Programme syllabus

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

Master's Programme, Security and Mobile Computing
120 credits

Masterprogram, säker och mobil kommunikation

Valid for students admitted to the education from autumn 10 (HT - Autumn term; VT - Spring term).

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

Programme objectives

Study programme established by the board of the School of ICT 2008-03-07, revised 2008-12-04
Valid for students admitted to the education from fall term 09 (HT 2009)

Current list of courses in appendix 1. The program is organized by a consortium of five European universities in five different countries, where KTH is one of the partners in the consortium. The students spend the first year in one country and the second year in one of the other four countries. After completing the two years, the students are awarded double degrees from the two universities they attended. The name of the program used by the consortium is NordSecMob - Master's Programme in Security and Mobile Computing. The conditions for the education and the requirements for a double degree are determined in a consortium agreement between the vice-chancellors of the universities in the consortium. The KTH part of this program is closely related to the Master’s programme in Communication Systems at KTH, and most of the courses are common among the programmes.
Knowledge and understanding

For a Master’s degree in Security and Mobile Computing the student shall:
- show knowledge and understanding in the area of Security and Mobile Computing, comprising a wide knowledge of the area as well as more profound knowledge of some parts of the area, and insight into current research and development work, and
- show in-depth knowledge about methodology in Security and Mobile Computing

Skills and abilities

For a Master’s degree in Security and Mobile Computing the student shall:
- show ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyze, evaluate and handle complex occurrences, issues and situations even with limited information
- show ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate issues, to plan and with adequate methods perform qualified tasks within given time limits and thereby contribute to the evolution of knowledge as well as assess the work
- show ability, in domestic and international venues, to orally and in writing present and discuss conclusions and the knowledge and the arguments on which these are based, in dialogue with different groups, and
- show such skills which are required for participation in research and development work or in other independent work of a qualified nature.

Ability to make judgements and adopt a standpoint

For a Master’s degree in Security and Mobile Computing the student shall:
- show ability to make assessments taking into account relevant scientific, societal and ethic aspects as well as show awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- show insight into the possibilities and limitations of science, its role in society and the responsibility of humans for its use,
- show ability to identify her/his need for additional knowledge and take responsibility for the development of his/her own knowledge. See local degree policy of the Royal Institute of Technology
Extent and content of the programme

The educational program comprises two years, and a Master’s degree is awarded after completion of the course requirements of 120 hp. The education is on the advanced level (second cycle). All students follow the same line of study. The language of the entire education is English.

Eligibility and selection

The basic requirement for admission to a Master’s program at advanced level is a national university degree at basic level (first cycle) of at least 180 hp or an equivalent international degree. The admission criteria to the programme is a high quality Bachelor's degree encompassing a minimum of 180 ECTS credits in Engineering (Computer Science or Information technology) or equivalent studies, i.e., must be a degree of at least three years of full-time studies. The applicants should have solid knowledge of mathematics (discrete mathematics), programming skills, data structures and algorithms, computer architecture and basics of computer networks. In addition, a basic knowledge of the following subject areas will be an advantage: databases and database management, principles of theoretical computer science, logic in computer science, software engineering, operating systems, and concurrent programming.

A good knowledge of English, equivalent to Eng B.

The admission of students in the Master’s program in Security and Mobile Computing follows an evaluation of merits based mainly on the applicant’s knowledge, previous education, the university where the studies have been performed, especially meriting previous subjects, study motivation, and references. The knowledge of the applicant is given preference in this evaluation. Eligible applicants are ranked according to the evaluation and admission is granted according to the number available positions determined for the program. See local admission policy of the Royal Institute of Technology.

Implementation of the education

Structure of the education

The programme consists of two academic years, each comprising about 9 months and divided into two terms with two study periods per term. Each study period ends in an examination period.

The programme has 45 credits compulsory courses, a 30 credits Master’s thesis and 45 credits conditionally elective courses. Compulsory courses cover Internetworking, Network Security, Communication systems and Research Methodology. Three blocks of elective courses are: in Internetworking, in Wireless systems and in Entrepreneurship. It is mandatory to choose one project oriented course in the elective part. The Master’s thesis project is typically carried out in the last term.
Courses

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

The education is organized in courses. The courses are either compulsory or conditionally elective. After application, students may be allowed to take extra courses in addition to the compulsory or conditionally elective courses.

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.

At KTH a grading scale with seven levels A-F is used for final grades in advanced level courses and for the thesis. A-E are passing grades where A is the highest grade.

The grades pass (P) and fail (F) are for partial grades in some courses, for example for laboratory assignments, and as final grades in small conditionally elective courses.

Conditions for participation in the programme

Each student who has been admitted to the Master’s program in Security and Mobile Computing is admitted to the compulsory courses belonging to a specific program term after registration on this term. Conditionally elective courses are chosen by the student prior to the second term of the first year and prior to each of the two terms of the second year. The choice is limited to the courses stated as conditionally elective in the course list. Students who are term-registered are considered as expected students in all compulsory courses and in chosen elective courses. Students announce their participation in an individual course to the teacher responsible for the course in the beginning of the course. Students announce possible interruptions in their studies to the teacher responsible for the course.

The condition for promotion to the second year is completion of 45 hp in the first year.

The condition for starting the Master’s thesis project is 60 hp.

Recognition of previous academic studies

See policy of the Royal Institute of Technology
Studies abroad

All students study in two different countries during the programme, following the directions for mobility in Erasmus Mundus from the European commission.

Degree project

To be awarded a Master’s degree in Security and Mobile Computing the student must, within the course requirements, have fulfilled an independent work (the master’s thesis project) of at least 30 hp in Security and Mobile Computing. The subject for the thesis project may be chosen by the student to be performed at KTH, at other universities, or in industry. A student who has been promoted to the second year may apply to start a thesis project. The thesis is graded on the scale A-F according to the guidelines (criteria: technical content, process and presentation) determined by KTH and by the School of ICT. See policy of the Royal Institute of Technology

Degree

The Master’s degree is obtained after completion of the courses and the thesis with a total of at least 120 hp. The degree is "Teknologie masterexamen", translated into English as "Degree of Master of Science (two years)". The degree is awarded after application from the student. See policy of the Royal Institute of Technology

Appendix 1 - Course list
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Appendix 1: Course list

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General courses

Year 1

Mandatory courses (30.0 Credits)

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<td>Internet Security and Privacy</td>
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<td>Data Links and Local Area Networks</td>
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<td>IP Routing in Simple Computer Networks</td>
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<td>Telecom Policies and Regulatory Principles</td>
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<td>Wireless and Mobile Network Architectures</td>
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## Conditionally elective courses

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<td>Practical Voice Over IP (VoIP)</td>
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Appendix 2: Specialisations

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This programme has no specialisations.