



Det Naturvidenskabelige Fakultet



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Information about MSc programme

- New programme under KU Copenhagen Master of Excellence (COME) umbrella
 - Officially all-English
- Started September 2009
 - Entirely new curriculum ("studieordning"); highlights on next slide
 - Applies to students entering MSc programme in block 1 2009 or later
 - Students who entered before block 1 2009 remain on earlier (2007) curriculum, but may apply to transfer to new one
- Reminder: Admissions now only twice a year. Deadlines (for Danish students):
 - May 1, for studies starting in block 1
 - November 1, for studies starting in block 3
 - Special one-time extension: December 31, 2009 (for KU SCIENCE students only). **Don't miss it.**



New programme details

- More streamlined: explicitly designed to be completed in 2 years as the norm, not the exception
 - SCIENCE-wide hard limit: 3 years
- Well-defined graduate competences, both general and specific
- 4 compulsory courses (AP, PCSD, SMfML, AA&DS)
 - normally followed during 1st year (one/block)
- Three optional specializations (competence profiles): CMM, PLS, SD (more planned)
 - each consists of 3 or 4 additional compulsory courses
 - normally followed alongside programme-compulsory courses in 1st year
 - reflected on diploma as "MSc in Computer Science with qualification profile in ..."
- New concept: **study plans**



Study plans

- **Disclaimer:** Details still being fine tuned; will be discussed in Departmental Teaching Committee before deployment. The following is tentative.
- On, or soon after, admission, student selects a competence profile (or: "General Computer Science")
- Each student is assigned a faculty mentor, roughly based on mutual interests (short questionnaire)
 - can be changed later, if needed
- Student and mentor develop a complete schedule of courses for entire 2-year course of studies.
 - typically a refinement of competence profile, with plans for courses/projects/stays abroad (1st semester of 2nd year)
 - will be continually revised, at least once/semester
 - changing *future* plans is easy
 - post-facto deviations will require written explanation
- Current and soon-entering students: start drafting a plan
 - formulate own interests and goals; consider competence profiles, potential mentors
 - think of elective courses/projects
 - stay abroad: must be organized well in advance.

