

**EPFL**



# Master's Programs @ IC

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# School of Computer and Communication Sciences - IC

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- Internationally highly ranked
- 58 + (11 joint) professors
- Internationally recognized
- Strong industrial liaison
- Core + interdisciplinary science: Collaboration with Life Sciences, Mathematics, Microengineering, Electrical Engineering, etc.
- Doctoral program (EDIC)



# IC Research Domains



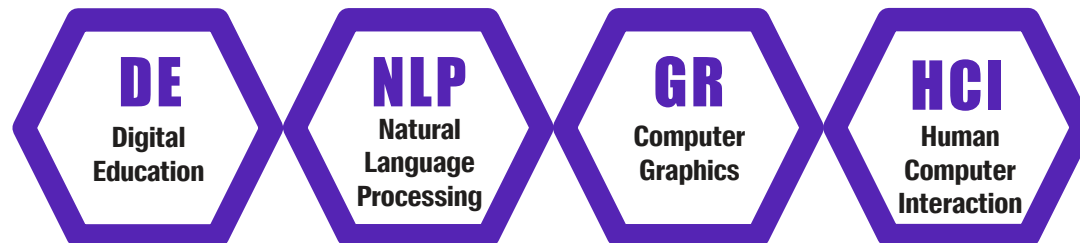
**theory, foundations,  
fundamental limits...**



**learning from data, extracting  
knowledge, transforming data ...**



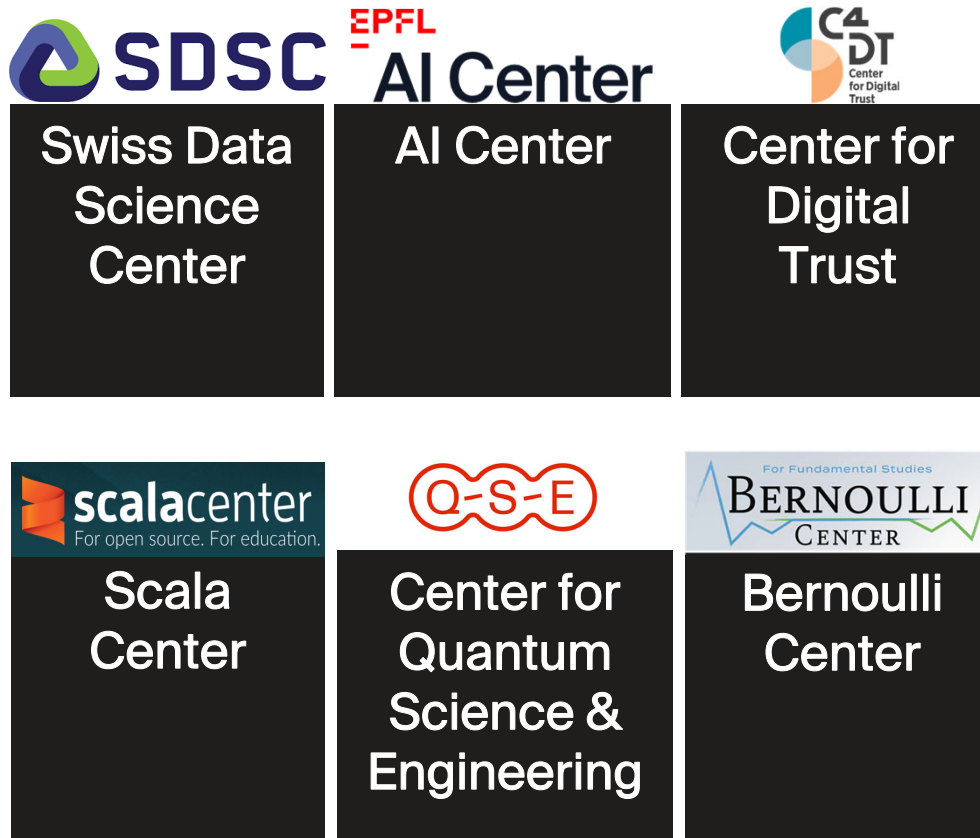
**building real  
systems, all layers...**



**interfacing with  
humans ...**

# EPFL Research Centers

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- Interdisciplinary community
- Access to state-of-the-art research in diverse areas such as AI, digital trust, open-source software, quantum sciences, theoretical CS, ... through many of our research centers.

# Why choose IC?

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## Endless Career Paths

Work in any industry: multinationals, startups, NGOs, public institutions, or even academia. Tech skills open doors everywhere.

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## Evolving & Versatile

The field moves fast, and so can you. Shift roles between development, AI, data science, and entrepreneurship—all in one career.

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## Global Impact, Future-Proof Skills

IC is at the heart of innovation in healthcare, AI, and sustainability. Automation-proof and always in demand.

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## Beyond Coding

Solve real-world problems, design impactful solutions, and drive innovation in any sector.

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## High Demand & Top Salaries

Switzerland needs 10,000 **IT experts annually** but trains only **3,000**.

