Programme syllabus

An accessible version of the syllabus can be found in the Course and programme directory.

Master's Programme, Computer Simulations for Science and Engineering 120 credits

Masterprogram, datorsimuleringar inom teknik och naturvetenskap

Valid for students admitted to the education from autumn 21 (HT - Autumn term; VT - Spring term).

This is a translation of the Swedish, legally binding, programme syllabus.

Programme objectives

This master's programme (COSSE) is given in cooperation by three European universities: Royal Institute of Technology, KTH (Sweden), Delft University of Technology, TUD (Netherlands), and Technische Universität Berlin, TUB (Germany).

The main objective of COSSE is to train students in Computational Science and Engineering (CSE) and to prepare them for international research and development employment in academy, industry, and services sector.

A student of this two-years programme studies during the first year at one of the three universities, normally TU Berlin and then continues his/her studies at another university in a different country.
The COSSE programme offers a number of specialisations within the spearhead competencies of each partner university. A student chooses his/her specialisation during the second semester and continues with courses and the degree project at the other university in this specialisation.

A Master of Science in Applied and Computational Mathematics shall:

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in Computational Science and Engineering, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge within the selected area of specialisation as well as insight into current research and development work,
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in Computational Science and Engineering, including techniques for mathematical modeling, simulation and analysis.

Skills and abilities

- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information,
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work,
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to clearly report and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences,
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity,
- independently apply mathematical theories, methods, and models,
- formulate mathematical models, choose suitable methods to investigate those models and construct software for high performance computers of different architectures.

Ability to make judgements and adopt a standpoint

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in Computational Science and Engineering informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work,
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used,
• critically judge the validity and limitations of results obtained from different types of mathematical models,

• demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

**Extent and content of the programme**

The COSSE programme is a two-year (120 ECTS credits) master program on the advanced level (second cycle). The instruction language is English. Language courses may be given in Swedish, German or Dutch.

The COSSE master's programme includes compulsory mobility for the students. The programme includes three semesters of courses followed by the fourth research semester spent on the Master's Thesis (30 ECTS) under the supervision of both degree-awarding universities. The joint supervision of the thesis work includes the possibility that the topic is selected according to specializations offered by the degree-awarding universities individually.

As a general rule, students will be admitted to TU Berlin for the 1st year, for course work amounting to at least 60 ECTS as outlined in Annex 2. Upon request, students may enter KTH or TU Delft for their 1st year of studies (course work amounting to at least 60 ECTS as outlined in Annex 1), if approved by the Programme Advisory Group (PAG) and endorsed by the said university. Admission for the 2nd year can in this case be either TU Berlin or KTH/TU Delft as approved by PAG and endorsed by the university being responsible for admitting the student to the 2nd year.

The second year university offers course work (at least 30 ECTS) and supervision of the Master's thesis (30 ECTS) as outlined in Annex 2. This includes a choice of a specialization at the chosen university:

- **KTH**: Biocomputing, bioinformatics, machine learning, computational fluid dynamics, numerical linear algebra, computational physics, numerical analysis;
- **TU Delft**: computational fluid dynamics, numerical linear algebra, high-performance computing, data assimilation
- **TU Berlin**: Optimal Control, Control Theory, Numerical Linear Algebra, Numerical Analysis

A student may select a specialization different from the proposals above after a separate application and subsequent approval by the programme director.

**Eligibility and selection**

**General eligibility requirements**
• A completed Bachelor's degree, corresponding to a Swedish Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS), or equivalent academic qualifications from an internationally recognised university. Students in their final year of undergraduate education may also apply to KTH and if qualified, receive a conditional acceptance.

• English language proficiency equivalent to (the Swedish upper secondary school) English course B/6. There are different ways to fulfill the English language requirements, see: www.kth.se

Specific admission requirements:

The Bachelor degree must be from a university listed in the latest distribution of the International handbook of universities https://www.whed.net/home.php

The applicant should have a background in mathematics, computer science and numerical analysis. The applicant should have taken the following subjects: vector calculus, ordinary differential equations, stochastics and statistics. In addition, basic knowledge of partial differential equations and basic experience of a higher programming language are required.

Selection process

The selection is based on the collected evaluation of the following: university, contents of the degree(s), study success, personal letter, and knowledge in the English language.

The evaluation scale is 1-75.

The applicant may get a lower evaluation score if a filled-in programme-specific summary sheet is missing from the application documents.

Implementation of the education

Structure of the education

The first year of the COSSE programme is carried out at one university and is devoted to the compulsory core courses and the preparation courses for the specialization that the student chooses. The choice of specialization is done at latest after the first year when moving to the second university.

