

MSc in Cyber Security

Tuesday, 31 October 2023

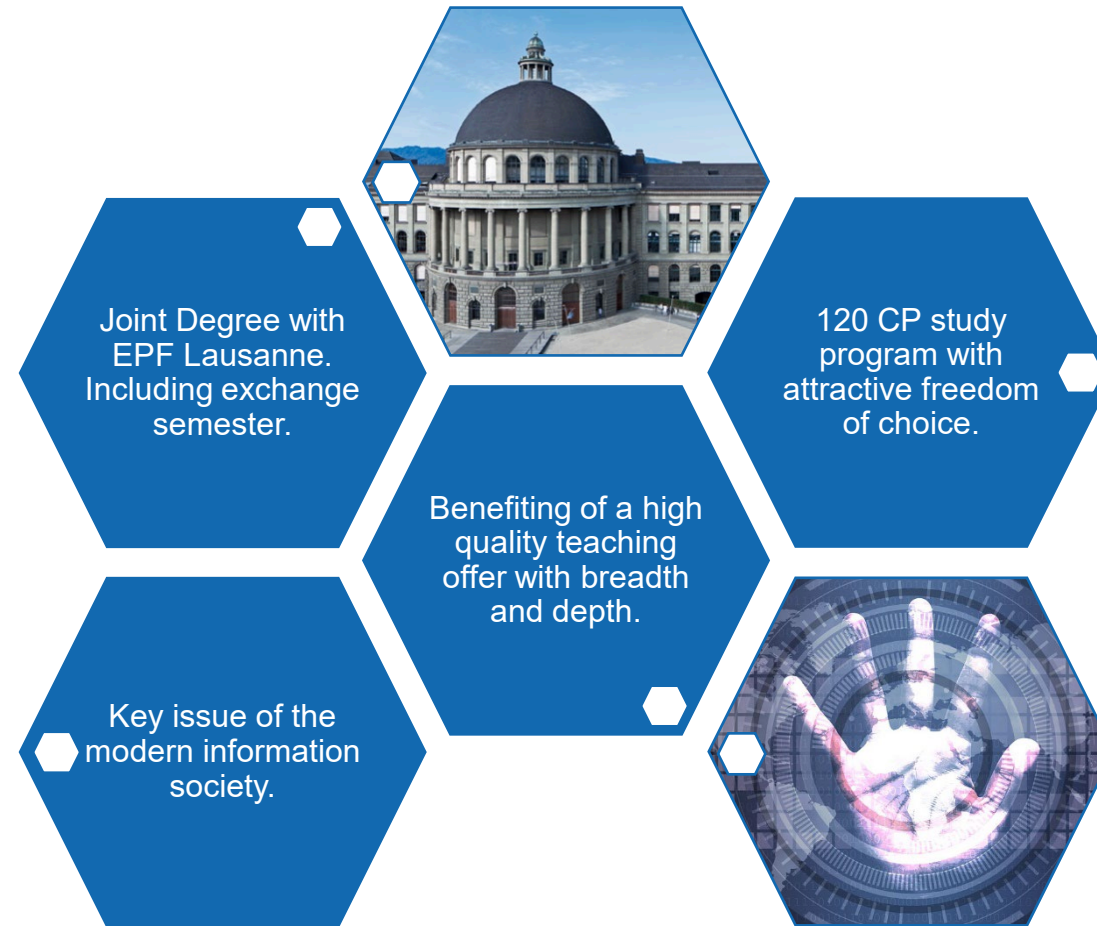
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Information: Joint Degree Master's programme Cyber Security ETHZ / EPFL

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Why Cyber Security



www.inf.ethz.ch/master-cybsec

Agenda

- Design Principles
- Structure Master's Programme Cyber Security
- Course Catalogue
- Semester in Lausanne
- Eligibility

Design Principles

- Solid and sound knowledge in
 - Information Security
 - System Security
 - Network Security
 - Cryptography
- Knowledge of the theories and the formal methods
- Competence of applying knowledge and skills in practical projects
- Analytical thinking, self-organization, scientific working

