cohesion of the course components, teaching activities/methods,

contact hours, testing and examination methods and recommended literature;

p. SAP/SLM: the student information system (Student Lifecycle Management);

q. semester: the first (September - January) or second half (February - August) of an

academic year;

r. study guide: the guide for the study programme that provides further details of the courses,

provisions and other information specific to that programme. The Study Guide is

available electronically at:

https://www.vu.nl/studiegids

s. subject see 'educational component';

t. substituting course/educational see under d (double degree programme). A course obtained at the

component educational institute, within the context of cooperation, that is mentioned in the

diploma supplement as such; not being an 'exemption'.

u. thesis/ internship work placement a component comprising research into the literature and/or contributing to

scientific research, always resulting in a written report;

v. university: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam;

w. WHW: the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (Wet op het Hoger Onderwijs en

Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek);

x. workload: the workload of the unit of study to which an interim examination applies,

expressed in terms of credits = EC credits (ECTS = European Credit and Transfer Accumulation System). The workload for 1 year (1,680 hours) is 60 EC credits.

The other terms have the meanings ascribed to them by the WHW.

2. Study programme structure

Article 2.1 Structure of academic year and educational components

1. The study programme will be offered in a year divided into two semesters.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
2. Every semester consists of three consecutive periods of eight, eight and four weeks.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
3. An educational component comprises 6 EC or a multiple thereof.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
4. By way of exception to paragraph 3, Section B may stipulate that a unit of study comprises 3 EC or a multiple thereof. The Faculty Board requests permission from the Executive Board.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3

Article 2.2 Refusal or termination of registration / (iudicium abeundi)

1.	Pursuant to the provisions of Article 7.42a of the Act, the Faculty Board or the	WHW
	Examination Board may, in exceptional circumstances, request the Executive Board to	
	terminate or refuse a student's registration on a programme. This may be the case if the	
	student's conduct or statements demonstrate his or her unsuitability to work in the	
	relevant field or discipline, or to take part in the programme's practical training	
	component.	
2.	If a student is suspected of being unsuitable as described in paragraph 1, the	WHW
	Examination Board or the Faculty Board will examine the case, and the student will be	
	informed of this immediately. The Examination Board or the Faculty Board will only	
	issue a recommendation after careful consideration of the interests involved and	
	following a hearing with the student concerned.	

3. Assessment and Examination

Article 3.1 Signing up for education and interim examinations

1.	Every student must sign up to participate in the educational components of the programme, the examinations and resits. The procedure for signing up is described in an annex to the Student Charter.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
2.	Signing up may only take place in the designated periods.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
3.	If a student does not pass the examination and the resit of a component, he/ she is obliged to take the whole component again. This rule does not apply to practical exercises and programmes that make use of component marks that retain their validity. For further regulations see Section B of the programme involved.	Advice OLC, approval FGV (7.13 x)

Article 3.2 Type of examination

examir	student's request, the Examination Board may permit a different form of interim nation than that stipulated in the course catalogue. If applicable, more detailed ions on this are included in the Rules and Guidelines for the Examination Board.	Advice OLC, Approval FGV (7.13 l)
termin parts th	ducational component is no longer offered in the academic year following its ation, at least one opportunity will be provided to sit the interim examination(s) or hereof and a transitional arrangement will be included in the programme-specific for the subsequent period.	Advice OLC, approval FGV (7.13 j)

Article 3.3 Oral interim examinations

1.	An oral assessment is public unless the Examinations Board on request determines otherwise.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 l and n)	
2.	An oral examination will be taken in the presence of a second examiner.	Advice OLC, approval FGV (art. 9.38 par. b)	

Article 3.4 Determining and announcing results

1.	The examiner determines the result of a written interim examination as soon as possible, but at the latest within fifteen working days. By way of departure from that stipulated in the first clause, the marking deadline for theses, internships / work placements and final assignments is no longer than twenty working days. The examiner will then immediately ensure that the marks are registered and also ensures that the student is immediately notified of the mark, taking due account of the applicable confidentiality standards.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3	
2.	 a. The examiner determines the result (i.e. mark) of an oral examination as soon as possible, though within one working day, after the examination has finished and informs the student accordingly. The third clause of the first paragraph applies. b. The examiner determines the result of an interim examination no later than five working days before the next (interim) examination will be held. 	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 o)	

3. In the case of alternative forms of oral or written examinations, the Examination Board determines in advance how and by what deadline the student will be informed of the results.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 o)
4 A student can submit a request for reassessment to the examiner. A request for	Advice OLC;
reassessment does not affect the time period for lodging an appeal.	approval FGV (9.38 sub b)
5. Together with the result of an examination, the student's attention will also be drawn to	
their right to inspect the assessed work and have a post-examination discussion as	
stipulated in Art. 3.9, as well as his/her option to lodge a complaint before the	
Examination Board, and if necessary, to appeal to the Examinations Appeals Board (in	
Dutch: COBEX).	

