Welcome

Congratulations on your admission to the Master of Science Programme in Software Engineering (120 ECTS credits) at Blekinge Institute of Technology (BTH)!

Practical information

The programme runs full-time from 31 August 2020 to 5 of June 2022. If you cannot join before the programme starts, you must notify the programme manager, Mikael Svahnberg (mikael.svahnberg@bth.se), before 31 August 2020.

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, BTH has created an opportunity for students at this programme to participate in distance studies. This means that all educational activities on this programme will also be given as distance education online during the autumn semester 2020. Please read more on the following page:
https://www.bth.se/eng/education/applicationandadmission/newly-admitted-masters-students/

During the spring semester 2021, all courses will be given on campus at BTH. You must be present in Sweden and join the spring courses on the 18 January 2021.

If, for some reason, it is impossible for you to join the programme in time, i.e. on the 31 August 2020, you will lose your study place – this is important! More information on this issue is offered in the sections below. 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:
https://studentportal.bth.se/en/page/home
Roll call and welcome meeting

1. Get Student Account

To register, you need a student account at BTH and Internet access. From 17 August, you can get your account information via the Student Portal, [https://studentportal.bth.se/en/page/home](https://studentportal.bth.se/en/page/home). For more information see section below.

2. Register for courses

Admission 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 lessons and examinations.


The registration opens 3 weeks before the course starts. If you, for some reason, cannot carry out the registration yourself, contact, studentreception@bth.se.

For Swedish citizens, 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.

3. Mandatory programme Roll Call

There will be a welcoming day on Monday, 31 August 2020. Make sure to visit the BTH home page and look at the welcoming speech by the Vice chancellor.

If you plan to participate in the programme online during autumn 2020, **it is mandatory to e-mail** mikael.svahnberg@bth.se on exactly the 31 August, no later than 22:00 hours CET. State your full name in the e-mail and your intention to participate. If you for some reason are unable to send this e-mail on 31 August, send it on 28 August before 22:00 hours CET.

4. Programme introduction meeting

An **online meeting** will be held on 1st of September at 10.00 CET to inform you on the conduction of the programme. The online conference tool “Zoom” will be used, and a web link to the meeting will be e-mailed to you two days in advance. I as programme manager will host the meeting.
First courses

All courses during the autumn semester 2020 will be given online. Three courses will be given on campus as well.

- Seminar Series in Software Engineering, PA2550 (given online)
- Agile and Lean Software Development, PA2555 (given online and on campus)
- Requirements Engineering and Product Management, PA2551 (given online and on campus)
- Software Architectures and Quality, PA1453 (given online and on campus)

Make sure to visit the course Canvas page https://www.bth.se/eng/canvas-log-in/ for updated information on schedule and course content.

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

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

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 https://studentportal.bth.se/en/page/home. 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 17th, please contact ithelpdesk@bth.se.
In the Student Portal you can see what services at BTH you can access with your student account.

**Learning management system**

Canvas is an online learning management system that is used by all programs and courses on campus and online at BTH. In Canvas you will find all information about regarding courses including recorded lectures, lecture notes, assignments, discussion forums, and quizzes.

As a student at BTH, you have access to the e-meeting service Zoom. Under the prevailing COVID-19 outbreak, when all teaching is digital, we consider Zoom to be an important tool for you to give you the possibility to meet and engage in collaborations at a time when you cannot meet physically. You can find more detail information about Canvas and installation instructions for Zoom here: https://bth.instructure.com/courses/2651.

You can log in to Canvas via https://www.bth.se/canvas or from the Student Portal when you have received your student account.

**Use your own computer for studies**

BTH require all students to bring their own laptop for use in the studies. You will need a laptop not only on lectures but in other learning activities and in the communication with teachers and other students. Many of the information sources and the literature in the library are only available online. Note that there is only a limited number of computers in the computer labs at campus Gräsvik in Karlskrona. You also need access to web or built-in camera, headset with microphone, and internet connection for online education.

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

Information on how the Covid-19 outbreak affects your studies in Sweden: https://www.bth.se/eng/education/applicationandadmission/newly-admitted-masters-students/

The Student Portal: https://studentportal.bth.se/en/page/home

Prepare your arrival at BTH: www.bth.se/eng/education/study-at-bth

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

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

Welcome to BTH!

Mikael Svahnberg