

# Study Guide for Doctoral Programme in Information Technology

In the Degree Programme in Information Technology at the Department of Information Technology, postgraduate students can complete the degrees of Doctor of Science in Technology or Doctor of Philosophy in one of the following fields of specialisation:

Field of specialisation:	Professor responsible:
1650 <b>Communications Software</b>	Prof. Jari Porras
1430 <b>Intelligent Computing</b>	Prof. Ville Kyrki
1423 <b>Software Engineering</b>	Prof. Kari Smolander

Each of the above-mentioned fields can be selected as a major subject for postgraduate studies on the condition that the student fulfils the prerequisites for the field.

The degree of Master of Science in Technology in Information Technology from LUT or an applicable degree in engineering, mathematical methods, electronics or applied physics from any other university qualifies a student for major studies in communications software, intelligent computing or software engineering.

Planning the postgraduate studies is started by contacting the professor responsible for the major subject, who is in charge of assigning supervisors for the major studies from within the university. The faculty council confirms possible prerequisites and the postgraduate research and study plan, and appoints a supervisor for the postgraduate studies. The supervisor can be a tenured professor, an adjunct professor, or an acting professor holding a doctorate. The rector accepts the postgraduate student into the university after getting a statement from the faculty council.

Postgraduate studies should be planned and agreed on together with the supervising professor. The final degree requirements are accepted in a faculty council meeting before the dissertation process begins. Application forms and instructions on the approval of the degree requirements can be found on the university web site at <http://www.lut.fi/en/technologymanagement/it/studies/postgraduate/Pages/Default.aspx>

The postgraduate study application should always include

- a research plan and
- a preliminary study plan

with a timetable signed by both the student and the supervisor. The study application should describe at least the topic area of the research, the background of and current developments in the topic area, and an outline of the student's own research and studies. The plan includes furthermore a plan about

- the publication
- financing and
- internationalization.

The plans are presented in public as required by the laboratory before the faculty council meeting. The purpose of the presentation and the plans is to give other researchers a chance to evaluate the plans, and to strengthen the commitment of both the student and the supervisor to the studies. The supervisor acts as the moderator in the presentation.

The purpose of the research plan is to outline the carried research towards the doctoral degree. Research plan should be detailed enough to give a good starting point for the doctoral candidate. Research should be started in the very beginning of the doctoral studies as conducting good quality research and publishing research results in top-level journals takes time.

The purpose of the study plan is to outline the carried studies towards the doctoral degree. The selected studies should focus on the research area and support the carried research. It is strongly recommended to have methodological studies in the beginning to form a solid ground for the research work.

Scientific postgraduate studies are composed as follows:

Field of research (major)	35 – 40 cr
Supporting studies	20 – 25 cr
Total	<u>60 credits</u>

Studies in the student's field of research are postgraduate level studies. Studies are completed in the form of courses of the postgraduate school or other applicable courses, courses provided by universities, exams on scientific literature in the field or other scientific study attainments. Supporting studies should form an acceptable entity that supports the field of research. The supporting studies are usually done for other examiners than the supervisor, but he/she is responsible for the entity.

The Department of Information Technology is part of the East Finland Graduate School in Computer Science and Engineering (ECSE) and Doctoral Programme on Software Systems and Engineering (SoSE). More information can be found at <http://www.cs.joensuu.fi/edtech/ecse/> and <http://www.cs.tut.fi/~sose/>. All post-graduate students employed by the Department belong to one of these graduate schools. Besides the funding from the Department, the graduate schools provide funding for the students. Full-time students are expected to complete their studies in at maximum 3,5 years under the supervision of an instructor assigned to them.

## Postgraduate studies in the Communications Software Laboratory

The Communications Software Laboratory is in charge of the major subject of Communications Software. The research of the laboratory focuses on solving problems in the field of information networks and usage of short-range radio technology. An open, collaborative approach and software intensiveness play an important role. Postgraduate students of Communications Software can specialise for example in:

- the protocol of distributed services and applications, architectures, software platforms, information security and awareness of security
- software solutions that favour security, trust and protection of privacy
- software solutions that enable a user-centric service environment.

Additional information on the research group of Communications Software can be found at <http://www.lut.fi/en/technologymanagement/it/research/comlab/>.

Courses for postgraduate students:

- CT10AJ100 ECSE International Summer School in Novel Computing
- CT30AJ100 Advanced Topics in Telecommunications
- CT50AJ300 Research Seminar on Information Technology.

A course in which the topic changes annually can be included in the studies more than once.