- **Fast hiring:** (< 2 months)
- **Starting salary:** ~CHF 85K → **CHF 130K in 3-4 years.**

# Examples of job positions



# EPFL IC Master's programs

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## Computer & Communication Sciences



Computer Science (IN)  
consecutive for IN/SC BS  
[go.epfl.ch/master-IN](https://go.epfl.ch/master-IN)



Data Science (DS)  
consecutive for IN/SC BS  
[go.epfl.ch/master-DS](https://go.epfl.ch/master-DS)



Cyber Security (Cyber)  
consecutive for IN/SC BS  
[go.epfl.ch/master-cyber](https://go.epfl.ch/master-cyber)

## Cross-School Programs presented separately



Neuro-X (STI-SV-IC)  
consecutive for SC BS



Quantum Science and  
Engineering (IC-STI-SB)  
application for IN/SC BS



# EPFL MSc in Computer Science with Specialization in Teaching in collaboration with HEP-VD

This is a joint program between EPFL and HEP-VD to **train high school teachers** in Computer Science in Switzerland.

The program consists of **120 + 9 ECTS**:

- **1<sup>st</sup> year:** corresponding to studies in Computer Science OR Data Science
- **2<sup>nd</sup> year:** composed of the Master's project + specialization courses at HEP.





# For students in other sections:

## Minors offered by IC

[go.epfl.ch/IC-master-minors](https://go.epfl.ch/IC-master-minors)

- We also offer several minors. This can be a very good option if you are hesitant to change section (field of study).
- Condition: min 30 ECTS from a list of predefined courses in:
  - Computer Science
  - Data Science
  - Cyber Security
  - Computational Biology

2024-2025		Section d'Informatique	
Mineur interdisciplinaire		Responsables : Prof. M. Salathé/Prof. M. Brice	
Les enseignants, les crédits et la période des cours sont indiqués sous réserve de modification. Les cours déjà suivis au bachelier ou au master ne peuvent pas être pris également dans un mineur.		90 crédits offerts	
Code	Matières		
CS-401	Applied data analysis		
MATH-449	Biostatistics		
NE-414	Brain-like computation and intelligence		
BIOENG-455	Computational cell biology		
MICRO-432	Computational motor control		
NE-465	Computational neurosciences : neural dynamics		
COM-480	Data visualization		

2024-2025		Section d'Informatique	
Cyber security		Responsable : Mme Elleen Hazboun	
Mineur disciplinaire		123 crédits offerts	
Les enseignants, les crédits et la période des cours sont indiqués sous réserve de modification. Les cours déjà suivis au bachelier ou au master ne peuvent pas être pris également dans un mineur.			
Codes	Matières (liste indicative)	Enseignants	Crédits
COM-501	Advanced cryptography*	Yardasay	6
CS-477	Advanced operating systems	Kurtup	6
CS-523	Advanced topics on privacy enhancing technologies*	Troscoco	6
MATH-310	Algebra	Lubovinka	4
CS-250	Algorithm 1	Choua/Troscoco	8
CS-202	Computer systems	Argenti/Elieen/Chappellier	8
COM-301	Computer security and privacy*	Buglione/Troscoco	6
COM-401	Cryptography and security*	Yardasay	6
CS-300	Data-intensive systems	Alamuk/Kurtup	6

