

# Master of Computer Science

These Program Rules should be read in conjunction with the University's policies (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies>).

## 1 Duration of program

Except with the permission of the Faculty, the Master of Computer Science shall be completed in a minimum of four semesters or a maximum of sixteen semesters.

## 2 Admission

2.1 The Faculty may accept as a candidate for the degree any person who has completed one of the following at the University of Adelaide:

- Graduate Diploma in Computer Science
- Bachelor degree that includes a major in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Systems Engineering)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Software Engineering)

2.2 The Faculty may accept as a candidate for the degree any person who has completed studies at another institution where those studies are accepted by the University as equivalent to studies specified in 2.1 above.

2.3 The Faculty may, in exceptional circumstances and subject to such conditions (if any) as it may see fit to impose in each case, accept as a candidate for the degree a person who does not qualify under 2.1, but who has given evidence satisfactory to the Faculty of fitness to undertake work for the degree.

## 3 Assessment and examination

3.1 Academic progress

If in the opinion of the Faculty a candidate for the degree is not making satisfactory progress, the Faculty may, with the consent of the Council, terminate the candidature and the candidate shall cease to be enrolled for the degree.

## 4 Qualification requirements

4.1 To qualify for the degree a candidate shall:

- a satisfy examiners in courses of study as prescribed in the Academic Program Rules
  - b comply with conditions as prescribed in the Academic Program Rules
- and*
- c present a satisfactory written report and public presentations on a supervised project on a course approved by the School of Computer Science.

4.2 Academic program

4.2.1 A candidate for the degree shall complete satisfactorily a total of at least 48 units.

4.2.2 A candidate for the degree shall regularly attend lectures and tutorials, do such written and practical work as may be prescribed, and pass examinations in at least 33 units of non-project courses offered by the School of Computer Science at the Honours or Masters level. Other courses may be included, subject to the approval of the Faculty.

- a The courses presented must include:
  - COMP SCI 7007 Specialised Programming..... 3
  - COMP SCI 7095A Master of Computer Science Research Project..... 6

The requirements of this clause may be waived by the Head of School on a case-by-case basis.

- b Courses listed in clause 4.1.1 of the Academic Program Rules for the Graduate Diploma in Computer Science may not be presented.
- c A maximum of 12 units of courses listed in clause 4.1.2 of the Academic Program Rules for the Graduate Diploma in Computer Science may be presented for the degree.

4.2.3 The Faculty may grant status of up to the value of 24 units for relevant studies undertaken within an Honours or Masters degree at the University of Adelaide, or within an equivalent degree of another tertiary institution. These candidates will still need to present a minimum of 24 units towards the Master of Computer Science that have not been presented for any other degree.

4.3 Unacceptable combination of courses

Subject to 4.2.3 no candidate will be permitted to count towards the degree any course, that in the opinion of the Faculty contains substantially the same material as any other course that the candidate has presented towards another degree; and no course or portion of a course may be counted twice

towards an award. However, candidates will, on written application to the Faculty, be granted permission to substitute courses listed in 4.2.2 above with electives.

#### 4.4 Graduation

Subject to Chapter 89 of the Statutes, candidates who have satisfied the requirements for any award of the University shall be admitted to that award.

### 5 **Special circumstances**

When in the opinion of the relevant Faculty special circumstances exist, the Council, on the recommendation of the Faculty in each case, may vary any of the provisions of the Academic Program Rules for any particular award.