

Rules for Specialisations and Minors

- ◆ A student can choose either a specialisation or a minor.
- ◆ A student can do only one specialisation.
- ◆ The 30 credits of the specialisation or the 30 credits of the minor are included in the 90 credits of the master's program (not including the master's project).
- ◆ **Transitional regime:** For the computer science students who started their master's studies before 2018-2019, the 30 credits of the specialisation or the 30 credits of the minor are counted in addition to the 60 credits of the master's program (not including the master's project).
- ◆ The 30 credits of the specialisation or of the minor must be completed before starting the master's project.
- ◆ The minor or the specialisation successfully completed will be mentioned in the "Diploma Supplement" that accompanies the master's diploma.

Specialisation

- ◆ **Students must register for a specialization – at the latest – by the beginning of the third semester of the master's studies.** Once this deadline has passed, the student cannot drop the specialization – except for valid reasons (illness, accident, other) and upon request to the Program Director or Deputy Head.
- ◆ Only the courses listed for each specialisation will count in the credits of the specialisation.
- ◆ A bachelor-level course that is for a specialisation and has already been validated for the bachelor's degree cannot count for a specialisation.
- ◆ The courses listed with an asterisk (*) for a specialisation are considered included in the study plan. This applies only to the students registered to that specific specialisation; otherwise these courses are considered outside the study plan.

Minor

- ◆ **Students must register for a minor – at the latest – by the end of the first semester of the master's studies.** Once this deadline has passed, the student cannot drop the minor.

- ◆ Students registering for a minor must submit for approval their choice of courses to the director of the minor, using the form on the website.
- ◆ Students registered for a minor are not authorized to take courses not included in the study plan (**transitional regime** : except for computer science students who started their master's studies before 2018-2019, and upon decision by the Section, case by case).
- ◆ Therefore, any course not included in the study plan and taken before registering for the minor will not count for the master's degree and will be considered as outside the study plan (i.e., the credits will not count).
- ◆ In the case where a student takes a minor-level course that is not included in the study plan and then registers for that minor, the course will be transferred from "Group 2 – Options" to "Minor". The student will have to compensate these credits by taking other courses from their master's study plan.