SCHOOL OF COMPUTING & DATA SCIENCE
The University of Hong Kong

MSc(CS)
The University of Hong Kong

Master of Science in Computer Science

(Interested applicants are advised to visit the programme website at https://www.msc-cs.hku.hk before submitting your applications.)

Applications are invited for admission in September 2026 to a curriculum leading to the degree of Master of Science in Computer Science.

Applications should be submitted via the University's online application system at https://portal.hku.hk/tpg-admissions/programme-listing?faculty=school-of-computing-and-data-science. When filing in the online application form, please provide a valid mailing address and email address to ensure the successful and confidential delivery of materials.

After paying the application fee and submitting the online application form, you will receive an email notification within approximately 5 working days. This email will provide instructions to log in to the Taught Postgraduate (TPg) Programmes Online Admission System under the School of Computing and Data Science: https://tpgadmission.cds.hku.hk to upload the required supporting documents.

Mode and Period of Study

The curriculum shall normally extend over one academic year of full-time study or two academic years of part-time study. Candidates are not permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration, which is two academic years of full-time study or three academic years of part-time study, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board.

Regulations and Syllabuses

Regulations and syllabuses of the MSc(CompSc) curriculum are available from the programme website at **https://www.msc-cs.hku.hk** or **https://portal.hku.hk/tpg-admissions**.

Enquiry
Master Programmes Office
Email: msccs@hku.hk

Instructions for applicants

Please read through the instructions and guidelines before starting to fill in the application.

Eligibility

To be eligible for admission to the programme, a candidate shall satisfy both the University Admissions Requirements including but not limited to:

(a) shall comply with the General Regulations;
(b) shall hold a Bachelor's degree of this University or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
(c) for a candidate who is seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English, shall satisfy the University English language requirement applicable to high degrees as prescribed under General Regulation G2(b).
(d) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.

An application for exemption from the above requirements shall be considered on a case by case basis.

English Language Requirement

Applicants who hold a degree from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong where the language of teaching and /or examination was not English must satisfy the University English language requirement* for admission, unless they are granted an exceptional exemption.

*Please note that the University's TOEFL code is 9671.

Application Fee

The application fee is HK$600 per application. It is non-refundable and must be paid online.

Announcement of Results

Applicants who do not hear from the University by July 31, 2026 may assume their applications unsuccessful.

March 2026

Composition Fee

The proposed composition fee for 2026/27 intake is HK$240,000 (local students) and HK$334,800 (non-local students), subject to the University's approval.

The composition fee is payable annually in either two identical instalments for full-time students (within one-year normative study period) or four identical instalments for part-time students (within the two-year normative study period). Students will be continuing to charge the composition fee on semester / yearly basis if they exceed the normative study period.

Admission Deposit

Upon acceptance of the offer of admission, applicants are required to pay a deposit consisting of the first instalment of the composition fee, the caution money (HK$350), and the student activity fee (HK$100, applicable to full-time students only). The first instalment will be applied toward the total composition fee. Fees once paid are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Definition of Non-local students

For the purpose of admission of post-secondary programmes, "non-local students" should be defined as students holding

a) student visa / entry permit; or
b) visa / entry permit under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates; or
c) dependent visa / entry permit who were 18 years old or above when they were issued with such visa / entry permit by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR; or
d) visa / entry permit for Top Talent Pass Scheme.