Master's level courses suitable for major studies in Communications Software (and Communications Engineering):

- CT10A9700 Summer School on Communications Engineering
- CT30A7500 Parallel Computing
- CT30A8301 Wireless Service Engineering
- CT30A8902 Service Oriented Architecture
- CT60A7400 Fundamentals of Information Systems
- CT60A7201 Architecture in Systems and Software Development
- CT60A7302 Software Quality, Processes, and Organizations.

## **Postgraduate studies in the Machine Vision and Pattern Recognition Laboratory**

The Machine Vision and Pattern Recognition Laboratory is in charge of the major subject in Intelligent Computing. The research of the laboratory focuses on solving research problems in the field of intelligent information processing. The postgraduate student can specialise for example in:

- various fields in machine vision and pattern recognition, such as digital image processing and content-based image analysis, robot vision and data mining.

Additional information on the research group of machine vision and pattern recognition can be found at <http://www.lut.fi/en/technologymanagement/it/research/mvpr>.

Courses for postgraduate students:

- CT10AJ100 ECSE International Summer School in Novel Computing
- CT50AJ100 Advanced Topics in Intelligent Computing
- CT50AJ300 Research Seminar on Information Technology.

A course in which the topic changes annually can be included in the studies more than once.

Master's level courses suitable for major studies in Intelligent Computing:

- CT50A6000 Pattern Recognition
- CT50A6100 Machine Vision and Digital Image Analysis
- CT50A6200 Computer and Robot Vision.

Instructions regarding Intelligent Computing also apply to postgraduate students whose major is Information Processing.

## Postgraduate studies in the Software Engineering Laboratory

The Software Engineering Laboratory is in charge of the major subject of Software Engineering. Students of Software Engineering will get expertise in software development, its processes, methods and tools. Typical roles for the graduates of this major include software architects, programming experts, software product managers, and systems analysts. Common tasks in the field include

- Design, development, and maintenance of software and information systems
- Software and systems analysis and design
- Participation to software development projects in either supplier or customer role
- Software research and product development
- Management of software development organizations.

Additional information on the research groups of software engineering can be found at <http://www.lut.fi/en/technologymanagement/it/research/swe>.

Courses for postgraduate students:

- CT10AJ100 ECSE International Summer School in Novel Computing
- CT50AJ100 Advanced Topics in Intelligent Computing
- CT50AJ300 Research Seminar on Information Technology
- CT60AJ500 Advanced Topics in Software Engineering.

Master's level courses suitable for major studies in Software Engineering:

- CT10A9700 Summer School on Communications Engineering
- CT60A7400 Fundamentals of Information Systems
- CT60A7201 Architecture in Systems and Software Development
- CT60A7302 Software Quality, Processes, and Organizations
- CT30A8902 Service Oriented Architecture.

## Postgraduate courses in the Department of Information Technology

Courses are lectured as needed, except CT10AJ100 ECSE International Summer School in Novel Computing, which is lectured annually.

<b>CT10AJ100</b>	<b><i>ECSE INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL IN NOVEL COMPUTING</i></b>	<b>1 - 2 ECTS cr</b>
<b>Lecturer</b>	<i>Itä-Suomen tietotekniikan tutkijakoulun kesäkoulu</i> <b>Lectured annually</b> Lecturer responsible: Professor, D.Sc. (Tech.) Joni Kämäräinen	
<b>Aims</b>	The learning outcomes of the course are as follows: A student understands the scientific basics, current research activities and application areas of one of the selected topics of the summer school, and can further apply this knowledge in his/her research work. A student knows the practices of an international summer school.	
<b>Contents</b>	Content changes every year. Lectures will be held by visiting international lecturers.	
<b>Instructions</b>	Lectures and/or exercises, 40 h, and/or practical assignments. A student must register to the course directly via the web page of the summer school (see <a href="http://www.cs.joensuu.fi/edtech/ecse/">http://www.cs.joensuu.fi/edtech/ecse/</a> )	

