MASTER IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

**Master of Science in Computer Science
of the Universities of
Bern, Neuchâtel and Fribourg**

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1. GENERAL ASPECTS

3 Universities – 1 Campus

▶ The **Swiss Joint Master of Science in Computer Science** is a study program offered by the universities of Bern, Neuchâtel, and Fribourg

▶ However, this multi-site infrastructure can be considered as one campus

  ▶ travel between the sites by public transportation is quick, convenient and comfortable, and the travel costs are reimbursed

  ▶ common legal documents

  ▶ common systems

Student Life

▶ Attractive accommodation

    ▶ Bern, Neuchâtel and Fribourg offer a larger number and variety of affordable accommodation than other major cities in Switzerland
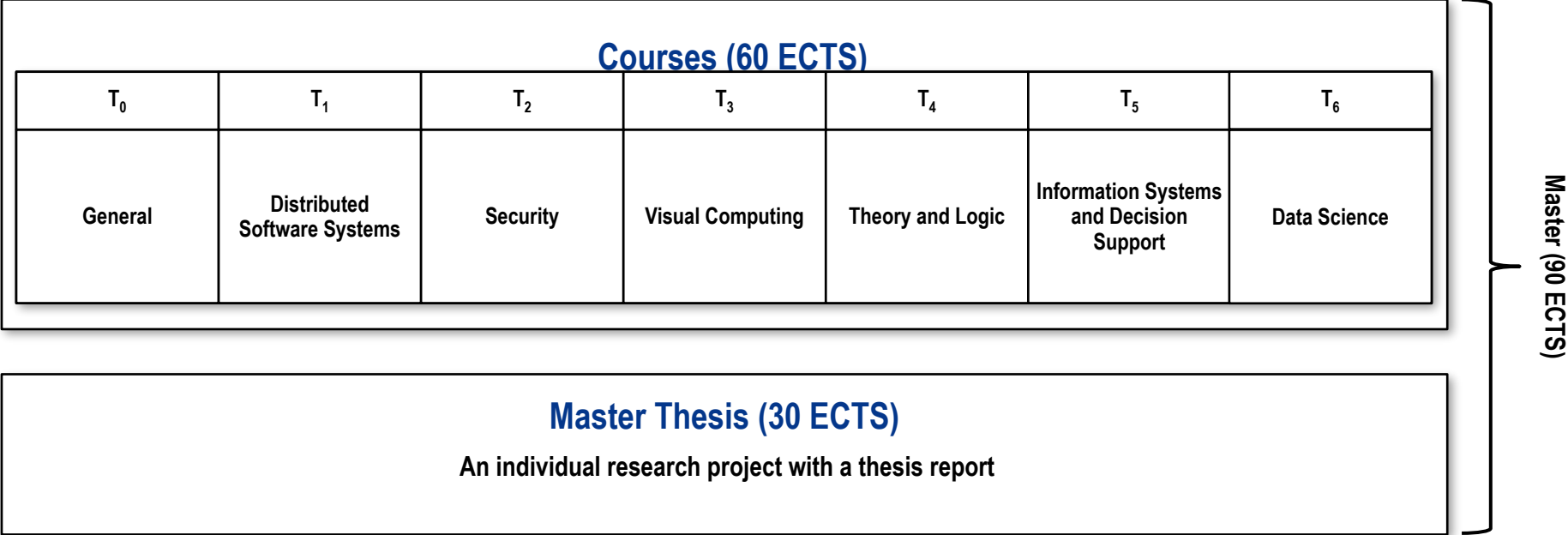
▶ Linguistic and cultural diversity

    ▶ the 3 universities are located in an area of Switzerland that is at the meeting point of German and French cultures
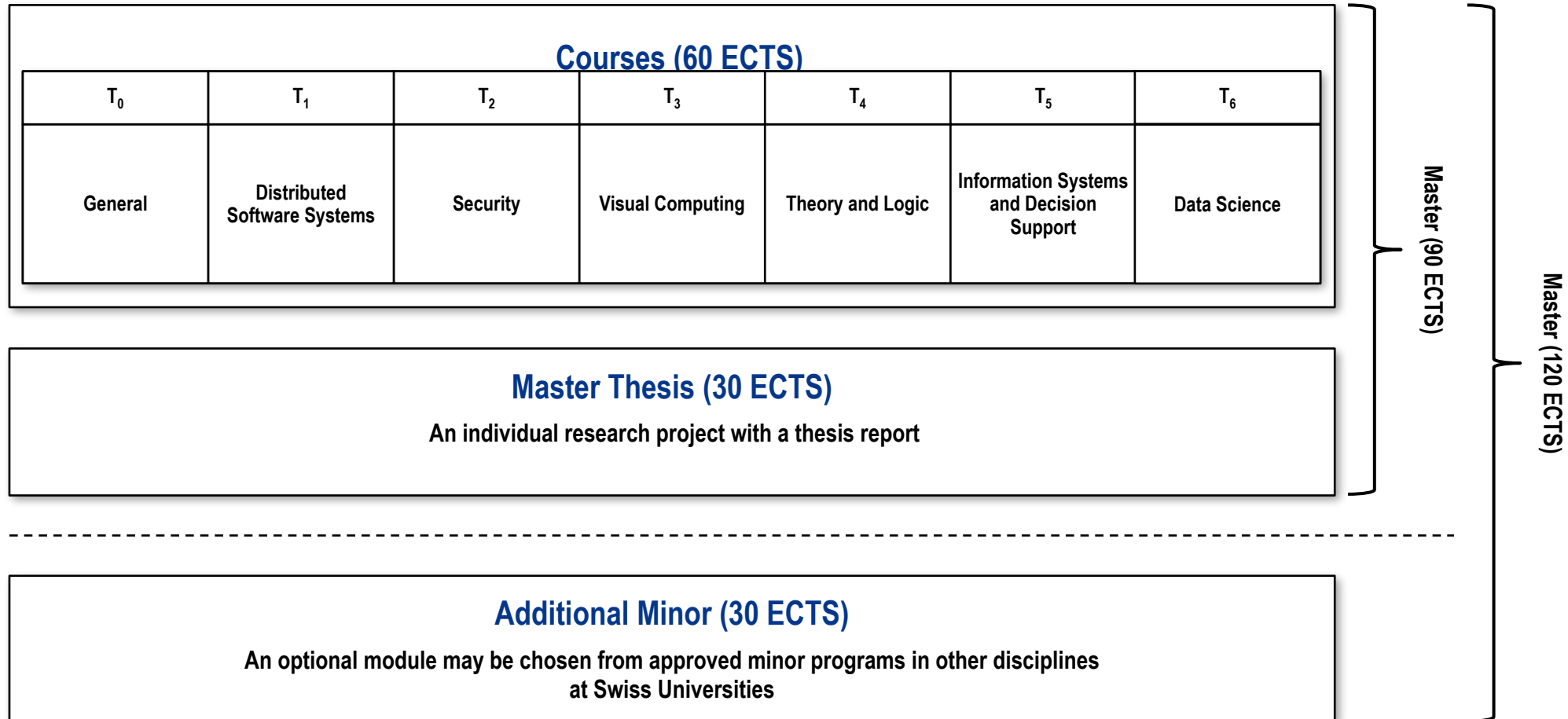
▶ A wide variety of cultural attractions

