Congratulations on your admission to the Master’s Programme in Software Engineering, 120 credits, at Blekinge Institute of Technology (BTH).

Practical information

The programme runs full-time from September 2nd 2019 to June 6th 2021. If you cannot arrive before the programme starts, you must notify the programme manager, Mikael.Svahnberg@bth.se, before August 16th 2019. The last date for your arrival is September 16th 2019.

If, for some reason, it is impossible for you to join the programme in time, i.e. before September 16th 2019 you will lose your study place – this is important! If you are unable to join, you should seek deferment to be able to start your programme at the next time it is provided. You will find information about this in the Student Portal: www.bth.se/studentportalen, choose the English version.

Starting your studies

Before starting, it is a good idea to brush up on your programming skills and your English writing skills. A good programming refresher can be found at https://techdevguide.withgoogle.com/
A good way to get in touch with your future colleagues is to join the chatroom on gitter: https://gitter.im/BTH-SE/Master

### Welcome meeting

There will be a **welcome meeting** on Monday, September 2\(^{nd}\) at 12:00–13:00. Venue: Multisalen, (J1504), BTH, Karlskrona.

The Vice-Chancellor will attend the meeting, greeting all new students. Thereafter, we will give you information about student support such as IT helpdesk, student health service, international office etc. Participation is not required at the welcome meeting, but we would appreciate if you could come.

### Student accommodation

BTH has **no** student accommodations and cannot make reservations for students. In order to find accommodation, you have to make an online application or send an email to the housing companies.

**Blekinge Student Union** can provide you with information about student accommodation in Karlskrona and Karlshamn. Please visit: https://www.bthstudent.se/en/ny-student/bostad/

### First courses

Your first courses are PA2550 Seminar Series in Software Engineering, and PA2555 Agile and Lean Software Development.

You will find the schedule for these courses before they start through this link: https://se.timeedit.net/web/bth/db1/sched1/. Search with the course code. The schedules will be available at the latest three weeks before the start of the courses.

Information about the courses, such as course literature and other information is available in the course descriptor. You can search for the updated course descriptor (syllabus) via this link: http://edu.bth.se/utbildning/utb_sok_kursplaner.asp?lang=en
Student account

To register, you need a student account at BTH and internet access.

Your student account is available when you receive an email with information how to get the account in the Student Portal. We recommend that you wait since registration and information about the course is available a few weeks before the course starts.

If you have not received information about your student account by August 19th, please contact us at ithelpdesk@bth.se.

In the Student Portal you can see what services at BTH you can access with your student account.

Registration

To be admitted to a course means that you have been offered a study place on the programme. In order to keep your study place, you must register. You must be registered to participate in the lessons and examination.

Register at www.bth.se/studentportalen, choose “in English”, “My studies” then “Registration” and log in with your student account. The registration opens 3 weeks before the course starts. If you, for some reason, cannot carry out the registration yourself, contact, studentcentrum@bth.se.

The registration is also the basis for CSN’s decision regarding your eligibility to receive financial aid. You can apply for up to one academic year at a time.

Learning management system

Canvas is BTH’s online learning management system which is used in most programmes and courses at BTH. You can log in to Canvas from the Student Portal or via https://www.bth.se/canvas. You will find all information about the course in Canvas as well as lecture notes, assignments and sometimes discussion forums and tests. Please check your notification settings so that you get regular updates from Canvas about new discussions in courses, marked assignments, etc.
More information

There is some useful information on how to get started as a new student at BTH, please see the following links for more information:

The Student Portal: www.bth.se/studentportalen
Prepare your arrival at BTH: www.bth.se/eng/education/study-at-bth

You can direct general questions to: studentcentrum@bth.se

For programme related issues you can contact the programme manager via e-mail: Mikael.Svahnberg@bth.se

Welcome to BTH!

Mikael Svahnberg