Brochure 2
Matching & Selection Procedure

In this brochure you will find more information on the Matching & Selection procedure of the BSc Computer Science & Engineering. The deadline to apply for this programme is January 15.

For more information about the Matching and Selection (M&S) procedure we recommend you to check the website. If you are still considering whether this is the right programme for you, please read brochure 1 on how to choose your study, which you can download from the bottom of the same website.

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All dates and time in this brochure are in Central European Time (CET), Dutch local time.

Disclaimer Please keep in mind that updated information will be provided by email for each step throughout the process.
Bachelor Computer Science & Engineering

During the bachelor Computer Science and Engineering (BSc CSE) you will learn how computers, networks and embedded systems work. You will study algorithms and address questions such as: “what is an algorithm?” and “how can you represent software mathematically?” Of course, you will also study data structures and work with various programming languages. You will learn how to model complex systems and how users interact with such systems. During this programme you study solving problems in a logical and analytical way.

Who are we looking for?

- Curious problem-solvers and profound analytical engineers
- Pro-active team workers who are able to collaborate and communicate well
- Students who are capable of obtaining a BSc degree within three to four years
- Students who adhere to and identify with the TU Delft values: Diversity, Integrity, Respect, Engagement, Courage and Trust (DIRECT), as embodied in the TU Delft Code of Conduct.

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Matching & Selection procedure in 8 steps

The TU Delft has a fixed capacity for the BSc CSE which has been set at 500 new bachelor students for 2021-2022 (art 1.2). The Matching & Selection (M&S) procedure takes place in 2021, see the 8 steps listed below:

1. Register yourself in Studielink before January 15. Only applicants with a completed registration will be allowed to participate in the Matching & Selection procedure.

2. You will be invited by email before January 29 to complete the Non-Cognitive Skills Assessment (NCSA) online before the deadline on February 12 at 13:59 CET.


4. If you have completed the NCSA, you will receive a confirmation of your CST seat before March 1.

5. You will take the CST online between March 2 - March 12 on the date & time reserved for you.

6. After taking the CST, you have to complete the Self-Reflection Assessment (SRA) online before March 15 at 09:59 CET.

7. If you have completed all three parts of the M&S procedure, your ranking number will be calculated on your CST results. You will receive your ranking number in Studielink on April 15.

8. Accept your spot within 2 weeks in Studielink and finalize your registration.

Disclaimer Please keep in mind that updated information will be provided by email throughout the process.
**Step 1 - Register in Studielink before January 15**

In order to apply and participate in the Matching and Selection procedure, you need to register yourself online in [Studielink](#), the Dutch national enrolment system for higher education (art. 2.1). Please note that it takes time to obtain a login for Studielink, to collect the required documents and to complete your application. If you have an international secondary school diploma, make sure to continue your application in the online application system of TU Delft, called Osiris and submit your complete application file by January 15 (art. 2.2). Start in time as all deadlines are fixed, as we need to comply with strict national deadlines set by the Dutch government. More information about the exact application procedure can be found on the [website](#).

**Email**

Please ensure that the email address you use in the Matching & Selection procedure is the same as the email address you use for Studielink, as this will be used as your unique identifier throughout the procedure (art. 4.1.1). Make sure to check your inbox and spam folder at least once a week and on a daily basis on important dates, such as those listed on page 3. Keep in mind that you will be kept informed through email on a regular basis about the next steps in the procedure (art. 4.1.2).

**Regulation**

All rules governing the Matching and Selection procedure can be found in the Regulation Matching & Selection Criteria and Procedure, which can be downloaded from the bottom of the [website](#).

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**Reserving a seat to take the CST**

You will be informed by email before **March 1** how to reserve a seat to take the **Cognitive Skills Tests (CST)**. You can indicate your preference for a CST date online between **March 8 13:59 and March 12 13:59 CET**. If you do not register your preference, a seat will be allocated to you. The CST will take place between **March 2 and March 12**, exact dates and instructions will be listed in the email. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic all applicants will be able to take the CST online this year. If the amount of candidates exceeds the available (online) seats for a specific day, seats will be randomly allocated among the candidates who choose this option. Please keep in mind that you are responsible to ensure a well functioning internet connection that allows for proctoring if you take the CST online (art. 4.1.5).

**Extra time**

Candidates who have been diagnosed with a learning disability and/or are experiencing extenuating circumstances can request extra time for the Cognitive Skills Tests by contacting **selection-bsc-cse@tudelft.nl**. Requests need to be supported with documentation (e.g. a medical or psychological statement), which is readable in English or Dutch and should be submitted before **February 15** (art. 1.4), stating your full name and student number.

**Disclaimer** Please keep in mind that updated information will be provided by email throughout the process.
**Step 2 - Complete the NCSA online**

You will be invited by email before **January 29** to complete the Non-Cognitive Skills Assessment (NCSA) online before **February 12 at 13:59 CET**. The NCSA is part of the Matching procedure and is there to help you find out if CSE at TU Delft is the right choice for you. You will receive further instructions by email during the process. Although your performance will not be used to calculate your ranking number, completing the NCSA will grant you access to the CST (art 4.2.5), so make sure to answer all questions in a meaningful way.