<b>Literature</b>	See <a href="http://www.cs.joensuu.fi/edtech/ecse/">http://www.cs.joensuu.fi/edtech/ecse/</a>	
<b>CT30AJ100</b>	<b>ADVANCED TOPICS IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>2/7 ECTS cr</b>
<b>Lecturer</b>	<i>Tietoliikennetekniikan jatko-opintokurssi</i> <b>Lectured as needed, period will be announced later. If interested, please contact Professor Porras.</b> Professor, D.Sc. (Tech.) Jari Porras	
<b>Aims</b>	To support Ph.D. studies by introducing recent research issues in communications software for Ph.D. students.	
<b>Contents</b>	The topic changes annually.	
<b>Instructions</b>	Lectures, seminar presentations, discussions, and practical assignments. An oral presentation, a written seminar report, practical assignment, active participation to the course, and an exam (7 ECTS cr). Without an exam and practical assignment 2 ECTS cr.	
<b>Literature</b>	To be announced in the beginning of the lectures.	
<b>CT50AJ100</b>	<b>ADVANCED TOPICS IN INTELLIGENT COMPUTING</b>	<b>2/7 ECTS cr</b>
<b>Lecturer</b>	<i>Älykkään laskennan jatko-opintokurssi</i> <b>Lectured as needed, period will be announced later.</b> Professor, D.Sc. (Tech.) Ville Kyrki	
<b>Aims</b>	To support Ph.D. studies by introducing recent research issues in Intelligent Computing for Ph.D. students.	
<b>Contents</b>	The topic changes annually.	
<b>Instructions</b>	Lectures, seminar presentations, discussions, and practical assignments. An oral presentation, a written seminar report, home work, active participation to the course, and an exam (7 ECTS cr). Without an exam and home work 2 ECTS cr.	
<b>Literature</b>	To be announced in the beginning of the lectures.	
<b>CT50AJ300</b>	<b>RESEARCH SEMINAR ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>5 ECTS cr</b>
<b>Lecturer</b>	<i>Tietotekniikan tutkimusseminaari</i> <b>Lectured as needed, period will be announced later.</b> Professor, D.Sc. (Tech.) Heikki Kälviäinen	
<b>Aims</b>	The course contains two basic aims: firstly to present current research topics in information technology, and secondly to get familiar with principles and practices of scientific writing and oral presentation.	
<b>Contents</b>	Topics will be announced at the beginning of the course.	
<b>Instructions</b>	Lectures, seminar presentations, and discussions. An oral presentation and a written seminar report, acting as an opponent to other seminar speakers, home work, and active participation to the seminar.	
<b>Literature</b>	Eva May: Tiedettä englanniksi – Akateemisen kirjoittamisen käsikirja, Jyväskylän yliopistopaino, 1996. Webster's Compact Writers Guide, Merriam-Webster Inc., 1987.	

<b>CT60AJ500</b>	<b>ADVANCED TOPICS IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING</b>	<b>2/7 ECTS cr</b>
<b>Lecturer</b>	<i>Ohjelmistotekniikan jatko-opintokurssi</i> <b>Lectured as needed, period will be announced later.</b> Professor, Ph.D. Kari Smolander	
<b>Aims</b>	To support Ph.D. studies by introducing recent research issues in software engineering and systems development for Ph.D. students.	
<b>Contents</b>	The topic changes annually.	
<b>Instructions</b>	Lectures, seminar presentations, discussions, and practical assignments. An oral presentation, a written seminar report, home work, active participation to the course, and an exam (7 ECTS cr). Without an exam and home work 2 ECTS cr.	
<b>Literature</b>	To be announced in the beginning of the lectures.	

### Postgraduate courses offered at LUT

<b>LUTJ0000</b>	<b>SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND THE RESEARCHER</b>	<b>5 ECTS credits</b>
<b>Year and Period</b>	Registration for the course through WebOodi, max 35 students Lectures 18 h, period 1, lecture series in English	
<b>Instructor responsible</b>	Professor Kalle Michelsen	
<b>Aims</b>	The course aims to give doctoral students a profound understanding of science as a social and cultural phenomenon. In addition, we study the structures and objectives of scientific knowledge. What is scientific and technological research, and how societies utilize scientific knowledge. The goal of the course is to strengthen the professional identity of doctoral students and give a clear picture of why dissertations are prepared, and what is the role of dissertation and doctoral student in the scientific community.	
<b>Contents</b>	The course consists of three parts, the first of which deals with the nature and construction of science and scientific knowledge and the science as a social system. The second part examines the practices of conducting research, the creation and change mechanisms of scientific and technological knowledge, and research ethics. The third part examines the position of science and technology in society, different modes of research, and national and international science and technology policies.	
<b>Course Work</b>	Successful completion requires attendance in lectures, discussions based on lecture literature, and two completed assignments: an interim report, which is a scientific argumentation on a topic chosen by the student, and a final report, which is a scientific critique examining topical questions related to science and research policies.	
<b>Status</b>	To be agreed with the supervisor.	
<b>Literature</b>	Course literature available in electronic form and announced in connection with the course schedule on the faculty web site.	

## **Study affairs services in doctoral studies**

Application for doctoral studies and the degree requirements for the faculty council:

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Secretary of the dissertation committee, doctoral student register, degree certificates:

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