

The **Master of Science (240 points) (MSc)** is a two-year programme (when studied full time).

Once you have accepted your offer into the MSc (240 points) in Computer Science, you need to choose the courses that you intend to take in your first year. This accounts for 120 points of coursework.

MSc courses and regulations:

Please see the calendar for the MSc regulations and degree requirements. The programme regulations detail the courses that you can take, and the minimum GPA required to continue with the thesis component of your study.

<https://www.calendar.auckland.ac.nz/en/progreg/regulations-science/msc.html>

For your first year you will need to enrol in:

- **at least 90 points from COMPSCI 701–711, 715, 720–762, 765, 767, 771–777, 780**
- **up to 30 points from 700 level courses in a related subject with approval of the Head of Department**

Please note that COMPSCI 712, 713, 714, 717, 718, 719, 764 and 769 are reserved for students in other programmes. You will not be able to enrol in these courses.

Not all courses will be offered each year.

What do I need to know when choosing my courses?

Most COMPSCI courses are open to everyone in postgraduate Computer Science programmes (i.e., they do not have prerequisites). 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 bachelors degree. Please check the [Course Prescriptions](#) or [Course Outlines](#) for 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.

You have the option to take up to two courses from 700 level courses in other subjects related to Computer Science, e.g., Statistics or Information Systems. Please discuss with the MSc Coordinator before enrolling in out-of-schedule courses to check that they are appropriate for your degree. You will need to meet the prerequisites for these courses.

We recommend that you take note of the [enrolment deadlines](#). Within the first two weeks of semester, you can add and drop courses (if 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 course of study with the [MSc coordinator](#).

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

- Full-time students must complete the programme within four Semesters over two years. (Please discuss part-time study with the [MSc adviser](#)).
- 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](#).
- A GPA of at least 5.0 across the best 90 points (6 courses) from your first year of study (120 points) is required to be able to continue onto the research component of the degree.
- Students who fail more than two courses (30 points) will not be permitted to continue in the programme.

Other important information:

[Programme Information and Supplementary Guides](#)

Calendar Regulations:

<https://www.calendar.auckland.ac.nz/en/progreg/regulations-science/msc.html>

<https://www.calendar.auckland.ac.nz/en/genregs/gen-postgrad/masters.html>

Enrolment instructions: <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/applications-and-admissions/enrolment/undergraduate-enrolment.html>