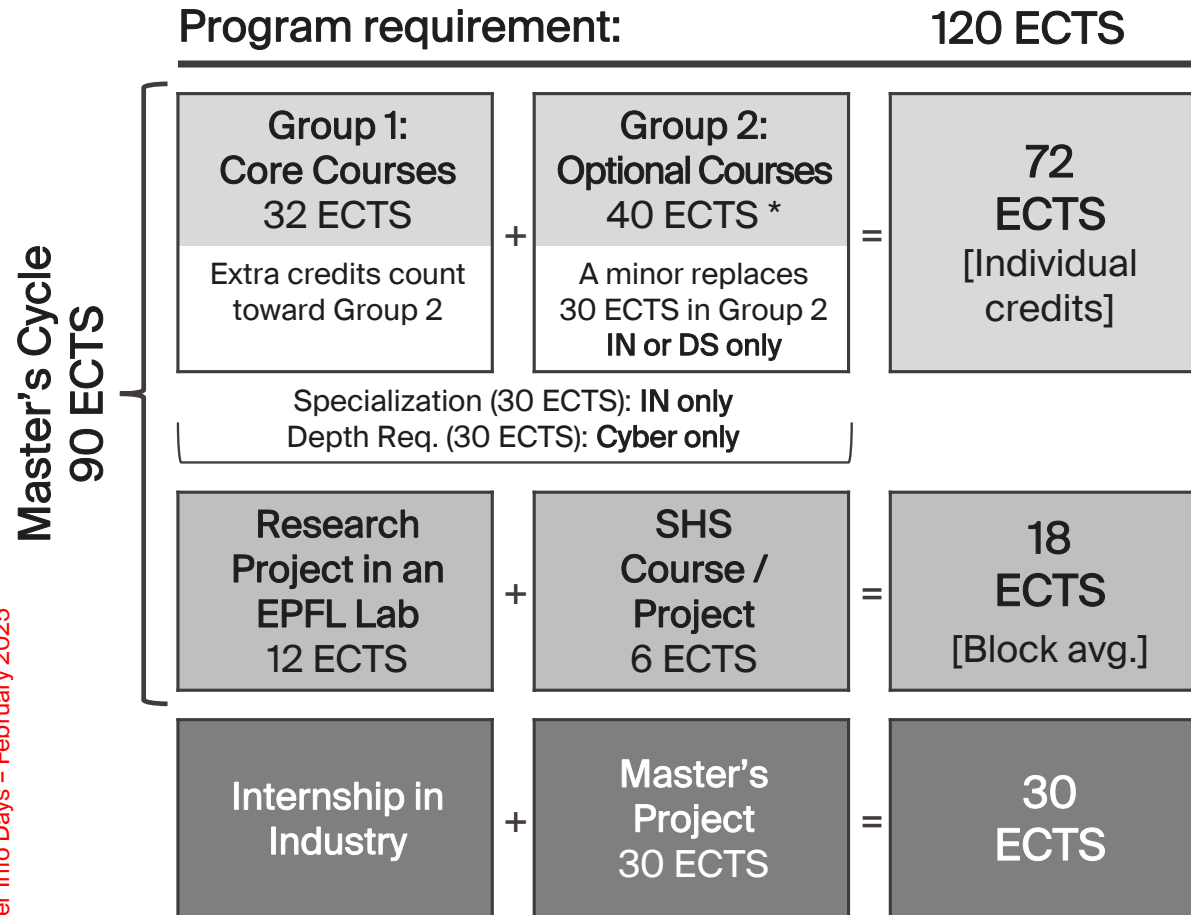
2024-2025		Section de Systèmes de communication	
Mineur disciplinaire		Responsable : Mme E. Hazboun	
Les enseignants, les crédits et la période des cours sont indiqués sous réserve de modification. Les cours déjà suivis au bachelier ou au master ne peuvent pas être pris également dans un mineur.		216 crédits offerts	
Codes	Matières (liste indicative)	Enseignants	Crédits
COM-417	Advanced probability and applications	Stikol	8
CS-250	Algorithm 1	Choua/Svensson	8
MATH-449	Applied biostatistics	Goldstein	5
CS-401	Applied data analysis	Brice	8
NE-414	Brain-like computation and intelligence	Mahiz A.	4
CS-442	Computer vision	Fua	6
CS-300	Data-intensive systems	Alamuk/Kurtup	6
COM-480	Data visualization	Valton	6
EE-559	Deep learning	Cavallaro	4
CS-592	Deep learning for biométrie	Brice	4
CS-456	Deep reinforcement learning	Galvane	6
CS-423	Distributed information systems	Alber	6
COM-416	Foundations of Data Science	Gaspard/Mahiz	9
EE-491	Image analysis and pattern recognition	Bocorgnani/Thiran J.-P.	4
CS-330	Intelligence artificielle	Faloutsos	4
CS-430	Intelligent agents	Faloutsos	6
COM-306	Internet analytics	Grossglauser	6
CS-431	Introduction to natural language processing	Bossard/Chappellier/Palmieri	6
COM-490	Large-scale data science for real-world data	Boulier/Delpat/Sami Verschuer	6
CS-433	Machine learning	Jaggi/Flammarion	8
CS-421	Machine learning for behavioral data	Käser	6
EE-556	Mathematics of data : from theory to computation	Crother	6
COM-300	Modèles stochastiques pour les communications	Thiran	6
CS-592	Modern natural language processing	Bocorgnani	8

## Structure of the MS programs in IC:

- Computer Science (IN)
- Data Science (DS)
- Cyber Security (Cyber)

# EPFL Structure for Computer Science (IN), Data Science (DS), Cyber Security (Cyber) Master's programs

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\* If no minor is chosen, up to 15 ECTS may be taken outside the IC MS study plans.

Optional for IN or DS:

- **Computer Science** → choose between a Specialization **OR** a Minor (not possible both).
- **Data Science** → can only choose a Minor (**NO** Specialization).

Mandatory:

- **Cyber Security** → Must fulfill Depth Requirement and an exchange semester at ETHZ (**NO** Minor or Specialization).



# Courses outside the IC Master's study plan (IN, DS, Cyber)

- **Max credits authorized:** 15 ECTS → partially satisfies Group 2 Options.
- Includes:
  - EPFL Master's courses from other sections
  - EPFL Doctoral courses
  - UNIL-HEC (Faculty of Business and Economics) courses
- Students **enrolled in a minor cannot take courses** outside their MS study plan, except for CS- and COM- codified courses given by IC.
- CS- and COM- codified courses listed in the IC Master's study plans (IN, DS, Cyber) do not count towards the 15 ECTS limit and may be taken without authorization.
- In general, **Bachelor's level courses** cannot be taken during the Master's program.

# EPFL Computer Science, Data Science & Cyber Security

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## Two Phases:

1. **Master's cycle** – 90 ECTS
2. **Master's project/thesis** – 30 ECTS → **Total:** 120 ECTS

## Master's Cycle:

- **Key differences** between the 3 programs: Choice and focus of **Group 1 Core Courses** (32 ECTS) and the **depth requirement + exchange semester at ETHZ for Cyber Security**.
- **Group 2 Optional courses** (40 ECTS) largely shared across the 3 programs.
- **Research project** (EPFL lab, 12 ECTS) + **SHS Course & Project** (6 ECTS) → 18 ECTS
- **Recommended:** 30 ECTS per semester → 3 semesters for completion.
- **Max duration:** 6 semesters.

