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# Master and PhD in Computing

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## Objectives

Education is a social added value that enables people to play an active role in a world of economic globalization, rapidly evolving technology and competitive job market. In this scenario, higher education must be grounded on a body of lasting knowledge that can be easily adapted to a continuously changing reality.

The Postgraduate program offers high-quality education in various areas of Computer Science and Engineering, leading to the Master and PhD degrees. The program provides students a solid background, expands the knowledge in specialized disciplines and sows the seed for long-term professional excellence.

The Master program prepares the students to start qualified careers in industry or continue their education in a PhD program. The Master's thesis offers an opportunity to apply the attained knowledge and skills for solving a challenging problem in the students' preferred area of specialization.

The PhD program provides an opportunity for young researchers to pursue a doctorate, conduct innovative research, and further the frontier of knowledge in theoretical and practical aspects of Computer Science.

## Course Structure

### Master Degree **120 ECTS**

#### Basic Courses

60 ECTS shared with other UPC degrees. Depending on previous background students could obtain recognition for some of those courses.

#### Specialization courses

24-30 ECTS associated to the specialization areas. Optionally 6ECTS of transversal research skills.

#### Master Thesis

30 ECTS of work which involves a certain technological difficulty. The work could be either professional or research oriented.

### PhD Program

#### Teaching phase

Up to 60 ECTS included in the Master in Computing, depending on access degree and previous background, combined with research oriented courses or activities.

#### Research phase

Work towards a PhD Thesis. A thesis project must be presented by the end of the second academic year

## Specialization Areas

### Algorithms and Programming

Ability to design reliable algorithms for computationally complex problem in different areas: bioinformatics, game theory, learning and data mining, VLSI systems, distributed environments, etc.

### Information Systems

Advanced topics in the development process of information systems, with emphasis in software engineering, conceptual modeling, data bases, enterprise applications, etc.

### Visualization Virtual Reality and Graphic Interaction

Knowledge for the modeling and/or treatment of geometric and volumetric data, as well as, the management, manipulation and navigation of highly complex geometric systems presents in engineering applications.

### Quality

The PhD program has got and kept the quality mention of the Spanish Ministry of Education since 2003, MCD2003-00130.

The PhD and the Master in Computing programs have been approved by the Spanish Ministry of Education in accordance with the directives issued by the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

## Support

The research program is supported by the following UPC research groups:

ALBCOM: Algorithms, Bioinformatics, Complexity and Formal Methods

GESSI: Software Engineering for Information Systems research group

GIE: Computer Science in Engineering

LARCA: Laboratory of Relational Algorithmics, Complexity and Learnability

LOGPROG: Logic and Programming

MOVING: Research Group on Modelling, Interaction and Visualization in Virtual Reality

MPI: Information Modelling and Processing

## Study Requirements

Bachelor/Master in Computer Science or equivalent official degree.

*To access directly the PhD program research phase the Master Studies should have been completed with a research oriented Master Thesis.*

Knowledge of English