Article 3.5 Examination opportunities

1.	a. Per academic year, two opportunities to take examinations per educational component will be offered.b. The options for retaking practical components, work placements and theses are detailed in the relevant work placement manual, teaching regulations or graduation	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
	regulations.	
2.	The most recent mark will apply in the event of a resit. A retake is allowed for both passed and failed units of study.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
3.	The resit for a (partial) interim examination must not take place within ten working days of the announcement of the result of the (partial) examination being resat.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 j)
4.	The Examination Board may allow a student an extra opportunity to sit an examination if that student: a) is lacking only those credits to qualify for his or her degree; b) has failed the examination during all the previously offered attempts, unless participation in an examination was not possible for compelling reasons. The extra opportunity can only be offered if it concerns a written examination, a paper or a take home examination. This provision excludes the practical assignments and the Master's thesis. Requests for an additional examination opportunity must be submitted to the Examination Board no later than 15 July. If necessary, the method of examination may deviate from the provisions in the study guide.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3

Article 3.6 Marks

	Marks are given o	n a scale from	1 to 10 with no m	ore than one dec	imal point.	Ordinance CvI
2.	2. The final marks are given in whole or half points.					
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3.	Final marks between	en 5 and 6 will	l be rounded off t	o whole marks: u	ip to 5.5 rounded down;	Ordinance CvI
	from 5.5 rounded	up. To pass a c	ourse, a 6 or high	er is required.		see appendix 3
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Article 3.7 Exemption

1.	At the written request of the student, the Examination Board may exempt the student from taking one or more examination components, if the student: a) has passed a course component of a university or higher professional education programme that is equivalent in terms of content and level; b) has demonstrated through his/her work and/or professional experience that he/she has sufficient knowledge and skills with regard to the relevant course component. The Examination Board will make a decision within six weeks after receiving the	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 r)
3.	request. The Master's thesis, the final work placement (c.q. internship) and the final project (c.q. final paper) are excluded from this exemption possibility. A maximum of 18 EC for a one one-year master programme and 36 EC for a one two-year master programme can be accumulated through granted exemption. The substituting courses (educational components) are not included.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b) Advice OLC, approval FGV (art. 7.13 par. 2, under r WHW jo art. 9.38 par. b)

Article 3.8 Validity period for results

1.	The validity period of interim examinations passed and exemption from interim	WHW
	examinations is unlimited, unless otherwise specified in Section B.	
2.	The validity period of a partial examination is limited to the academic year in which it	Advice OLC;
	was sat or until the end of the unit of study concerned, as stipulated for the relevant unit	approval FGV
	of study in Section B.	(9.38 sub b)

Article 3.9 Right of inspection and post-examination discussion

1.	For twenty working days after the announcement of the results of a written interim examination, the student can, on request, inspect his or her assessed work, the questions and assignments set in it, as well as the standards applied for marking. The place and time referred to in the previous clause will be announced at the time of the interim examination on VUnet or Canvas.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 p en q)
2.	If a collective post-examination discussion has been organized, individual post-examination discussions will be held only if the student has attended the collective discussion or if the student was unable to attend the collective discussion through no fault of his or her own.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 q)
3.	Students who meet the requirements stipulated in paragraph 1 can submit a request for an individual post-examination discussion to the relevant examiner. The discussion shall take place at a time and location to be determined by the examiner.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 p en q)

Article 3.10 Fraud and plagiarism

1. The provisions of the Rules and Guidelines for the Examination Board apply in full.	Ordinance CvB
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2. Electronic detection software programmes may be used to detect plagiarism in texts.	Ordinance CvB	ı
In submitting a text, the student implicitly consents to the text being saved in the		ì
database of the detection programme concerned.		ı

4. Academic student counselling and study progress

Article 4.1 Administration of study progress and academic student counselling

1.	The faculty board is responsible for the correct registration of the students' study results.	Advice OLC;
	After the assessment of an educational component has been registered, every student has	approval FGV (7.13 u)
	the right to inspect the result for that component and also has a list of the results achieved	(7.13 u)
	at his or her disposal in VUnet.	
2.	Enrolled students are eligible for academic student counselling. Academic student	Advice OLC;
	counselling is in any case provided by:	approval FGV (7.13 u)
	a. The Student General Counselling Service	(7.13 u)
	b. Student psychologists	
	c. Faculty academic advisors	

