Which taught MSc course is right for me?

We’ve produced this handy flow chart to help you decide which MSc in the Department of Computer Science is the right one for you:

What is the subject of your first degree?

Not Computer Science or IT related

IT/Computing

No programming expertise?

Learn some programming, then:

MSc in Information Technology

www.cs.york.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught-courses/msc-it

Studied a basic programming course or have relevant basic programming skills through work experience?

MSc in Computing

www.cs.york.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught-courses/msc-computing

Computer Science or similar discipline

Want to study a specialist degree?

MSc in Cyber Security

www.cs.york.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught-courses/msc-cybersecurity

MSc in Human–Computer Interaction

www.cs.york.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught-courses/msc-hcit

MSc in Software Engineering

www.cs.york.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught-courses/msc-swe

Want optionality across the discipline, with a focus on active research?

MSc in Advanced Computer Science

www.cs.york.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught-courses/msc-advancedcs

Notes:

MSc in Software Engineering requires basic knowledge of Java, operating systems, software engineering and processes and of logic, set theory, relations and function. More information can be found at www.cs.york.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught-courses/msc-swe

MSc in Advanced Computer Science is suitable for students who may want to continue on to PhD study or a commercial research career, as it includes a large research–based project. You will be affiliated with a world–leading research group within the Department. More information can be found at www.cs.york.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught-courses/msc-advancedcs

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How to apply for a taught MSc course

You can apply for any of our courses online. Before you apply, please ensure that you meet the minimum entry requirements listed on each of the course webpages at www.cs.york.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught-courses

When you apply, you will need to include:

- Transcripts of your undergraduate and any Masters degrees;
- A personal statement detailing your prior experience and motivation for doing the course;
- A Curriculum Vitae (CV);
- An accepted English language certificate if English is not your first language;
- Details of how you intend to finance your studies. If you have been awarded or intend to apply for scholarships, please give the names of the scholarships;
- The names and email addresses of two referees who have agreed to provide you with references. At least one of these should be an academic. We advise that you get in touch with your referees before you submit your application, and let them know that they should expect a reference request.

If you do not have all the necessary documentation, for example you may be waiting for your degree certificate, you can still submit your application to us and then upload further documents later. However, please note that submitting an incomplete application may result in a delay in your application being processed.

What happens after I apply?

- Your application is received and uploaded by the University Registry Services.
- Your referees will be emailed automatically to request that they submit an online reference.
- After approximately 24 hours, we can view your application in Computer Science Admissions. We will email you to confirm receipt.
- Your application is checked to ensure you meet the minimum requirements, and that your application is complete. If we require any further information, we will email you to request this.
- Once it is complete, your application will be passed to the relevant member of staff for further assessment.
- We can often make a decision on your application without holding an interview.
- In some instances we do select candidates for interview. This is generally to ensure that you have selected the correct course. If you are selected, we will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient time to conduct the interview. For overseas applicants, we will normally arrange a telephone or Skype interview.
- When a decision has been made about your application, you will be notified via email by Computer Science Admissions. This typically will happen within 10 working days of your application.
- All offers are subject to approval by University Registry Services, who will send you an official letter email.

Please ensure that you check your email regularly as this will be the primary method of communication throughout the application process. If you have any queries or concerns at any stage, please do not hesitate to contact us at postgraduate@cs.york.ac.uk. We look forward to receiving your application.