The second year is carried out at a different university than the first. The studies comprise specialization courses, elective courses and a degree project.

The academic year at KTH is divided into four periods. Each period lasts approximately seven weeks with at least 33 days of study. Each period is followed by an exam period. In addition to the four regular exam periods, there are four additional re-examination periods: before Christmas, in March/April, after May and immediately preceding the first study period of the academic year.

The academic year lasts for a duration of 40 weeks.
Teaching activities may, if necessary, be scheduled outside the academic year.

Courses

The programme is course-based. Lists of courses are included in appendix 1.

For KTH courses the course goals, prerequisites, contents and examination requirements are found in the course syllabus in the Course and programme directory on the KTH student web. For each study year of the programme there is a course list.

The compulsory core courses correspond to ca 45 ECTS credits, specialization courses ca30 ECTS credits and elective courses ca 15 ECTS credits. The total sum must be at least 90 ECTS credits.

Courses are examined in many ways, for example by home assignments that are presented either using oral presentations or written reports, computer assignments, project work or traditional written exams.

Grading system

Courses in the first and the second cycle are graded on a scale from A to F. A-E are passing grades, A is the highest grade. The grades pass (P) and fail (F) are used for courses under certain circumstances.

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Conditions for participation in the programme

The student is required to make a course selection for the coming semester. This must be done according to the rules of the university where the studies will be carried out. The student is responsible for having the recommended prerequisites. In a few courses, the number of places is limited and selection, for the students who applied in time, is done according to merits such as grades and credits. The selection is done at the course-giving university.

For students starting their education from the autumn semester 2018, previous promotion requirements have been replaced with special admission requirements to each course. Admission requirements are specified in the course syllabus.

For each course, the student shall, at the start of course, register for the course according to the rules of the university giving the course.

Promotion to second year

In order to be promoted to the second study year, the student must have completed at least 45 ECTS credits from study year one and have chosen a specialization for study year 2.
Recognition of previous academic studies

Under certain circumstances, and in agreement with the programme director, credits for previous studies can be received according to the local policy of KTH.

Studies abroad

Study year 1 is taken at the home university in one country and study year 2 at the host university in another country that is a member of the cooperation.

Degree project

Students within the COSSE programme must complete an individual degree project which corresponds to 30 ECTS credits. In order to start the degree project, at least 60 ECTS credits of the total number of course credits must be completed, where 10 ECTS credits are from the student’s specialization. The goal with the degree project is that the student shall show the ability to independently carry out a degree project by using the knowledge and abilities acquired throughout the programme. The degree project is carried out at the university responsible for the student’s second year and is supervised by teachers from both universities.

It is the responsibility of the student to find a suitable project task.

More information about the rules for degree projects at KTH can be found at www.kth.se

The degree project is graded according to the A-F grading scale.

Degree

A Degree of Master of Science is obtained after completing the degree programme.

Passing grades in all courses which are included in the student’s study plan are required. The study plan must comprise 120 higher education credits which include a degree project consisting of 30 higher education credits.

KTH’s local degree ordinance can be found at KTH’s website, www.kth.se.

In order for a COSSE student to receive double degrees from both universities, all courses in the individual study plan must be passed and the degree project must be deemed as passed by both the home and host university.

For COSSE students who have studied one of the two years at KTH, it is required that the student has fulfilled the degree ordinance and has completed courses comprising 60 ECTS credits at KTH. The degree project, carried out at the host university, must correspond to 30 ECTS credits.
COSSE students who fulfil all requirements are awarded the Degree of Master of Science (two years).

**Application for degree certificate**

When the studies at KTH are completed a degree certificate can be applied for. Application is done by the “personal menu” at www.kth.se

Appendix 1 - Course list
Appendix 2 - Programme syllabus descriptions
### Appendix 1: Course list

Master's Programme, Computer Simulations for Science and Engineering (TDTNM)

#### General courses

**Year 1**

#### Mandatory courses (45.0 Credits)

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<td>Computational Methods for Stochastic Differential Equations and Machine Learning</td>
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<td>SF2822</td>
<td>Applied Nonlinear Optimization</td>
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Supplementary information

The programme is given in cooperation with KTH, TU Delft and TU Berlin.

Conditionally elective course shall be chosen after agreement with the director of the programme. In the first study year, out of the conditionally elective courses, 2 must be selected. In the second study year, 4 courses out of the conditionally elective courses must be selected.

Year 2

Mandatory courses (30.0 Credits)

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<td>Molecular Modeling</td>
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Appendix 2: Specialisations

Master's Programme, Computer Simulations for Science and Engineering (TDTNM)

This programme has no specialisations.