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## Parallel and distributed computing 786 (COS 786)

**Qualification** Postgraduate

**Faculty** [Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology](#)

**Module content** Computational science relies on the analysis of often complex models, for its empirical data and analyses typically involve an enormous amount of calculations. Parallel computing is one means of reducing the time needed to complete such calculations. This module will examine the kinds of problems that lend themselves to parallel computation and the methods for implementing programs to solve such problems. The aim of the module is to provide a background for parallel and distributed computing as well as practical knowledge of the implementation of computational experiments.

**Module credits** 15.00

**Programmes** [BIT Information Technology](#)

[BScHons Computer Science](#)

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** English

**Academic organisation** Computer Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 1 or Semester 2

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