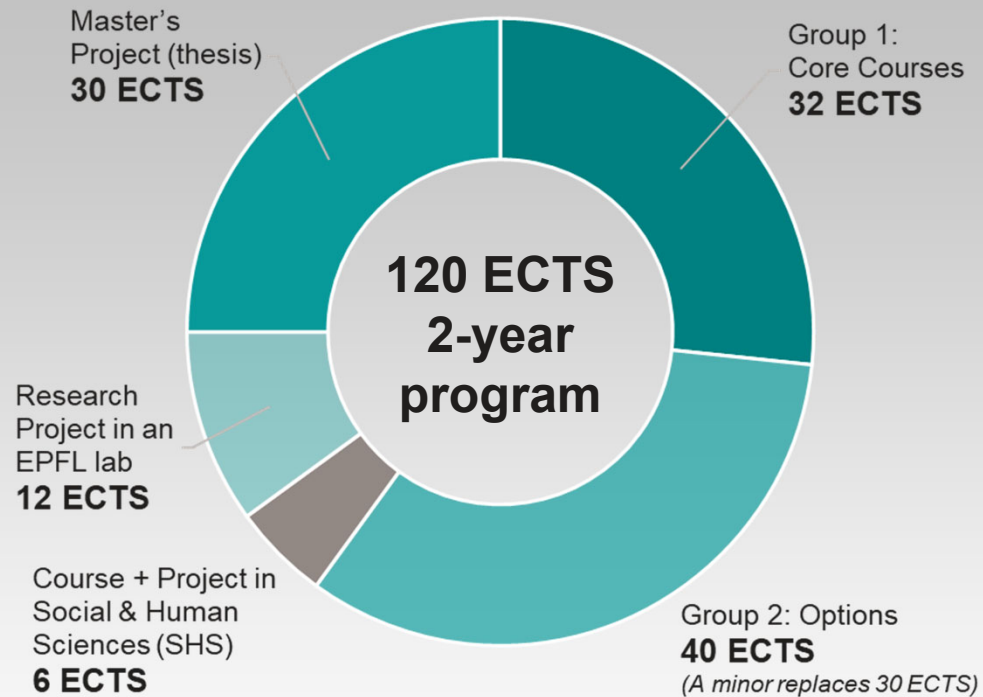
## Internship & Master's Project:

- **Internship:** 8-week summer or 6-month semester (may be combined with the Master's project at the end of the MS cycle). A 6-month internship during a semester is a **sabbatical** (no courses in parallel) and does **not** count toward the 6-semester max duration of the MS cycle.
- **Master's project:** Can be completed in **industry**. May also be carried out at **EPFL or another university** in Switzerland/abroad if mandatory **internship requirement** has been met beforehand.

# Which Master's program in IC is the right fit for me?

	Master's in Computer Science	Master's in Data Science	Master's in Cyber Security
Focus	Broad understanding of Computer Science with specialization tracks.	Extracting insights from large datasets using statistical and computational methods.	Understanding and mitigating security threats, protecting information systems
Curriculum	Flexible course selection across multiple Computer Science domains.	Core data science courses with electives to deepen specific interests.	Mandatory exchange semester at ETHZ; focus on "depth" security courses.
Choosing the right program	Best for those seeking a broad CS foundation with the flexibility to explore various subfields.	Suitable for those interested in extracting insights from data and developing ML models.	Ideal for those passionate about protecting systems and data from cyber threats.





# Overview MSc in Computer Science

# Master of Science in Computer Science

- The Computer Science Master's provides a **broad theoretical and practical foundation in computing**, covering algorithms, software engineering, cybersecurity, machine learning, systems, etc., enabling flexibility across fields.
- Offers **four broad specializations** tracks:
  - AI & Data Science
  - Computer Systems
  - Foundations of Computing
  - Cyber Security
- Students may opt for a **minor** (30 ECTS) offered by another section as an alternative to a specialization to compliment their main discipline.
- High **demand for computer science graduates** across industries and roles.

# EPFL Master of Science in Computer Science

Reform of the MSc Computer Science  
Effective from the 2025-2026 Academic Year

- This reform applies **only to NEW students** starting their studies in the **Fall 2025 semester**. Students who started before Fall 2025 are subject to the study plan that was in force when they began their Master's studies.
- To meet the **32 ECTS Core course requirement** (Group 1), students must pass **four 8-credit courses** from **four different IC research domains**, to ensure a broad foundation.

