Specializations & Minors: rules

♦ A student can choose either a specialization or a minor. He cannot do a specialization and a minor. He submits his choice, for review, to the Program’s headmaster and, should it occur, to the responsible of the minor.

♦ A student can do only one specialization.

♦ The 30 credits of the specialization or the 30 credits of the minor are included in the 90 credits of the Master program.

♦ The 30 credits of the specialization or of the minor must be completed before starting the Master Thesis project.

♦ A student registered to a minor is not allowed to take courses outside the study plan or from the Doctoral School.

♦ A student can choose to take up to 12 credits of non-technical courses (MTE, HEC) out of the 15 credits allowed outside the study plan.

Therefore, should a student take courses of the MTE minor as courses outside the study plan (up to 12 credits allowed) and later decide to register for the MTE minor, the courses he/she has taken in the MTE minor will then count for the minor, and not for the master program. The student will therefore have to complete his/her credits in the master program. No other additional non-technical courses (HEC) will be allowed.

However, if a student starts a MTE minor and decides to stop it, only 6 credits of the MTE minor courses will be recorded in the master program as long as the student has not already taken other non-technical courses. For all other minors, the Program’s Director will decide on a case-by-case basis.

♦ Students must register for a minor no later than by the end of their first semester of studies. Beyond that date no drop-out is allowed.
Students must register for a **specialization** at the beginning of their third semester of studies, at the latest.

Students may withdraw from a specialization, by submitting a request to the section director or the section administrator. Request to be made via the program secretary for valid reasons (such as illness, accident, etc.)

♦ The successful minor or specialization will be indicated on the Diploma Supplement handed to the student at the same time as the Master Diploma.