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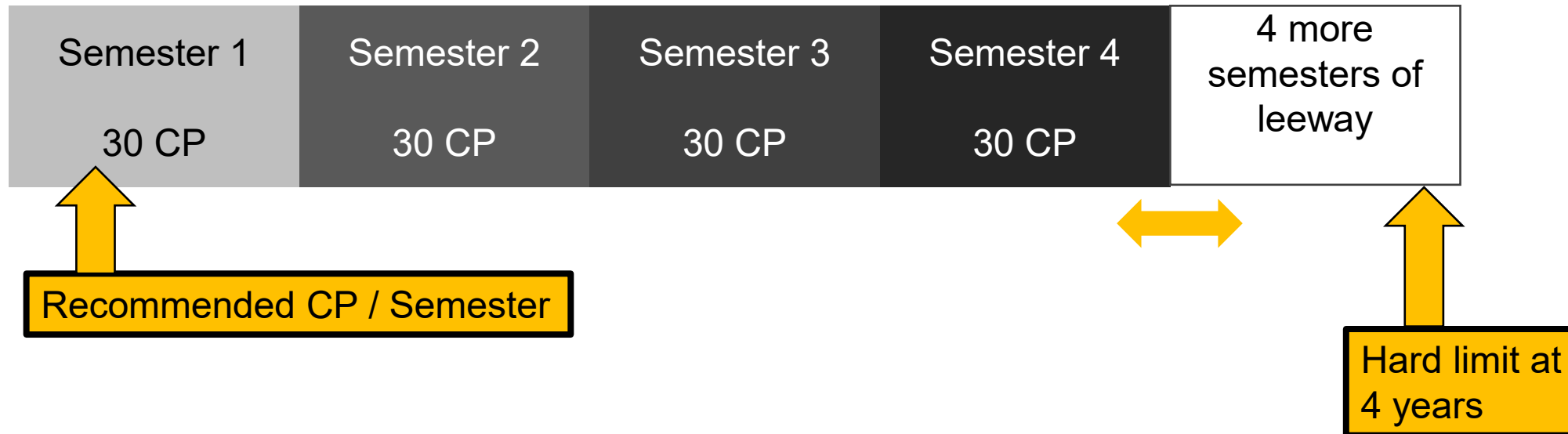
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Programme

Master ETHZ – EPFL in Computer Science Major in Cyber Security	120
Core Courses and Electives in Cyber Security	28
Core Courses	16
Core Electives	
Seminar	2
Core Courses and Electives in a Minor	18
Core Courses	8
Core Electives	
Inter Focus Courses	16
Semester Project	12
Free Electives	
Science in Perspective	2
Master's Thesis	30

120 Credit Points

The Master's programme is designed to be completed within 4 semesters. The overall study duration must not exceed 8 semesters. The last semester focuses completely on the Master's thesis.



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- High level of competence
- Provide essential knowledge in Cyber Security

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Core Courses
Core Electives

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The Minor is mandatory and has to be chosen from one of the following specialization tracks:

- Data Management Systems
- Machine Intelligence
- Visual and Interactive Computing
- Theoretical Computer Science

See <https://inf.ethz.ch/studies/master/master-cs-2020.html>

for each of above (not allowed to pick Secure and Reliable Systems)

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- Cover all topics in computer science
- Teach algorithmic reasoning
- Methods of advanced system design

Interfocus Courses

Two out of four have to be taken:

- Algorithms Lab, AS
- Information Security Lab, AS
- Advanced Systems Lab, SS
- Computational Intelligence Lab, SS

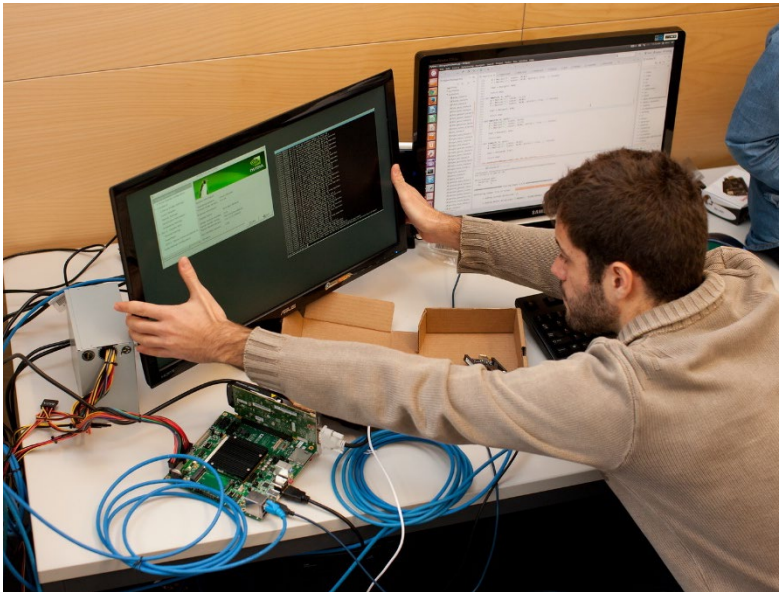
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- Apply acquired knowledge and skills
- Solve independently a technical-scientific problem

