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# Master's degree



## Computer Science (MSc)

Saarland University • Saarbrücken

### Overview

Degree	Master of Science (MSc)
In cooperation with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Max Planck Institute for Informatics</li><li>• Max Planck Institute for Software Systems</li><li>• German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI)</li><li>• Center for Bioinformatics</li><li>• CISPA – Helmholtz Center for Information Security</li></ul>
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English</li></ul>
Languages	All courses and seminars are taught in English.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	International applications are very welcome. Application deadlines are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For any winter semester starting in October: 15 May</li><li>• For any summer semester starting in April: 15 November</li></ul>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The Department of Computer Science is one of the best computer science departments in Germany (CHE ranking) and part of the Saarland Informatics Campus (SIC).</p> <p>During the first three semesters, students choose lectures and seminars (90 credit points). They can choose courses (core lectures, advanced lectures, and seminars) in their own fields of specialisation. During the fourth semester, every student has to write a thesis (30 credit points).</p> <p>We have a unique research environment at the university and the associated institutes: international teams of professors, postgraduates and students collaborate on various fields of research that cover a broad range of subject areas, with particular strengths in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• artificial intelligence</li><li>• computational biology</li></ul>

- computational linguistics
- computer graphics
- algorithms and data structures
- computer networks
- image processing and computer vision
- information and database systems
- logic
- programming languages
- computer architecture
- security

Several research groups are among the best in the world in their fields.

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## Course Details

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**Course organisation** Students are free to choose courses according to their preferences. There is no fixed timetable for courses. Part-time studies are possible.

**A Diploma supplement will be issued** Yes

**International elements**

- Language training provided
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International guest lecturers

**Integrated internships** Internships are possible, but they are not compulsory.

**Special promotion / funding of the programme**

- Other (e.g. state level)

**Course-specific, integrated German language courses** Yes

**Course-specific, integrated English language courses** No

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## Costs / Funding

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**Tuition fees per semester in EUR** None

**Semester contribution** Students have to pay an administrative fee of 280 EUR per semester only. This includes a pass for free public transport throughout the state of Saarland, payment of premiums for insurance coverage and access to university facilities. This entitles students to eat at the university canteens at reduced prices.

**Costs of living** There are no tuition fees, and the cost of living in this smaller city with a vibrant cultural scene is moderate.

You need about 900 EUR per month to cover personal expenses (including accommodation).

<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	Yes
<b>Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university</b>	Local and national scholarship programmes are available, for example, the "Deutschlandstipendium".

## Requirements / Registration

<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	Bachelor's degree in computer science or a related field, with a grade of at least 75%; completed online application form including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CV</li><li>• Statement of purpose</li><li>• Complete transcripts of records</li><li>• Two references from professors or employers</li><li>• English language certificate</li><li>• GRE highly recommended but not mandatory</li></ul>
<b>Language requirements</b>	English proficiency at level C1 is essential. Standardised test results (TOEFL, IELTS or CPE) are required. Exceptions are only made for native speakers from Australia, Ireland, Canada, New Zealand, the UK, and the USA and those who hold a degree from a university in these countries.
<b>Application deadline</b>	International applications are very welcome. Application deadlines are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For any winter semester starting in October: 15 May</li><li>• For any summer semester starting in April: 15 November</li></ul>
<b>Submit application to</b>	Upload your application via the application system of the university: <a href="https://saarland-informatics-campus.de/en/studium-studies/master-english/application-guide/">https://saarland-informatics-campus.de/en/studium-studies/master-english/application-guide/</a> <a href="https://apply.cs.uni-saarland.de">https://apply.cs.uni-saarland.de</a>

## Services

<b>Possibility of finding part-time employment</b>	Jobs as tutors and research assistants are available in the department and cooperating institutes each semester. Openings are posted on bulletin boards and on our websites.  Check out also the career portal of Saarland University: <a href="https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/institution/career-center.html">https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/institution/career-center.html</a> .  Also check out the welcome centre's guide for general information on working in Germany: <a href="https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/global/welcome-center/living-working">https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/global/welcome-center/living-working</a> .
<b>Accommodation</b>	You can choose between student accommodation or private housing in the city centre, for example. More information on accommodation in Saarbruecken can be found here: <a href="https://www.uni-">https://www.uni-</a>

**Support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Help with finding accommodation
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
- Support with registration procedures

**General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates**

The International Office provides support in finding accommodation and registering with university and resident authorities and organises social and intercultural tutoring.

Saarland University offers a special support and guidance service for our international students and visiting scholars. Aside from welcoming new foreign students to the university, we organise excursions and cultural events where students and scholars from abroad can meet German students and colleagues. We also provide support in dealing with official and administrative matters. To encourage interaction between German and international students, the international office also runs a successful peer mentoring programme called "you and me".

Supervisor-student ratio 1:4

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🌐 Course website: <https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/study/programmes/master/informatics.html>

📘 <https://www.facebook.com/sic.informatik.saarland/>

🐦 [https://twitter.com/sic\\_saar](https://twitter.com/sic_saar)

🌐 <https://www.linkedin.com/company/saarland-informatics-campus>

📷 [https://www.instagram.com/saarland\\_informatics\\_campus/](https://www.instagram.com/saarland_informatics_campus/)

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