Group 1: Core courses (min. 32 credits)	IC Domains	Sem.	cr
Machine learning	AIML	fall	8
Optimization for machine learning	AIML	spring	8
Algorithms II	ATCS	fall	8
Advanced computer architecture	CAIS	spring	8
Advanced multiprocessor architecture	CAIS	fall	8
Decentralized systems engineering	DC	fall	8
Distributed algorithms	DC	fall	8
Applied data analysis	DMIR	fall	8
Systems for data mgmt. & data science	DMIR	spring	8
Advanced computer graphics	GR	spring	8
Geometric computing	GR	fall	8
Advanced probability and applications	ICT	fall	8
Foundations of data science	ICT	fall	8
Information theory and coding	ICT	fall	8
Modern natural language processing	NLP	spring	8
Advanced networks	OSNET	fall	8
Mobile networks	OSNET	fall	8
Modern digital communication	OSNET	fall	8
Principles of computer systems	OSNET	fall	8
Formal verification	PLFM	fall	8
Interactive theorem proving	PLFM	spring	8
Statistical signal & data processing	SIP	spring	8
Advanced topics on privacy enhancing tech.	SP	spring	8
Cryptography and security	SP	fall	8
Information security and privacy	SP	fall	8
Software security	SP	spring	8


  
 At least 4 courses (8 ECTS each) in 4 IC domains



# Specializations for the Master's program in Computer Science

Spécialisation M : FOUNDATIONS OF COMPUTING		163		
Advanced computer graphics		8		P
Advanced cryptography				
Advanced probability				
Algorithms II				
Computers and music				
Computational complexity				
Concurrent programming				
Cryptology				
Distributed systems				
Dynamic programming				
Formal verification				
Foundations of computing				
Foundations of machine learning				
Geometric computing				
Information theory				
Interactive machine learning				
Introduction to machine learning				
Learning in networks				
Markov decision processes				
Networks				
Statistical machine learning				
Student seminar				
Sublinear time algorithms				
Topics in machine learning				
Optimization				
Visual intelligence : machines and minds		6		P

Spécialisation L : COMPUTER SYSTEMS		133		
Advanced compiler construction		6		P
Advanced computer architecture		8		P
Advanced computer graphics		8		P
Computer architecture				
Computer vision		6		P
Data visualization				
Deep learning		8		P
Deep reinforcement learning		6		P
Digital education		8		P
Experience design		8	A	
Foundations of machine learning		8	A	
Formal verification		8	A	
Foundations of probabilistic proofs		6	A	
Information security and privacy		8	A	
Interactive theorem proving		8		P
Introduction to quantum cryptography		6	A	
Secure hardware design		6		P
Software security		8		P
Student seminar : security protocols and applications		3		P
Topics in software security		3	A	

Spécialisation K : AI & DATA SCIENCE		124		
AI product management		6	A	
Applied data analysis		8	A	
Computer vision		6		P

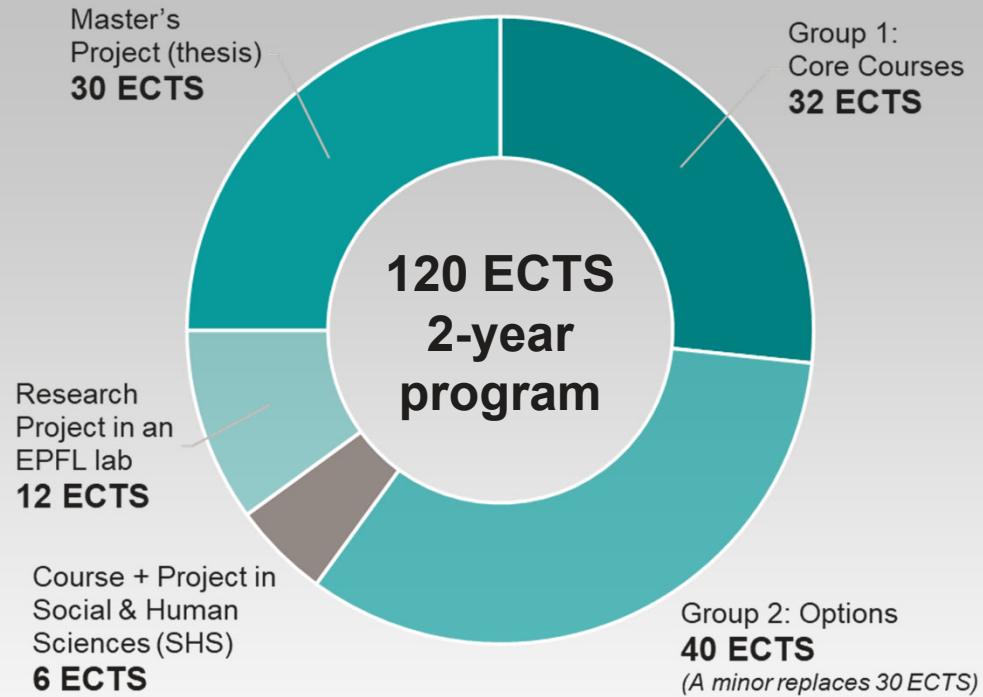
Spécialisation N : CYBER SECURITY		94		
Advanced computer architecture		8		P
Advanced cryptography		6		P
Advanced topics on privacy enhancing technologies		8		P
Cryptography and security		8	A	
Decentralized systems engineering		8	A	
Formal verification		8	A	
Foundations of probabilistic proofs		6	A	
Information security and privacy		8	A	
Interactive theorem proving		8		P
Introduction to quantum cryptography		6	A	
Secure hardware design		6		P
Software security		8		P
Student seminar : security protocols and applications		3		P
Topics in software security		3	A	

Four broad specializations (30 ECTS), from a list of Group 1 and/or Group 2 courses, to deepen your knowledge in your chosen discipline.

