

MSc in Computer Science and Engineering – Honors Program

From September 2009 DTU is offering Honors Programs on every MSc program. In the Honors Program elite students have access to a particularly challenging course of study. It is estimated that only 10% of the MSc students will be qualified for Honors Programs.

The Honors Program at DTU offers the student the following advantages:

- An internationally recognized researcher from a leading research institution as personal tutor
- An individually designed study plan comprising substantial freestanding elements such as seminars and/or project work
- Research affiliation outlined in the individual study plan and including one or more research and/or development projects
- A component of study outside Denmark for those without international experience, and participation in at least one international research conference, workshop or Summer University

Admission

Students wishing to enroll for the Honors Program must apply to do so when applying for their DTU MSc and must meet conditions over and above the general requirements for MSc entry. Candidates must:

- Have completed a BSc or similar program to an extraordinary level (minimum average 9-10 on the new Danish national grading or similar - see www.ciriusonline.dk)
- Have demonstrated significant levels of ambition and competence during their BSc, including their BSc project
- Possess outstanding intellectual and personal qualities (to be assessed in interview)
- Include a separate letter describing why they have chosen to apply for the Honors Program

The letter should also contain a description of courses taken and of the areas of particular interest to the student. The admission procedure is as follows:

- The candidate attends a personal interview with the director of studies and tutor at which the candidate's qualifications and proposed course of study are discussed in detail
- On the basis of applications, interviews, and resources, the director of studies, the tutor and the head of department then select the candidates for Honors Program and an individual study plan will be prepared for each student
- International students will have to demonstrate their suitability during the courses of their first semester of the standard program before their admission to the Honors Program can be finalized

Performance Requirements

Requirements over and above the standard MSc are as follows:

- Courses, projects and thesis must be completed in accordance with the individual study plan
- Minimum average score for the completed program is 10 (on the new Danish national grading)

The student is evaluated at the end of each term. The study plan may be revised only with the agreement of tutor, director of studies and the student. A student may be dismissed from the Honors Program if tutor, director of studies and head of department consider it unlikely that the student will meet the requirements. In that case, the individual study plan is cancelled and the student follows the standard MSc program.