**Step 3 - Reserve a seat to take the CST**

Between **March 8 13:59 and March 12 13:59 CET** you can **reserve a seat** to take the Cognitive Skills Tests (CST). You will be informed by email before **March 1** how to indicate your preference for a CST date.

**Step 4 - Confirmation CST seat**

If you have completed all three elements of the **NCSA**, you will receive a **confirmation of your CST slot**.

**Step 5 - Take the CST online**

You will take the **CST** on the date & time confirmed to you between **March 2 and March 12**. The CST is the selective part of the procedure. Your ranking number will be calculated by your score on each of the three elements.

**Step 6 - Complete the SRA online**

You have to complete the Self-Reflection Assessment (SRA) online before **March 15 at 09:59 CET** in order to receive your ranking number (art. 4.2.21). The SRA is part of the Matching procedure and will ask you to reflect on your study choice.

**Step 7 - Receive your ranking number**

You will receive your ranking number in **Studielink** on **April 15**. If your ranking number is within our fixed capacity, you will automatically receive a (conditional) offer for the academic year 2021-2022. If your ranking number is higher, you may still receive an offer at a later point in time, as not all candidates will accept their spot.

**Step 8 - Accept your spot**

Make sure to check your email regularly as you need to accept a spot within 2 weeks in Studielink. Remember to finalize your registration and upload all required documents.

**Admission requirements**

Please note that participating in the Matching & Selection procedure or receiving a ranking number, does not automatically mean that you meet the admission requirements, as this constitutes a separate process.
How your ranking number is calculated

All candidates have to complete all steps in the Matching & Selection procedure in order to obtain a ranking number (art. 4.2.21). Although you will not be graded for both the NCSA and the SRA, we do expect you to take the matching part of the procedure seriously and will check whether you have completed all questions (art. 4.1.9). Your ranking number will be based on the selective part of the procedure, your CST results. In brochure 3 you can find more information on how to prepare for the CST, which can be downloaded from the bottom of the website.

As we need to treat all candidates equally, we will calculate all ranking numbers in accordance with a strict protocol (art. 4.2.8). This process is overseen by the Committee Selection CSE (art. 6.6). We start by calculating your final scores for each of the three tests of the CST. Your score per test is determined by the number of correct answers. All individual scores will then be converted into standardized z-scores, which will be multiplied by the relative weight of the test and will be combined to make up your final cumulative z-score.

A z-score or standard score, is a relative score, as it compares how you did on the CST in relation to the performance of the other candidates. As a result there is no fixed pass or fail grade. Higher tests scores will result in better (=lower) ranking numbers. The candidate with the highest final score will thus receive the lowest ranking number, the candidate with the second highest score will receive the next ranking number, and so on (art. 6.4). As educational systems differ per country, as well as ways to calculate average grades, your high school grades are not taken into account when calculating your ranking number. Please note however that a (strong) correlation between your high school grades and your performance on the CST is likely.

How ranking works in Studielink

On April 15 Studielink will announce your ranking number. You will also receive an email with your individual test scores, converted z-scores and your final cumulative z-score on which your ranking number has been based (art. 7.2). For reasons of confidentiality and objectivity we will not communicate about the method and evaluation of the criteria, nor is it possible to review the tests or individual answers given (art. 7.2).

Please note that assigning spots is an automated process in Studielink. If your ranking number is within our maximum capacity, you will automatically receive an (conditional) offer. You will have two weeks to accept this offer in Studielink (art. 7.3). If you do not accept nor respond within two weeks, this spot will automatically be re-assigned to the next registered candidate on the ranking list who hasn’t received an offer yet. If your ranking number is higher than the available capacity, you will have to wait until one of the other applicants declines their offer or opt for one of your alternative study choices. You can also consider taking a gap year and/or try again next year. Please keep in mind that after April 15, applicants with ranking numbers above our maximum capacity can still be offered a spot, so make sure to check your email and Studielink on a weekly basis, as this process continues throughout summer (art. 7.4).
Timeline
Application and Matching & Selection BSc CSE 2020/2021

1. Application
   A. Apply in Studielink
   B. Activate your TUD Net ID
   C. Continue in Osiris

2. Complete NCSA
   Non-Cognitive Skills Assessment online

3. Register for CST
   Seat registration for the CST

4. Confirmation slot CST
   After completion of the NCSA you will receive the confirmation of your CST slot

5. Take CST
   Cognitive Skills Tests online

6. Complete the SRA
   Self-Reflection Assessment online

7. Ranking
   Studielink informs student of rank#

8. Accept & Finalize
   A. Accept your spot within 2 weeks
   B. Finalize registration in Studielink

Start in time, all deadlines are fixed!