- **AI & Data Science:** learn how to build models over large datasets.
- **Computer Systems:** Learn how to create complex systems, e.g., code complex software or design hardware.
- **Foundations of Computing:** learn how to think deeply about theoretical problems.
- **Cyber Security:** learn how to find vulnerabilities in systems & protect them.

## Note:

- Students may choose either a **Specialization** OR a **Minor** - not possible to select both.
- Students may only register for and claim **one specialization** on their **Diploma Supplement**.



# Overview MSc in Data Science

# EPFL Master of Science in Data Science

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- **Data Science** is a field of computer science that applies scientific methods, algorithms, and technologies to extract insights from structured and unstructured data. It integrates disciplines such as **mathematics, computer science, and information theory** to analyze and interpret data effectively.
- The Master's in Data Science program focuses on **data analysis, machine learning, and statistical methods**, offering an interdisciplinary approach that combines these fields.
- Students develop expertise in **data-driven decision-making and mathematical modeling**, which are essential for industries like finance, healthcare, and technology.
- The curriculum includes **core data science courses** along with electives to deepen expertise in specific areas.
- Students may also pursue a **minor** in another discipline to complement their studies.
- This program equips graduates with the skills needed for careers as **data scientists, AI researchers, or professionals in data-driven industries**.



# Master of Science in DATA SCIENCE

- Core Courses (32 ECTS):
  - Students must pass at least **four core courses**, each worth **8 ECTS** (Group 1).
- Optional Courses (40 ECTS):
  - Chosen from the **MS DS study plan** (Group 2).

## Alternatives:

- **Minor (30 ECTS)** in another section or the Cyber Security Minor offered by the IN section.

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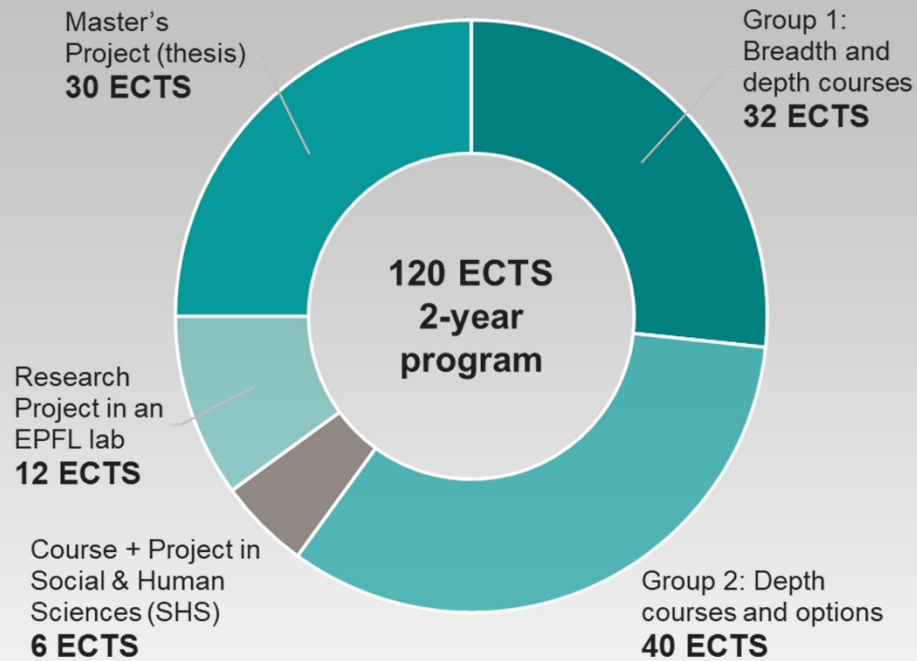
- **Max 15 ECTS** from courses outside the DS study plan.

This program is **focused on data science** and does **not** offer specialization tracks.

Group 1: Core courses (min. 32 credits)	Sem.	cr
<b>Algorithms II</b> <i>Algorithms, Complexity, Graph Theory, Optimization, Computational Efficiency</i>	fall	8
<b>Applied data analysis</b> <i>Data Cleaning, Visualization, Interpretation, Feature Engineering, Exploratory Analysis</i>	fall	8
<b>Foundations of data science</b> <i>Probability, Statistics, Inference, Bayesian Methods, Data Models</i>	fall	8
<b>Information Security and Privacy</b> <i>Cryptography, Cybersecurity, Data Protection, Encryption, Privacy-Preserving Technique</i>	fall	8
<b>Machine learning</b> <i>Supervised &amp; Unsupervised Learning, Neural Networks, Model Evaluation, Generalization</i>	fall	8
<b>Modern natural language processing</b> <i>Deep Learning, Text Processing, Transformers, Language Models, Sentiment Analysis</i>	spring	8
<b>Optimization for machine learning</b> <i>Gradient Descent, Convex Optimization, Regularization, Loss Functions, Convergence</i>	spring	8
<b>Systems for data mgmt. &amp; data science</b> <i>Databases, Big Data, Distributed Systems, Data Warehousing, Scalable Processing</i>	spring	8



**At least 4 courses (8 ECTS each)**



# Overview MSc in Computer Science - Cyber Security

# EPFL Master of Science in Computer Science – Cyber Security

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- Jointly offered by EPFL and ETHZ, this program provides access to courses, research, and expertise from both institutions, offering a comprehensive perspective on cyber security.
- The curriculum covers cryptography, formal methods, systems security, hardware, and network & wireless security. It integrates theoretical foundations with applied knowledge, preparing students to tackle security challenges in networks, cyber-physical systems, and emerging computing technologies.
- Students enrolled at EPFL must begin their first semester at EPFL.
- One semester must be spent at ETHZ, where students can take courses totaling 20–35 credits. During the exchange semester, students are enrolled at EPFL and ETHZ, but only pay tuition fees at EPFL.
- The program is specialized in cyber security, with no additional minors or specializations.