Article 4.2 Adaptations for students with a disability

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1.	A student with a disability can, at the moment of submission to VUnet, or at a later instance, submit a request to qualify for special adaptations with regard to teaching, practical training and interim examinations. These adaptations will accommodate the student's individual disability as much as possible, but may not alter the quality or degree of difficulty of a unit of study or an examination. In all cases, the student must fulfil the exit qualifications for the study programme.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)
	The request referred to in the first paragraph must be accompanied by a statement from a doctor or psychologist. If possible, an estimate should be given of the potential impact on the student's study progress. In case of a chronic disability a single (one time) request suffices.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)
3.	Students who have been diagnosed with dyslexia must provide a statement from a BIG, NIP or NVO registered professional who is qualified to conduct psychological evaluation.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)
4.	The faculty board, or on behalf of the faculty board, the educational director, or the programme director, decides on the adaptations concerning the teaching facilities and logistics. The Examination Board will rule on requests for adaptations with regard to examinations.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)
5.	In the event of a positive decision in response to a request as referred to in paragraph 1, the student will make an appointment with the study adviser to discuss the details of the provisions.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)
6.	A request for adaptations will be refused if it would place a disproportionate burden on the organization or the resources of the faculty or university were it upheld.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)
7.	If the disability justifies an extension of the interim examination time, the Examination Board will grant permission testifying to this entitlement to an extension. If a disability justifies other measures to be taken, the Examination Board will advice the Faculty Board on the necessary measures to be taken.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)
8.	The decision as referred to in paragraph 7, is valid for a maximum period of one year with the exception for the chronic diseases and disabilities.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 m)

5. Hardship clause

Article 5.1 Hardship clause

In instances not regulated by the Teaching and Examination Regulations or in the event of demonstrable extreme unreasonableness and unfairness, the faculty board responsible for the study programme will decide, unless the matter concerned is the responsibility of the Examinations Board.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)
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Article 5.2. Publication

1.	The faculty board will ensure the appropriate publication of these Regulations and any	WHW
	amendments to them.	
2.	The Teaching and Examination Regulations will be posted in the study guide or on	WHW
	VUnet.	

Approved by authorized representative advisory body FGOV of the Faculty of Science on 3 September 2019.

Adopted by the Faculty Board on 30 August 2019.

Section B1: Programme specific – general provisions

6. General programme information and characteristics

Article 6.1 Study programme information

1.	The programme MSc Computer Science CROHO number 65014 is offered on a full-	Advice OLC;
	time basis.	approval
	time basis.	FGV (7.13 i)
2.	The language of instruction is English	Advice OLC;
		approval
		FGV
		(9.38 b)
3.	The programme is offered in partnership with the University of Amsterdam and leads	Advice OLC;
	to a joint degree.	approval
	to a joint degree.	FGV
		(9.38 b)

Article 6.2 Teaching formats used and modes of assessment

1.	The programme uses the teaching formats as specified in the Study Guide.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 x)
2.	The modes of assessment used per educational component are specified in the Study Guide.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 l)

6. Further admission requirements

Article 7.1 Intake date(s)

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	1.	The programme starts twice a year: on September 1 and on February 1.	Advice OLC;
			approval
			FGV
			(9.38 b)

Article 7.2 Admission requirements 1. Students will be admitted to the deg

Article	7.2 Admission requirements	
1.	Students will be admitted to the degree programme if they hold a letter of acceptance, issued by or on behalf of the Faculty Board because they have demonstrated that they meet the knowledge, understanding and skills requirements reflecting the final level of attainment in an academic Bachelor's degree programme.	Partly legal provison & ordinance CvB, see appendix 3. Admission requirements excepted from participation in WHW
2.	The Examination Board will investigate wether the applicant meets the admission requirements.	Legal provision
3.	In addition to the requirements mentioned in the first paragraph, the Examination Board will also assess applications for admission based on the following criteria: a. talent and motivation; b. command of methods and techniques.	Partly legal provison & ordinance CvB, see appendix 3. Admission requirements excepted from participation in WHW
4.	Anyone with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from a Dutch university meets the requirements referred to in the first paragraph.	
5.	If the Master's programme consists of various programmes, then a prerequisite may be set for each programme consisting of a completed Bachelor's specialization or minor.	

6.	Those not yet in possession of a Bachelor's degree, but who meet the admission	
	requirements as regards the knowledge, insight and skills specified in paragraph 1,	
	may on request be granted conditional admission to the associated Master's	
	programme, insofar as failure to grant admission would result in undue unfairness.	
7.	A Bachelor's degree obtained at an applied university or higher vocational education	
	(HBO in Dutch) in a subject related to Computer Science may only grant access to a	
	premaster to enter the programme in case of a GPA of at least 7.5.	

Article 7.3 Pre-Master's programme

1.	a) Students with a Bachelor's degree of a university of applied science (HBO) in a field that corresponds to a sufficient extent with the subject area covered by the Master's programme can request admission to the pre-Master's programme.	advies OLC; instemming FGV (9.38 b)
	b) Students with a Bachelor's degree from an institution of academic higher education in a field that does not sufficiently corresponds with the subject area covered by the Master's programme can request admission to the pre-Master's programme.	
2.	The pre-Master's programme comprises 30 EC and is made up on indivual basis.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)
3.	A successfully completed pre-Master's programme serves as proof of admission to the specified Master's programme in the subsequent academic year.	Legal provision
4.	A candidate can only participate in one pre-Master's programme at the Vrije Universiteit.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3

