

Master of Professional Studies (MProfStuds) in Digital Security Enrolment and programme information

The Master of Professional Studies (MProfStuds) in Digital Security is a one year programme (when studied full time), that requires 120 points.

In your first semester you will enrol in COMPSCI 791A Research Project alongside INFOSYS 727, COMPSCI 727 and 15 points from COMPSCI 702,720,732,INFOSYS 750.

In your second semester you will enrol in 791B, the second half of your Research Project, COMPSCI 725, COMPSCI 726 and 15 points from COMPSCI 705,742, INFOSYS 720,751.

Not all courses will be offered each year.

If there is insufficient space in the courses above, **please discuss with the MPSTD Digital Security Coordinator before enrolling in out-of-schedule courses to check that they are appropriate for your degree. You may need to apply for an enrolment concession for those courses.**

Most COMPSCI courses are open to everyone in postgraduate Computer Science Programmes (i.e. they do not require a concession request.) However, background knowledge in the subject area is still required to succeed in the course. Many of the technical courses assume that you've studied relevant topics as part of your bachelor's degree. Please check the [Curriculum Catalogue](#) information on the course content and the [recommended preparation](#) for each course. For example, the recommended preparation for COMPSCI 742 is COMPSCI 315 Data Communications Technologies. If you are unsure whether you have the background knowledge required to succeed in a course we advise that you contact the [relevant course coordinator](#) to discuss this.

We also recommend that you take note of the [enrolment deadlines](#). Within the first two weeks of semester you can add and drop courses (as long as there are spaces still available). So if after the first couple of lectures you realise that a course is not appropriate for you, you can switch to a different course.

In all cases we recommend discussing your plan of study with the [MPSTD Digital Security Coordinator](#)

Please take note of the calendar regulations linked below. Important points are:

- Full-time students must complete the Programme within one year. Part-time students within two years (please discuss part-time study with MPSTD Digital Security Coordinator).
- Enrolment in the Programme must be continuous, if you need to take a break due to exceptional circumstances you will need to apply for a [suspension](#).
- Students who fail more than two courses (30 points) will not be permitted to continue in the Programme.

MProfStuds in Digital Security Dissertation: COMPSCI 791 A and B Semester 1/2

Structure: This is a compulsory 30-point dissertation course that is offered to Master of Professional Studies in Digital Security students only. You must enrol in COMPSCI 791A and COMPSCI 791B in consecutive semesters. The B component will be added on your behalf once you have enrolled in COMPSCI 791A.

This research opportunity will introduce you to self-directed study in a specialised field of Computer Science. You will work closely with an academic member of staff, and develop your skills and knowledge in the agreed topic area. The form of study undertaken will vary widely, depending upon your chosen topic, which may require careful theoretical investigation or a large implementation.

Assessment: 100% on course assessment - dissertation.

Description: The project consists of supervised independent research or development work on a topic related to Digital Security.

Enrolment: You will need to find a staff member to supervise your project before you are to enrol in this course, and you will also need the permission of the MProfStuds in Digital Security Coordinator. You should upload both email approval from the supervisor and the Digital Security Coordinator to the form found here: [Finding Your Supervisor - The University of Auckland](#)

Faculty of Science Postgraduate academic services: For any enrolment or dissertation submission enquires, contact sciencepg@auckland.ac.nz.

How to find a supervisor:

- Check out the [staff research interests](#)
- Email your prospective supervisor with the following information:
 - Why you are contacting them



Waipapa
Taumata Rau
**University
of Auckland**

- A copy of your academic transcript
- A proposed area of interest
- Your ID number

Submission: The project dissertation is due at 11:59 pm on the Monday after the last day of lectures in the semester of your enrolment in COMPSCI 791B. Email an electronic copy of your dissertation to your supervisor and Faculty of Science Postgraduate academic services (sciencepg@auckland.ac.nz).

Note: It can take some time to examine your project dissertation. You may not receive your grade in time to attend the upcoming graduation ceremony.

Relevant links:

[Academic integrity](#)

[Guide to Theses and Dissertations](#)

[General Regulations - Masters Degrees](#)

[Programme Information and Supplementary Guides](#)

[MProfStuds Digital Security Calendar regulations](#)

[How to enrol](#)

[Finding your Supervisor](#)