# EPFL Master of Science in Computer Science – Cyber Security

- The program follows the **same structure** as other IC Master's programs:
  - **Group 1:** Breadth & Depth Courses (32 ECTS)
  - **Group 2:** Depth & Optional Courses (40 ECTS)
- **Depth Requirement:**
  - To fulfill the **depth requirement**, at least **30 ECTS** must come from **security courses** (marked as "depth"). These courses can be taken at EPFL or ETHZ and may count for Group 1 or Group 2.
- **Research Project (12 ECTS) in Cyber Security:**
  - Can be completed at an **EPFL lab or ETHZ** during the exchange semester.
- **Master's Project in Cyber Security:**
  - Can be completed in **industry**. If the mandatory internship is met beforehand can also be done at **EPFL, ETHZ, or another university**.
  - Must be supervised by an **EPFL IC faculty member**.

Group 1: Breadth & Depth Courses (min 32 credits)		Sem.	cr
Advanced computer architecture		spring	8
Advanced networks		fall	8
Adv. topics in privacy enhancing tech.	depth	spring	8
Algorithms II		fall	8
Cryptography and security	depth	fall	8
Decentralized systems engineering	depth	fall	8
Distributed algorithms		fall	8
Information security and privacy	depth	fall	8
Interactive theorem proving	depth	spring	8
Machine learning		fall	8
Software security	depth	spring	8
Systems for data mgmt. & data science		spring	8
+ ETHZ courses counting as breadth			

Group 2: Depth & Optional Courses (min 40 credits)		Sem.	cr
Advanced cryptography	depth	spring	6
Formal verification	depth	fall	8
Foundations of probabilistic proofs	depth	fall	6
Introduction to quantum cryptography	depth	fall	6
Number theory II.c - Cryptography	depth	spring	5
Secure hardware security	depth	spring	6
Seminar: security protocols & apps.	depth	spring	3
Topics in software security (not given)	depth	spring	3
+ EPFL/ETHZ optional & ETHZ courses counting as depth			

## Notes:

- At least 30 ECTS of **"depth" security courses** must be taken at EPFL or ETHZ and may count for Group 1 or Group 2.
- **20-35 credits** must be completed at **ETHZ** during the exchange semester (this may include the 12-ECTS research project.)

# Minors



# Minors

- A minor consist of core or optional courses from another section.
- Equivalent to **30 ECTS**, replacing **30 ECTS in Group 2 (options)**.
- **IC Master's students** cannot enroll in IC minors (**IN, DS, Cyber**).
- Only exception: **Data Science students** who may take the **Cyber Security minor**.
- **Cyber Security students** cannot enroll in any minors.
- **Registration deadline:** Beginning of **2nd semester** of Master's cycle.
- Choose carefully – **dropping a minor may affect credit recuperation**.

## Some examples:

- Computational Biology
- Computational Science & Eng.
- Cyber Security (DS only)
- Digital Humanities, Media and Society
- Engineering for Sustainability
- Financial Engineering
- Imaging
- Management, Technology & Entrepreneurship
- Mathematics
- Neuro-X
- Quantum Science & Eng.
- *and many more ...*

## More information:

**[go.epfl.ch/IC-master-minors](https://go.epfl.ch/IC-master-minors)**

# Mandatory internship

# Industry Internships

[go.epfl.ch/IC-internships](https://go.epfl.ch/IC-internships)

- Mandatory for all EPFL MS students since 2010.
- Gain valuable work experience, develop and refines your skills.
- Explore a career path.
- Can be done in Switzerland or abroad.
- Internship models
  - **Short, 8 weeks** during the summer.
  - **Long, 6 months** during a semester.
  - Integrated with your **Master's Project** (26 weeks), at the end of the Master's cycle.

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INTERNSHIP OFFICE ASSISTANCE  
 MORE THAN 5'000 CONTACTS  
 APPROXIMATELY 1'000 INTERNSHIP PROPOSALS PER YEAR

INTERNSHIP OF 8 WEEKS DURING THE SUMMER  
 INTERNSHIP OF 6 MONTHS DURING THE SEMESTER  
 MASTER'S PROJECT IN A COMPANY

Every year, more than 300 students do an internship or a master's project in a company in Switzerland or abroad



## INDUSTRY INTERNSHIPS

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GOOGLE, SWITZERLAND & USA  
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 SWISSCOM DIGITAL LAB, SWITZERLAND  
 IBM RESEARCH LAB, SWITZERLAND  
 LOGITECH, SWITZERLAND  
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 AMAZON, IRELAND, SPAIN  
 MICROSOFT, USA & EUROPE  
 DATHENA SCIENCE PTE LTD, SINGAPORE

# Internships: Host testimonials

"Since we started hosting several interns as part of the EPFL internship program, we have been pleased with these students' hard work and contributions. I always enjoy interacting with these bright young students. We look for unique views these interns can bring. I hope they see IBM Research as a very exciting place to work."