7. Interim examinations and results

Article 8.1 Sequence of interim examinations

1.	Students may participate in interim examinations [or practical exercises] of the	Advice OLC;
	components below only if they have passed the interim examination or examinations for	approval FGV (7.13 h, s & t)
	the components mentioned hereinafter: this article is not applicable.	(7.13 li, s & t)

Article 8.2 Validity period for results

See Article 3.8 of the Teaching and Examination Regulations, section A. No further specific provisions.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 k)
2. A student may request the Examination Board to extend the validity of an exam. If the exam shows that a student's knowledge is insufficient or outdated, or if the student's skills and insights evaluated in the exam are demonstrably outdated, the Examination Board may impose a supplementary examination, impose a replacement examination or refuse to extend the period of validity.	Legal provision
3. In situations where a limited period of validity applies, the period of validity of examinations may be extended in the event of extenuating circumstances as stipulated in WHW Article 7.51, paragraph 2, with at least the period of allocated financial assistance specified in WHW Article 7.15, paragraph 1.	Legal provision

Article 8.3 Maximum Exemption(s)

A maximum of 36 EC of the curriculum can be accumulated through granted exemptions, based on previous results within other master's programmes.	Advice OLC, approval FGV (7.13 par. 2,
	under r jo art. 9.38 sub b)

Article 8.4. Degree

Degree Students who have successfully completed their Master's final Examination are awarded a Master of Science degree. The degree awarded is stated on the diploma. If it is a joint degree, this will also be stated on the diploma. Track name will be stated on the diploma, either Big Data Engineering; Computer Systems Security; Foundations of Computing and Concurrency; Internet and Web Technology; Parallel Computing Systems or Software Engineering and Green IT if one has successfully completed all the compulsory courses of the specific track; otherwise no track name will be stated on the diploma.

Legal provision

Section B2: Programme specific – content of programme

8. Programme objectives, specializations and exit qualifications

Article 9.1 Workload

1.	. The programme has a workload of 120 EC.	Advice OLC;
		(7.13 a)

Article 9.2 Specializations

Ī	The	e programme has the following specializations:	Advice OLC;
	•	BDE: Big Data Engineering;	(7.13 a)
	•	CSS: Computer Systems Security;	
	•	FCC: Foundations of Computing and Concurrency;	
	•	IWT: Internet and Web Technology;	
	•	PCS: Parallel Computing Systems;	
	•	SEG: Software Engineering and Green IT.	

Article 9.3 Programme objective

The programme aims to provide students with the knowledge, experience and insight they need	Advice OLC;
to pursue a career as a computer science specialist or to engage in scientific research. Moreover,	(7.13 a)
the programme seeks to provide students with a practical understanding of the field of Computer	
Science in a broad scientific, philosophical and social context.	
The goal of the programme is to expand on the knowledge and skills acquired at Bachelor's	
level. By choosing a specialization, the student engages with the cutting-edge of scientific	
endeavour or of application and design.	

Article 9.4 Exit qualifications

- 1. At all event, a graduate of the Master's programme in Computer Science:
 - possesses solid academic knowledge and insight in the field of computer science, including the required background knowledge from other academic disciplines, which builds upon and goes beyond the level of a Bachelor's degree;
 - has knowledge, insight and skills of a specialist nature in at least one area of computer science (additional final attainment levels to be given for each specialization separately);
 - 3) is able to acquire specialist knowledge, insights and skills in other areas of computer science within a reasonable period of time;
 - 4) has acquired practical skills in relevant sub-areas of the field of computer science at Master level;
 - is aware of the applications of computer science in general and of the chosen specialization in particular, and is able to apply his/her knowledge and skills to new or otherwise unknown problems;
 - 6) is capable of designing a research or project plan on the basis of a realistic problem description in the field of computer science and can contribute to its progress with original solutions;
 - 7) able to carry out research independently, both individually and in small teams.
 - 8) is able to consult and use the international professional literature in the relevant sub-areas of the field of computer science;
 - is able to formulate, analyse and evaluate scientific results, and to use them to draw conclusions:
 - 10) is able to function in professional situations in an international context where scientific knowledge and skills in computer science are required;
 - 11) has developed a critical, scientific attitude and a societal perspective on information technology;
 - 12) is able to communicate with others at a professional level and can give clear oral and written presentations of the results of his/her work;
 - 13) is thoroughly prepared for further education at doctorate level or for further postgraduate education as a professional computer scientist.
- 1.a. Beyond the general requirements of a Computer Science Master, the graduate of Big Data Engineering is expected to have acquired knowledge, competences, and insight on:
 - 1) BDE-1. Architecture and scalability of data processing platforms and their programming models;
 - 2) BDE-2. The world wide web as a global information source;
 - 3) BDE-3. Conducting experiments on data processing systems, and be able to properly interpret data that result from such experiments.
- 1.b. Beyond the general requirements of a Computer Science Master, the graduate of **Computer Systems Security** is expected to have acquired knowledge, competences, and insight on:
 - 1) CSS-1. Security issues in system-level software including weaknesses and defenses;
 - 2) CSS-2. Static and dynamic analysis techniques for software (benign and malicious);
 - 3) CSS-3. Security implications of modern hardware features (side channels, hardware bugs, and hardware-based protection).
- 1.c. Beyond the general requirements of a Computer Science Master, the graduate of Foundations of Computing and Concurrency is expected to have acquired knowledge, competences, and insight on:
 - 1) FCC-1. Models of computation;
 - 2) FCC-2. Models of concurrency;
 - 3) FCC-3. Automated verification;
 - 4) IWT-3. Conducting experiments on networked applications and distributed systems, and be able to properly interpret data that result from such experiments.

