**FAQ on BITS Pilani MS Degree Program**

1. **What is the degree being offered?**

2-year MS Degree program in “Software Engineering”.

1. **What should be my ‘qualification’ and ‘experience’ to apply for this program?**

The minimum qualification to apply for admission to the program is a minimum 60% or First Division marks in B.E. / B.Tech / M.Sc. / MCA. The program is open for all confirmed full time employees of TCS with minimum two years of continuous service in TCS. Associates having Delhi, Hyderabad and Mumbai as the current base branch only are eligible.

1. **What is the selection process?**

The candidates are short selected based on performance and work experience with minimum 60% marks or First Division in the qualifying examination.

1. **Who are the faculty for the courses?**

BITS faculty and Off-campus guest faculty.

1. **What are the course / study materials made available for the candidates?**

Class notes / lecture slides provided by the faculty will be made available. The candidates have to procure the prescribed textbooks. Access to a digital library will be provided.

1. **What is the fee and do I have to pay the fee to do this program?**

The fees based on the academic year 2013-14 are as follows. It may change for the next academic year. TCS will pay the fee as per Higher Education Policy.

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| **Installment** | **Due Month** | **Fee** | **Associate Contribution** | **TCS Contribution** |
| Application Fee (one time) |  | 1,500 | 0 | 1,500 |
| Admission Fee (one time) |  | 15,000 | 0 | 15,000 |
| 1st Semester | Semester beginning | 35,600 | 0 | 35,600 |
| 2nd Semester | Semester beginning | 35,600 | 0 | 35,600 |
| 3rd Semester | Semester beginning | 35,600 | 0 | 35,600 |
| 4th Semester | Semester beginning | 35,600 | 0 | 35,600 |
| **Total** |  | **158,900** | **0** | **158,900** |

1. **Do I need to take leave?**

No. Classes will be conducted every Saturday from 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM

1. **I am placed at Other Branch. Can I do this program?**

The Program is currently planned for associates whose base branch is Delhi, Hyderabad or Mumbai.

1. **What is the duration of this program? Can I go onsite during the course of this program?**

This is a two year programme. Mode of delivery is through Classroom sessions at TCS Campus on Saturdays or through technology (desktop video conferencing using WebEx) on Saturdays for about 16 weeks in each semester.

*Absenteeism is handled as given below:*

Candidates who miss classes due to unavoidable exigencies have to manage their learning on their own. If students miss the examinations, then they have to repeat the semester.

1. **What is the mode of evaluation?**

Each course will have written examinations twice a semester (Mid-Semester and End-Semester) in TCS offices on Saturdays.

1. **Will the degree certificate refer to the 'mode' of course?**

No

1. **I am already holding ME /M.Tech. Am I eligible to apply for this program?**

No. This program is planned for Graduate Engineers, MCA & M.Sc

1. **Is there a service agreement for getting sponsored for this program?**

We wish that you help us build our organization for a very long time to come however it should be a minimum period of two years after completing the program.

1. **If I complete the program successfully, will I have any advantage in the annual appraisal?**

‘Sponsorship’ itself is the reward. There is no special consideration during the appraisal process for completing the program successfully. However, the knowledge gained through the program may result in better performance in official work, drawing better recognition.

1. **Can I withdraw from the program mid-way?**

No. This is Not Allowed.

1. **What is the structure of the course?**

Below is the tentative course structure. Final structure will be informed by the admission time.

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| **Year** | **Semester** | **Course** | **Credits** |
| 1 | 1 | Computer Networks | 3 |
| Object Oriented Analysis and Design | 4 |
| Data structures and Algorithm Analysis  Data structures and Algorithms Design | 5 |
| Database Design and Applications | 5 |
| 2 | Network Programming | 3 |
| Data Warehousing | 5 |
| Software Testing Methodologies | 4 |
| Software Architectures | 5 |
| 2 | 1 | Cloud Computing | 5 |
| Data Mining | 3 |
| Software Project Management | 4 |
| Wireless & Mobile Communication | 5 |
| 2 | Dissertation / Project Work | 20 |

1. **Where can I find more information about this program from the university?**

<http://www.bits-pilani.ac.in/university/wilp/wilpoverview>

1. **How and when will I know my application status?**

Last date to apply for the course is **5th August, 2013**. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted through email by **12th August, 2013** with admission details.

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