



Faculty of King Abdullah II School for Information Technology
Department of Computer Science
Study Plan
Master's In Computer Science
(Thesis Track)

Serial #	Degree	Dep #	Faculty #	Year	Track
Plan Number		1	19	2015	

First: General Rules Conditions:

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 - Sixth Priority: Bachelor of Computer Engineering
 - Seventh Priority: Bachelor of specialty within information technology.

Second: Special Conditions: None

Third : Study Plan : Studying (33) Credit Hours as follows:

1. Obligatory courses: (15) Credit Hours:

Course No.	Course Title	Credit hrs.	Theory	Practical	Prerequisite
1901710	Research Methodologies in Computer Science	3	3	0	-----
1901715	Theory of Algorithms	3	3	0	-----
1901761	Operating Systems	3	3	0	-----
1901765	Computer Networks	3	3	0	-----
1902723	Database Systems	3	3	0	-----

2. Elective Courses: Studying (9) Credit hours from the following:

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1901713	Formal Compiling Methods	3	3	0	-----
1901717	Theory of Computation and Complexity	3	3	0	-----
1901736	Computational Intelligence	3	3	0	-----
1901738	Spatial and Temporal Databases	3	3	0	-----
1901752	Parallel and Distributed Computing	3	3	0	-----
1901754	Parallel Architecture	3	3	0	-----
1901755	Advanced Methods in Modeling and Simulation	3	3	0	-----
1901757	Image Processing	3	3	0	-----
1901766	Wireless Networks	3	3	0	-----
1901767	Computer Network Security	3	3	0	-----
1901768	Mobile Location Based Services (MLBS)	3	3	0	-----
1901775	Programming Languages Design	3	3	0	-----
1901788	Selected Topics in Computer Science	3	3	0	-----

3. Thesis: (9) Credit hours (1901799).



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¹ Theory



1902723 Database Systems

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Advance data modeling concepts: advance relational data modeling, object oriented data modeling, database design theory, advance relational algebra, database normalization, object oriented database design, advance query languages, advance relational SQL constructs, object oriented query languages, database integrity, concurrency control, concurrency problems, concurrency approaches, database recovery, recovery solutions and approaches, database security.

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1901717 Theory of Computation and Complexity

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1901736 Computational Intelligence

3¹ Credit Hours

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1901752 Parallel and Distributed Computing

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