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Free Electives

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- Courses offered by ETH, UZH, EPFL
- Master's level
- In the area of computer science or a closely related field

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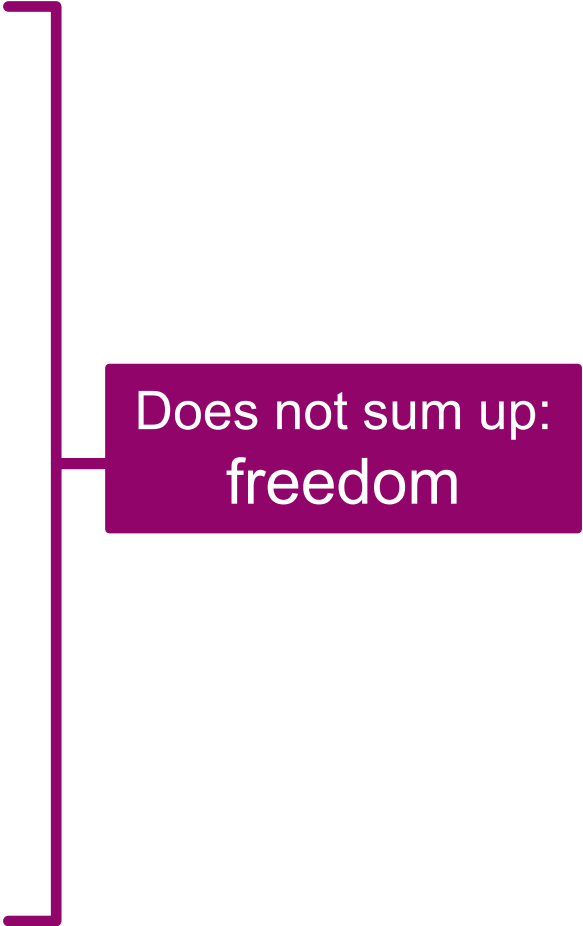


- Courses offered by the department D-GESS
- 851-xxxx-xx language courses
(≤ 3 credits including ETH BSc)

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Core Courses and Electives Cyber Security

Tentative Course List

Major in Cyber Security				
CORE COURSES				
252-0463-00L	Security Engineering	autumn	7	
252-1414-00L	System Security	autumn	7	
263-4640-00L	Network Security	autumn	8	
263-4660-00L	Applied Cryptography	spring	8	
CORE ELECTIVES				
227-0575-00L	Advanced Topics in Communication Networks	autumn	6	
227-0579-00L	Hardware Security	autumn	7	
252-0811-00L	Applied Security Laboratory	autumn	8	
252-1411-00L	Security of Wireless Networks	autumn	6	
263-4657-00L	Advanced Encryption Schemes	autumn	5	
263-4665-00L	Zero-Knowledge Proofs	autumn	5	
252-0408-00L	Cryptographic Protocols	spring	6	
263-2925-00L	Program Analysis for System Security and Reliability	spring	7	

The Professorial Team



- 6 faculty members, 3 associated members (Ueli Maurer, Dennis Hofheinz, Kaveh Razavi). Other faculty members working in S&P: M. Vechev, L. Vanbever, O. Mutlu, ...
- 70+ PhD/postdoctoral researchers
- ETH global ranking #4 in Computer Science (THE World University Rankings 2023)
- ZISC: Zurich Information Security Center
- **We pursue big challenges with the goal to positively affect the world.**

Previous Thesis Topics

- Adaptive Online Monitoring
- A System for Increasing Awareness of Price Discrimination
- Proximity Verification for Intel SGX using USB 3
- Privacy Mechanisms for Distributed Fingerprint-based Authentication
- Formal Verification of DoS-Resilient Protocols
- Design and Implementation of SCION's End-Entity PKI
- Constant-Time Implementation of NTS-KEM
- Contributions to the Theory of Probabilistic Discrete Systems
- ...