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- 1.d. Beyond the general requirements of a Computer Science Master, the graduate of Internet and Web Technology is expected to have acquired knowledge, competences, and insight on:
 - IWT-1. Distributed computer systems, notably in the form of capabilities for designing networked systems and with emphasis on efficient information processing on the Internet;
 - 2) IWT-2. Programming large and complex pieces of (possibly low-level) systems-oriented software.
- 1.e. Beyond the general requirements of a Computer Science Master, the graduate **Parallel**Computing Systems is expected to have acquired knowledge, competences, and insight on:
 - PCS-1. Design and architecture of parallel and distributed computing systems;
 - PCS-2. Performance and efficiency of application programs and the related runtime systems and middleware services;
 - PCS-3. Conducting experiments as a means for the analysis of high-performance systems, and be able to properly interpret data that result from such experiments.
- 1.f. Beyond the general requirements of a Computer Science Master, the graduate of Software Engineering and Green IT is expected to have acquired knowledge, competences, and insight on:
 - SEG-1. Reconciling conflicting software project objectives, finding acceptable compromises within limitations of cost, time, knowledge, existing systems, organisations, and societal aspects of software technology;
 - 2) SEG-2. Understanding and applying current theories, models and techniques that provide a basis for decision making on IT investment issues, problem identification and analysis, software architecture, software design, development, implementation, testing, documentation and reengineering;
 - SEG-3. Designing and conducting experiments (and empirical studies in general) to analyse and assess the relation between software systems, energy efficiency and sustainability issues.

9. Curriculum structure

Article 10.1 Composition of the programme

1.	The programme comprises at least a package of compulsory components and an individual Master's thesis.	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3
2.	Additionally the programme offers: Practical exercises; Electives	Advice OLC; (7.13 a)
3.	Educational components are categorized as specialized (level 400) and research oriented (level 500).	Ordinance CvB, see appendix 3

Article 10.2 Compulsory educational components

A detailed description per educational component can be found in the Study Guide

Educational component	Coursecode	Nr of EC	Level
XM_CS_BDE	M CS track Big Data Engineering		
XM1_CS_BDE_V	M CS track BDE year 1 compulsory		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
X_405111	Seminar	6	400
X_405116	Large Scale Data Engineering	6	500
XM_40020	Web Data Processing Systems	6	400
XMU_418143	Information Visualization	6	0
X_400108	Data Mining Techniques	6	500
XMU_418110	Web Services and Cloud-based Systems	6	400
XM2_CS_BDE_V	M CS track BDE year 2 compulsory		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
XM_0011	Master Project Computer Science	30	500
XM_CS_BDE_B	M CS track BDE constrained choice		
XM_CS_B2	Foundations of Computing & Concurrency		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
X_400117	Protocol Validation	6	500
X_400115	Logical Verification	6	500
X_400211	Distributed Algorithms	6	500
X_405048	Advanced Logic	6	500
XM_CS_B3	Mathematics CC		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
X_400336	Stochastic Optimization	6	400
X_405041	Coding and Cryptography	6	500
X_405078	Experimental Design and Data Analysis	6	400
XM_CS_B5	Software Engineering CC		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level

