

# Combined MSc-PhD track

An excellence track intended for students with high academic records, that have been identified by the department as having a potential for research excellence. The students will be admitted to the MSc degree with the intention to be transferred to the PhD degree.

## Admission Criteria

- High undergraduate GPA from an accredited university (~88). The department may request a higher GPA.
- Finding an advisor
- Recommendation letters

Students accepted to this track will be intended to be transferred to the PhD degree and will be identified as such (Combined MSc-PhD).

## The following guidelines will be observed in such cases

- Approval of research subject.
- High GPA, if available

## The recommendation will include

- A concise summary of the student's work towards the Master's degree up to that point and a research plan for the Doctorate. The summary will include:
  - Introduction
  - Research goals
  - Research hypothesis
  - Work program
  - Preliminary results (if there are any)
- A recommendation from the advisor, the co-advisor and the consultant (if there are)
- Another review, by a faculty member, on the research level and its suitability for doctoral research.
- A recommendation letter by the Graduate Studies Committee regarding the suitability of the candidate, and the suitability and the scope of the research topic for doctoral research.

## After the transfer was approved by the Dean

- the student's status will be altered to that of a Doctoral student
- After passing successfully the candidacy examination and having completed all the courses required upon his admission to the Master's degree, the student will be eligible for a Master's diploma (not MSc).
- Failing the candidacy examination, his status will be altered to that of a master's student.
- After the approval of the Dean of the Graduate School, the student will submit a concise description of his research proposal within 19 months of the MSc, or within

6 months of the notice of the transfer to the PhD. In special cases the Dean may extend this period based on a recommendation of the department's graduate studies committee, and will take the candidacy examination within one month after the submission of the proposal.