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Semester in Lausanne

<https://www.epfl.ch/schools/ic/>

School of Computer and Communication Sciences

Our School is one of the main European centers for education and research in the field of computing.



Semester in Lausanne

During the course of the programme, one semester has to be spent at EPF Lausanne.

- Students enrolled at ETHZ must start the Master's programme in Zurich.
- Students must earn minimum 20 CP, maximum 35 CP at EPFL.
- Master's thesis and Inter Focus Courses have to be taken in Zurich.
- Students receive a scholarship for their exchange semester of 2'500.- CHF.
- Spring semester: support in searching accommodation by EPFL
- Eligible courses will be published on the MSc Cyber Security website
- Study Plan for the semester in Lausanne has to be approved by the Studies Administration
- During the exchange semester, students are enrolled at ETHZ **and** EPFL – but pay tuition fee only at ETHZ.

Semester in Lausanne

Study plan (= course list) and regulation (only in French) at EPFL:

<https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/rules-and-procedures/>

<https://edu.epfl.ch/studyplan/en/master/computer-science-cybersecurity/>

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COURSES	LANGUAGE	MASTER 1			MASTER 2			SPECIALISATIONS/ORIENTATIONS	EXAM	CREDITS
		L	E	P	L	E	P			
<u>Advanced computer architecture</u> CS-470 / Section IN Ienne	EN	-	-	-	3h	-	2h		Summer session Written	8
<u>Advanced topics on privacy enhancing technologies</u> CS-523 / Section IN González Troncoso	EN	-	-	-	3h	1h	2h	■ Depth requirement	Summer session Written	8
<u>Algorithms II</u> CS-450 / Section IN Svensson	EN	4h	3h	-	-	-	-		Winter session Written	8
<u>Cryptography and security</u> COM-401 / Section SC Vaudenay	EN	4h	2h	-	-	-	-	■ Depth requirement	Winter session Written	8
<u>Decentralized systems engineering</u> CS-438 / Section IN Borsò	EN	2h	2h	2h	-	-	-		Winter session Oral	8

Semester in Lausanne

Find information on the exchange semester at EPF Lausanne here:

https://inf.ethz.ch/studies/master/master-cybsec/semester_epfl.html

In particular, make sure you read the course transfer list with EPFL courses, showing the corresponding course category at ETHZ.

Group 1

Code	Course	<i>l</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>p</i>	Semester	CP	Exam	Track D-INFK	Core/Core Elective
CS-450	Algorithms II	4	3		autumn	8	written	TI	Core
CS-470	Advanced computer architecture	3		2	spring	8	written	DMS	Core Elective
CS-523	Advanced topics on privacy enhancing technologies	3	1	2	spring	8	written	CybSec	Core Elective
COM-401	Cryptography and security	4	2		autumn	8	written	CybSec	Core Elective
CS-438	Decentralized systems engineering	2	2	2	autumn	8	oral	DMS	Core Elective
CS-451	Distributed algorithms	3	2	1	autumn	8	written	DMS	Core

Eligibility

Consecutive

- Bachelor in Computer Science / Communication systems

Qualifying degrees (eligible)

- Bachelor in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology
- Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering
- Bachelor in Mathematics
- Bachelor in Physics

Admission Principles

Admission without any additional requirements

The better the profile requirements are covered, the better the chances are to be admitted.

Gaps in the profile requirements are expected to be filled in self-study.

 Excellent track record

Information

Master in Cyber Security: www.inf.ethz.ch/master-cybsec

Forms and Documents: <https://inf.ethz.ch/studies/forms-and-documents.html>

- Study guide
- Tentative course list
- Regulations of studies (in German)
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Admissions Office: <https://ethz.ch/en/studies/master/application.html>

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Thank you