X_405061	Service Oriented Design	6	400
X_400412	Software Asset Management	6	400
X_400170	Software Architecture	6	400
X_400439	Software Testing	6	400
A_400439	Software Testing	0	400
XM_CS_B6	Societal Perspectives on Comp Science CC		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
XMU_418107	History of digital cultures	6	400
R_E.commerc	E-Commerce Law	6	500
XM_0009	Entrepreneurship for AI and CS	6	400
X_405101	ICT4D	6	400
XM_0008	ICT4D in the field	6	400
XM_CS_CSS	M CS track Computer Systems Security		
XM1_CS_CSS_V	M CS track CSS year 1 compulsory		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
X_405111	Seminar	6	400
X_400127	Computer and Network Security	6	400
X_405100	Binary and Malware Analysis	6	500
X_400211	Distributed Algorithms	6	500
XM2_CS_CSS_V	M CS track CSS year 2 compulsory		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
XM_0011	Master Project Computer Science	30	500
XM_40014	Advanced Operating Systems	6	400
XM_40019	Hardware Security	6	500
XM_CS_CSS_B	M CS track CSS constrained choice		
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XM_CS_B2	Foundations of Computing & Concurrency		
		Credits	Level
Code	С	Credits 6	Level 500
Code X_400117	C Name (EN)		
XM_CS_B2 Code X_400117 X_400115 X_400211	C Name (EN) Protocol Validation Logical Verification	6	500
Code X_400117 X_400115 X_400211	C Name (EN) Protocol Validation Logical Verification Distributed Algorithms	6	500 500
Code X_400117 X_400115 X_400211	C Name (EN) Protocol Validation Logical Verification	6 6 6	500 500 500
Code X_400117 X_400115	C Name (EN) Protocol Validation Logical Verification Distributed Algorithms	6 6 6 6	500 500 500
Code X_400117 X_400115 X_400211 X_405048	C Name (EN) Protocol Validation Logical Verification Distributed Algorithms Advanced Logic	6 6 6	500 500 500
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XM_CS_B6	Societal Perspectives on Comp Science CC		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
XMU_418107	History of digital cultures	6	400
R_E.commerc	E-Commerce Law	6	500
XM_0009	Entrepreneurship for AI and CS	6	400
X_405101	ICT4D	6	400
XM_0008	ICT4D in the field	6	400
XM_CS_FCC	M CS track Foundations of Compu & Concur		
XM1_CS_FCC_V	M CS track FCC year 1 compulsory		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
X_405111	Seminar	6	400
X_400117	Protocol Validation	6	500
X_400115	Logical Verification	6	500
X_405048	Advanced Logic	6	500
XM_400121	Term Rewriting Systems	6	400
X_400211	Distributed Algorithms	6	500
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XM2_CS_FCC_V	M CS track FCC year 2 compulsory		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
XM_0011	Master Project Computer Science	30	500
XM_CS_FCC_B	M CS track FCC constrained choice		
XM_CS_B3	Mathematics CC		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
X_400336	Stochastic Optimization	6	400
X_405041	Coding and Cryptography	6	500
X_405078	Experimental Design and Data Analysis	6	400
VM CC D4	Programming CC		
XM_CS_B4 Code	Programming CC Name (EN)	Credits	Level
	` '	6	500
XM_405088	Individual Systems Practical		
XM_40014	Advanced Operating Systems	6	400
XM_40017	Programming Large-scale Parallel Systems	6	400
X_405082	Internet programming	6	400
X_400162	Parallel Programming Practical	6	500
	Programming Multi-core and Many-core Syg	6	400
XMU_40018 X_405124	Project Systems Testing	6	400

XM_CS_B5	Software Engineering CC		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
X_405061	Service Oriented Design	6	400
X_400412	Software Asset Management	6	400
X_400170	Software Architecture	6	400
X_400439	Software Testing	6	400
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XM_CS_B6	Societal Perspectives on Comp Science CC		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
XMU_418107	History of digital cultures	6	400
R_E.commerc	E-Commerce Law	6	500
XM_0009	Entrepreneurship for AI and CS	6	400
X_405101	ICT4D	6	400
XM_0008	ICT4D in the field	6	400
XM_CS_IWT	M CS track Internet & Web Technology		
XM1_CS_IWT_V	M CS track IWT year 1 compulsory		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
X_405111	Seminar	6	400
X_400130	Distributed Systems	6	400
X_405082	Internet programming	6	400
X_405105	Performance of Networked Systems	6	400
X_400211	Distributed Algorithms	6	500
XMU_418110	Web Services and Cloud-based Systems	6	400
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XM2_CS_IWT_V	M CS track IWT year 2 compulsory		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
XM_0011	Master Project Computer Science	30	500
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XM_CS_IWT_B	M CS track IWT constrained choice		
XM_CS_B2	Foundations of Computing & Concurrency		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
X_400117	Protocol Validation	6	500
X_400115	Logical Verification	6	500
X_400211	Distributed Algorithms	6	500
X_405048	Advanced Logic	6	500
XM_CS_B5	Software Engineering CC		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
X_405061	Service Oriented Design	6	400
X_400412	Software Asset Management	6	400
X_400170	Software Architecture	6	400
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XM_CS_B6	Societal Perspectives on Comp Science CC		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
XMU_418107	History of digital cultures	6	400
R_E.commerc	E-Commerce Law	6	500
XM_0009	Entrepreneurship for AI and CS	6	400
X_405101	ICT4D	6	400
XM_0008	ICT4D in the field	6	400
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XM_CS_PCS	M CS track Parallel Computing Systems		
XM1_CS_PCS_V	M CS track PCS year 1 compulsory		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
X_405111	Seminar	6	400
XM_40017	Programming Large-scale Parallel Systems	6	400
X_400162	Parallel Programming Practical	6	500
XMU_40015	Parallel System Architectures	6	400
XMU_40018	Programming Multi-core and Many-core Syg	6	400
XMU_40016	Performance Engineering	6	500
XM2_CS_PCS_V	M CS track PCS year 2 compulsory		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
XM_0011	Master Project Computer Science	30	500
XM_CS_PCS_B	M CS track PCS constrained choice		
XM_CS_B2	Foundations of Computing & Concurrency		
Codo	C Nome (EN)	Credits	Level
Code V 400117	Name (EN)		500
X_400117	Protocol Validation	6	
X_400115	Logical Verification	6	500
X_400211	Distributed Algorithms		500
X_405048	Advanced Logic	6	500
XM_CS_B3	Mathematics CC		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
X_400336	Stochastic Optimization	6	400
X_405041	Coding and Cryptography	6	500
X_405078	Experimental Design and Data Analysis	6	400
XM_CS_B5	Software Engineering CC		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
X_405061	Service Oriented Design	6	400
X_400412	Software Asset Management	6	400
X_400170	Software Architecture	6	400
X_400439	Software Testing	6	400