    ▶ the universities of Bern, Neuchâtel, and Fribourg are only a stone's throw away from the lakes of Geneva and Neuchâtel, a number of UNESCO world heritage sites, and the magnificent Swiss Alps

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2. JOINT MASTER PROGRAM

Structure of the Master Studies

Courses (60 ECTS)

T_0	T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	T_5	T_6
General	Distributed Software Systems	Security	Visual Computing	Theory and Logic	Information Systems and Decision Support	Data Science

Master Thesis (30 ECTS)

An individual research project with a thesis report

Master (90 ECTS)

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Master (90 ECTS)

Master (120 ECTS)

Master Thesis (30 ECTS)

An individual research project with a thesis report

Additional Minor (30 ECTS)

An optional module may be chosen from approved minor programs in other disciplines at Swiss Universities

A Broad and Structured Offer

▶ All courses are credited with 5 ECTS

▶ A student chooses 12 courses/seminars

    ▶ a minimum of 8 courses out of around 40 courses

    ▶ a minimum of 2 seminars out of seminars offered by 18 research groups

    ▶ the full course/seminar list can be found on our website

▶ All courses/seminars are grouped into 7 tracks according to fields of studies, allowing high quality focus

Available Tracks

▶ T0 - General (complementary offer)

▶ T1 - Distributed Software Systems

▶ T2 - Security

▶ T3 - Visual Computing

▶ T4 - Theory and Logic

▶ T5 - Information Systems and Decision Support

▶ T6 - Data Science

Diversification and Focus

▶ There are no mandatory courses

▶ Diversification

  ▶ at least 3 tracks have to be touched (earning at least 5 ECTS per track)

▶ Optional specialization

  ▶ at least 25 ECTS in one track (T1 - T6) + master thesis

Study Duration

▶ The program normally takes 3 semesters of full-time studies to complete (30 ECTS each semester)

▶ In case of part-time studies, the duration of the program is, upon request, extended accordingly

Language of Study

▶ Most courses are taught in English, occasionally in French or in German

▶ Students who only know English can follow the program without problems

▶ Socializing also takes place in English, as most of fellow students speak English (e.g., 10'000 university students out of 40'000 habitants in Fribourg)

Study Support

▶ To get in touch with professors and lecturers is easy and uncomplicated

▶ There is a good staff-student ratio in the master program

▶ A study tracking is performed two times during the academic year
  ▶ the goal is to observe the progress that students made during the last semester
  ▶ students with problems in their studies are advised how to better plan their further studies

3. ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION

Admission Requirements

▶ The master program is open to all students holding

  ▶ a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from a Swiss university

  ▶ an equivalent title from a foreign university*

  ▶ a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from a University of Applied Sciences (with, in principle, a grade average of at least 5.0 in their Bachelor studies)*

  ▶ a different type of university degree (in particular holders of a bachelor degree with a minor in Computer Science)*

* these applications are considered on a case-by-case basis, and the branch committee may require additional credits from courses at the Bachelor's level, with a maximum of 60 credits

How to apply

- ▶ **From outside (not matriculated at a BeNeFri university)**
  - ▶ submit your application request to the registration office until April 30th for the autumn semester or until November 30th for the spring semester

- ▶ **From a BeNeFri university (registered in a program other than Computer Science)**
  - ▶ submit your application request to the Program Coordinator

- ▶ **From Bachelor in Computer Science of a BeNeFri university**
  - ▶ nothing to do (you will be registered automatically for the master program)

4. FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACT

Further Information

▶ Further information can be found on the website (https://mcs.unibnf.ch)

   ▶ program

   ▶ admission

   ▶ organization

   ▶ lectures

   ▶ research groups

   ▶ student life

   ▶ downloads

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Questions?

We would like to thank you for your interest in our master program in Computer Science