Entry requirements and application process

A selection procedure is carried out to determine admission to the master's programme. All applicants who have applied to the University of Passau by the deadline and who meet the following conditions will be admitted to this procedure:

- Completed bachelor's degree (at least 110 ECTS credits in computer science)
- Placement in the top 70% of your cohort or overall minimum grade of ‘satisfactory’ (final grade of 2.7 in the German system or 12 points in the French system)
- Your motivation for participation in a Franco-German programme
- Interest in research
- Language skills (English and French): good knowledge of written and spoken English is a minimum requirement for admission to the programme; knowledge of French is desirable

Further information about applying for the M.Sc. Computer Science: [www.uni-passau.de/en/msc-computer-science](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/msc-computer-science)

Students at both universities have the opportunity to attend French and English language courses at all levels. More information about the language courses at Passau: [www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en/language-courses](http://www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en/language-courses) and at Lyon: [https://fle.insa-lyon.fr](https://fle.insa-lyon.fr).

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Academic Advice Service
Primary contact for prospective international students seeking advice on study options and entry requirements
[www.uni-passau.de/en/academic-advice](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/academic-advice)

International Office
Assists international students with the immigration formalities and with getting settled in Passau
[www.uni-passau.de/en/international](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/international)

Student Registration Office
Contact for enquiries related to your application
About the programme

The double master's programme in Information and Communication is offered jointly by the University of Passau and INSA Lyon. It is integrated into the regular master’s programme in Computer Science (Information and Communication Systems specialisation) and enables students not only to obtain a master’s degree from the University of Passau, but also the French Diplôme d’Ingénieur de l’INSA Lyon.

The double master's programme lasts four to five semesters. You will spend the first year in Lyon, the second partly in Lyon (winter semester), partly in Passau (end of winter semester + summer semester).

The double master pairs vocational preparation with a strong research orientation. The programme includes study projects, an internship and the master’s thesis (to be written in English). The programme thus offers the opportunity to combine research and specialist knowledge with practical applications. German and French students complete the entire programme together from the first winter semester onwards. In addition to your organisational and communication skills, your ability to network, think and work across cultures will be enhanced by your stay in two countries and involvement in the integrated Franco-German student group.

INSA Lyon and the city of Lyon

INSA Lyon is a Grande Ecole and therefore among the most renowned universities in France. INSA is located, together with other natural sciences universities, on the ‘La Doua’ campus in the Lyon suburb of Villeurbanne, which houses a number of dormitories, refectories, bars, sports facilities and much more in addition to the universities. The double master’s programme is supervised by the Département Informatique/Laboratoire LIRIS under the direction of Professor Lionel Brunie.

Lyon is the second largest metropolitan area in France and was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1998.

Advantages

• Combination of computer science studies and intercultural experience at a French Grande Ecole
• Vocational preparation with a strong research orientation
• Specialisation and development of expertise, particularly for the German and French IT context
• Practical orientation through study projects in collaboration with INSA engineering students
• Gain a double degree: including the prestigious Diplôme from INSA Lyon
• Funding and financial support from the Franco-German University (DFH)

Funding from the Franco-German University

The double master's programme is sponsored by the Franco-German University (DFH). Within the framework of the doctoral track programme Multimedia, Distributed and Pervasive Secure Systems (MDPS), the double master's programme subsequently enables students to make a smooth transition to a bi-national doctoral programme, also called a cotutelle de thèse, or simply cotutelle. To receive the grant, you must register online with the DFH by the end of September.

Financial support is also available through the ERASMUS+ programme. The application for this is to be submitted to the International Office by 15 March.

Students in the double master programme do not pay tuition fees at the host university. A semester contribution of currently (summer semester 2022) €87.00 per semester is due for studying at the University of Passau.

Degree subject

Computer Science (Informatique)

Degrees awarded

Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Diplôme d’Ingénieur INSA Lyon

Duration & ECTS

4–5 semesters; 120 ECTS credits

Comiences in

winter semester (October); summer semester start possible

Programme Coordinators

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At INSA Lyon: Professor Lionel Brunie