_CS_B6	Societal Perspectives on Comp Science CC		
e	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
J_418107	History of digital cultures	6	400
commerc	E-Commerce Law	6	500
_0009	Entrepreneurship for AI and CS	6	400
05101	ICT4D	6	400
_0008	ICT4D in the field	6	400
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_CS_SEG	M CS track Software Engineeri & Green IT	1	
l_CS_SEG_V	M CS track SEG year 1 compulsory		
e	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
05111	Seminar	6	400
05061	Service Oriented Design	6	400
00412	Software Asset Management	6	400
00170	Software Architecture	6	400
00439	Software Testing	6	400
2_CS_SEG_V	M CS track SEG year 2 compulsory		
e e	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
_0011	Master Project Computer Science	30	500
18158	Green Lab	6	400
10130	Gleen Lab	U	400
_CS_seg_B	M CS track seg constrained choice		
_CS_B2	Foundations of Computing & Concurrency C		
e	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
00117	Protocol Validation	6	500
00115	Logical Verification	6	500
00211	Distributed Algorithms	6	500
05048	Advanced Logic	6	500
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_CS_B3	Mathematics CC		
e	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
00336	Stochastic Optimization	6	400
05041	Coding and Cryptography	6	500
)5078	Experimental Design and Data Analysis	6	400
_CS_B4	Programming CC		
e	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
_405088	Individual Systems Practical	6	500
40014	Advanced Operating Systems	6	400
_40017	Programming Large-scale Parallel Systems	6	400
05082	Internet programming	6	400
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00162	Parallel Programming Practical	6	+

XMU_40018	Programming Multi-core and Many-core Syg	6	400
X_405124	Project Systems Testing	6	400
XM_CS_B6	Societal Perspectives on Comp Science CC		
Code	Name (EN)	Credits	Level
XMU_418107	History of digital cultures	6	400
R_E.commerc	E-Commerce Law	6	500
XM_0009	Entrepreneurship for AI and CS	6	400
X_405101	ICT4D	6	400
XM_0008	ICT4D in the field	6	400

Article 10.3 Elective educational components

				Advice OLC, 7.13a)
Code	Name of educational component	Credits	Level	
M CS pre-approve	d electives (for all tracks)	•		
XM_405088	Individual Systems Practical	6	500	
XM_405080	Industrial Internship	6	400	
XM_40014	Advanced Operating Systems	6	400	
X_400127	Computer and Network Security	6	400	
X_400111	Evolutionary Computing	6	400	
X_418158	Green Lab	6	400	
XMU_418111	Introduction to Computational Science	6	400	
X_405065	Knowledge and Media	6	500	
X_405116	Large Scale Data Engineering	6	500	
XM_40017	Programming Large-scale Parallel Systems	6	400	
X_400117	Protocol Validation	6	500	
X_405061	Service Oriented Design	6	400	
X_400412	Software Asset Management	6	400	
XMU_418108	Lambda Calculus	6	0	
X_400336	Stochastic Optimization	6	400	
XMU_0012	Concurrency Theory	6	500	
X_400130	Distributed Systems	6	400	
XM_40019	Hardware Security	6	500	
X_405082	Internet programming	6	400	
X_405099	Knowledge Engineering	6	400	
X_400115	Logical Verification	6	500	
X_400170	Software Architecture	6	400	
XM_40020	Web Data Processing Systems	6	400	
X_400162	Parallel Programming Practical	6	500	
XMU_40013	High Performance Computing and Big Data	6	400	
XMU_40015	Parallel System Architectures	6	400	
X_405048	Advanced Logic	6	500	
X_400650	Business Process Analytics	6	400	
X_405041	Coding and Cryptography	6	500	
X_405078	Experimental Design and Data Analysis	6	400	
XMU_418143	Information Visualization	6	0	
X_405105	Performance of Networked Systems	6	400	
XMU_40018	Programming Multi-core and Many-core Syg	6	400	
XM_400121	Term Rewriting Systems	6	400	

X_405086	The Social Web	6	400	
X_405100	Binary and Malware Analysis	6	500	
X_400108	Data Mining Techniques	6	500	
X_400211	Distributed Algorithms	6	500	
X_405101	ICT4D	6	400	
XMU_40016	Performance Engineering	6	500	
X_400439	Software Testing	6	400	
XMU_418110	Web Services and Cloud-based Systems	6	400	
XM_0008	ICT4D in the field	6	400	
XM_40012	Machine Learning for the Quantified Self	6	400	
X_405124	Project Systems Testing	6	400	
2. If the student wishes to take a different educational component than listed, advance permission must be obtained in writing from the Examinations Board.				