*Giovanni Pacifici, IBM T.J. Watson*

"EPFL has been doing an excellent job at providing us the best internship candidates for our needs. Everything from selecting the candidates to managing administrative issues has been handled smoothly and efficiently, allowing us to focus on the students and the work to be done."

*Stein Lundby, Qualcomm Inc.*

# Considering a PhD after your Master's ... plan ahead!

- An **industry internship is mandatory** for all EPFL MS students enrolled in academic programs culminating in the title of engineer.
- Internships must be **completed in a company or, at the very least, a non-academic organization** (e.g., INRIA, CERN , IBM Research, Max Planck Institute).
- Internships at **universities or educational institutions are strictly prohibited**.
- If you plan to pursue a PhD, we recommend:
  1. Completing an industry internship (8-week summer or 6-month semester) **during your Master's cycle**.
  2. Carrying out your **Master's project at the end of your Master's cycle** in a lab at EPFL or another university in Switzerland or abroad.



# EPFL Life after EPFL

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## COMPUTER SCIENCE

What I liked the most was everyone's commitment, the experience of being there with all these motivated people.

*Acacio Da Silva Martins*  
*Senior Software Engineer, AdNovum*



## DATA SCIENCE

I feel like I have a tailored, personalized master's degree with exactly the courses I wanted. It's the dream scenario.

*Emma Lejal Glaude*  
*Data, Analytics and AI Engineer, Swisscom*



## CYBER SECURITY

The teaching team is really great, it's so motivating to be working alongside the very best and life on campus is excellent. There is some much to do!

*Mathilde Aliénor Raynal*  
*PhD student, EPFL Doctoral program in computer and communication sciences*



**Admission**

# For IC BS students: Choice of Master's program in IC (IN, DS, or Cyber)

- Upon successful completion of your Bachelor, you are **directly admitted** to a Master's program in IC. External students have to pass through a highly selective application process.
- You can continue your studies in one of the **three consecutive IC Master's programs**: IN, Cyber, or DS. The choice is made via the FRAC (Academic Registration Form).
- For holders of a Bachelor SC, the **Master Neuro-X** is consecutive. Registration is done via the FRAC. For Bachelor IN students, an application is required.
- For the **Quantum Science and Engineering** Master's degree, an application is required.
- Deadline for change of Master's degree in IC (e.g. IN -> DS, Cyber -> IN): end of 1st semester of Master's studies. In this case, please contact the Section.
- It is possible to take a gap year between the Bachelor's and Master's degrees, and re-enrol in one of our consecutive Master's degrees, if other studies have not been undertaken.

# For BS students from other sections: Admission bachelor courses

- If you are thinking of changing your field of study, prepare by taking these BS courses **during your bachelor**.
- **Admission is very competitive and selective.**

## ▪ For Computer Science

- Software Construction, 8 cr, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, fall
- Algorithms I, 8 cr, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, spring
- Computer systems, 8 cr, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, spring

## ▪ For Cyber Security

- Software Construction, 8 cr, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, fall
- Computer Systems, 8 cr, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, spring
- Computer Security and Privacy, 6 cr, 3<sup>rd</sup> year, fall
- Algebra, 4 cr, 3<sup>rd</sup> year, fall (except for MA, PH, & CH)

## ▪ For Data Science

- Software construction, 8 cr, 2nd year, fall
- Algorithms I, 8 cr, 2nd year, spring
- Data-Intensive Systems, 6 cr, 3rd year, spring
- Prob Stats, 6 cr, 2nd year, fall (only external EPFL candidates)

# BS students from other sections: What happens if I do not take the admission courses during my bachelor?

- Should you be admitted, your admission to the Master's program will be conditional on acquiring the additional credits.
- Priority must be given to acquiring these credits during your first-year of study.
- The credits will not count towards your Master's degree.
- You may take Master's courses in parallel with your admission conditions, but it will be your responsibility to deal with schedule overlaps, etc.
- Admission conditions are non-negotiable and cannot be modified.
- **It's best to take these courses during your Bachelor, if possible.**



# EPFL BS students from other sections: How to apply?

[go.epfl.ch/master-application](https://go.epfl.ch/master-application)

Application deadline:

➤ March 31, 2025

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Admission to the IC Master's programs (IN, DS, Cyber) is **highly competitive**. There is no automatic acceptance; an admissions committee evaluates each application and makes the final decision.

## Key criteria include:

- An excellent GPA in the first two years of your Bachelor's studies.
- An excellent GPA in core mathematics courses, including Linear Algebra, Calculus (Analysis), Probability & Statistics, etc.
- An excellent GPA in courses related to IC Master's programs, including ICC, Programming, or IC BS admission courses.
- A well-written **Statement of Purpose** (not with ChatGPT!), that clearly states your motivation and highlights any relevant projects, internships, skills, or any other elements that indicate your potential to succeed in your target field of study.

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