Article 10.4 Participation in practical exercise

Article 10.4 Farticipation in practical exercise				
1. Student are expected to participate actively in all degree components for which they are registered.	Approval OLC (7.13 d)			
In addition to the general requirement regarding active participation, the study guide details additional requirements for each degree component, including attendance				
requirements.				
3. At the start of each degree component, a specification will be made available which details:				
- The final attainment levels of the degree component;				
- The study guidelines for passing the degree component;				
- The way in which the final attainment levels are assessed;				
- The regulations for examinations and resits;				
- The guidance provided by lecturers during scheduled hours and otherwise;				
- Component attendance requirements;				
- The provision of feedback to the student on assignments and reports submitted, and presentations given during the degree component.				
4. If a student is prevented by force majeure from attending a required degree component, then the student must send written notification of his or her absence to the examiner and				
the study advisor as soon as possible. The examiner may, after consultation with the study advisor, give the student an alternative assignment.				
5. Absence from degree components with required attendance is only allowed in the case of force majeure.				
6. In the event of inadequate participation, either qualitative or quantitative, the examiner may				
exclude the student from further participation in the degree component or a part of				
the degree component. The details of the student's inadequate participation must be recorded in advance and approved by the Director of Studies.				

10. Evaluation and transitional provisions

Article 11.1 Evaluation of the education

1.	The education provided in this programme is evaluated in accordance with the	Approval OLC
	(attached) evaluation plan. The faculty evaluation plan offers the framework.	(7.13 a1)

Article 11.2 Transitional provisions

By way of departure from the Teaching and Examination Regulations currently in force, the	Advice OLC
following transitional provisions apply for students who started the programme under a	(7.13 a)
previous set of Teaching and Examination Regulations: this article is not applicable.	

Advice and approval by the Programme Committee of M Computer Science (JD), on 6 June 2019

Approved by the Faculty Joint Assembly, on 3 September 2019.

Adopted by the board of the Faculty of Science on 30 August 2019.

Appendix I Overview of articles that must be included in the OER

Based on Section 7.13, paragraph 2, of the WHW and other Sections of the Act.

Section B1: Programme specific – general provisions

6. General programme information and characteristics	neral programme information and characteristics		
Article 6.1 Study programme information	7.13 paragraph 2 sub i, r		
Article 6.2 Teaching formats used and modes of assessment	7.13 paragraph 2 sub l, x		
[option:] Article 6.3 Academic student counselling	7.13 paragraph 2 sub u		
7. Further admission requirements			
Article 7.2 Admission requirements	7.30b paragraph 2		
8. Interim examinations and results			
Article 8.1 Sequence of interim examinations	7.13 paragraph 2 sub h, s, t		
[option 1:] Article 8.2 Validity period for results	7.13 paragraph 2 sub k		
[option 2:] Article 8.2 Validity period for results	7.13 paragraph 2 sub k		

Section B2: Programme specific – content of programme

Programme objectives, specializations and exit qualifications			
Article 9.1 Workload	7.13 paragraph 2 sub g		
Article 9.2 Specializations	7.13 paragraph 2 sub a		
Article 9.3 Programme objective	7.13 paragraph 2 sub a		
Article 9.4 Exit qualifications	7.13 paragraph 2 sub b, c		
10. Curriculum structure			
Article 10.1 Composition of the programme	7.13 paragraph 2 sub a		
Article 10.2 Compulsory educational components	7.13 paragraph 2 sub a		
[Optional] Article 10.3 Elective educational components	7.13 paragraph 2 sub a		
[Optional] Article 10.4 Practical exercise	7.13 paragraph 2 sub d		
Article 10.5 Participation in practical training and tutorials	7.13 paragraph 2 sub d		
11. Evaluation and transitional provisions			
Article 11.1 Evaluation of the education	7.13 paragraph 2 sub a1		
Article 11.2 Transitional provisions	7.13 paragraph 2 sub a		

Appendix II Overview of rights to prior consultation (advice) and rights to approve OLC and FGV

(Dutch only)



Appendix III Ordinances VU CvB and Binding Guidelines (richtlijn)

Section B1, article:	Concerns:	CvB ordinance / guideline
7.2.1	Admission criteria; at least WO Bachelor's	Richtlijn Bachelor en Masteronderwijs, revised
	degree	on 6 June 2017
7.2.3	Additional admission criteria; type of criteria	Richtlijn Bachelor en Masteronderwijs, revised
		on 6 June 2017
Section B1,	Concerns:	CvB ordinance / guideline
article:		
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article:		Richtlijn Bachelor en Masteronderwijs, revised