Computer Science M.S.

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The plan in Computer Science leads to the master of science (M.S.) degree. This plan is designed to prepare students to hold key technical positions in the development of computer-based solutions to complex systems problems.

Students should consult with their faculty adviser to determine if they have sufficient background to satisfy a specific course prerequisite. Foundation and prerequisite courses should be completed before enrolling in any graduate course.

Students expecting credit for foundation courses completed at international institutions must submit course descriptions to the waiver committee in their first semester of enrollment. This will allow proper evaluation and appropriate credit.

Students may select from the thesis option or the extended course work option. The thesis option requires 33 credit hours of graduate work. The extended course work option requires 36 credit hours.

Requirements

Computer Science Basic Preparation

Students seeking admission into the degree plan in Computer Science must have a bachelor’s degree in computer science or a closely related area and extensive background in computer science. It is expected that the minimum Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score required for acceptance into the plan be reasonably balanced among the different components of the GRE exam. The GRE score (verbal + quantitative) should be a minimum of 290 points, with a minimum quantitative score of 150. Students with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in related fields of study will be required to complete appropriate background courses. The admissions committee, during evaluation of the student’s application, will designate courses to be completed before beginning graduate studies. Preparatory requirements include proficiency in at least two modular computer programming languages, including C or C++ plus the completion of the following undergraduate courses, their equivalents or successful completion of equivalence exams upon approval from the admissions committee.

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<td>MATH 2414</td>
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Additional Information

Students should also have 3 hours of credit for an Object Oriented programming language and 3 hours of credit for 1 of the following: C, C++, C# or Java.

Additionally, at least two of the following must be completed:

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MATH 2318 | Linear Algebra
Credit Hours: 3

MATH 2320 | Differential Equations
Credit Hours: 3

PHYS 2326 | University Physics II
Credit Hours: 3

STAT 3334 | Probability and Statistics for Scientists and Engineers
Credit Hours: 3

SWEN 4342 | Software Engineering
Credit Hours: 3

Additional Information
None of the above courses may apply towards the graduate degree.

Core Requirements (15 Hours)
The following courses or their approved substitutions are required for both the thesis and the extended course work options:

CSCI 5134 | Concurrent Programming and Software Modeling

CSCI 5531 | Advanced Operating Systems
CSCI 5533 | Distributed Information Systems
CSCI 5432 | Design and Analysis of Algorithms
CSCI 6530 | Research Methods in Computer Science

Thesis Option (18 hours) Complete the following courses.

CSCI 6939 | Master’s Thesis Research

Additional Information
- A student must take an additional 12 hours of electives, pending faculty adviser approval.
- Students must take either 6 hours of 4000 level CSCI/CINF electives or may take 3 hours 4000 level CSCI/CINF and 3 hours SENG/CENG/SWEN.
- Note: CSCI 6838 must be taken during the last 12 hours, after completion of CSCI 5531 and CSCI 5333. All electives must be approved before enrolling.

Extended Course Work Option (24 hours)

Computer Science Specializations
Students interested in a specialization should take the courses listed below:

Note: Data Science Specialization requires STAT 4345 or any Calculus based Statistics course as a prerequisite. (STAT 4345 may be allowed as an elective in this specialization if not taken previously)

Data Science Specialization
STAT 5531 or STAT 5532

Additional Information
Choose 3 (for thesis) or 4 (for extended course work) from the following: CINF 5432, CINF 5931, CSCI 5532, CSCI 5833, CINF/CSCI 5000-6000 approved course related to Data Science.

Cyber Security Specialization

Additional Information
Choose 1 (for thesis) or 2 (for extended course work) from the following: CSCI 5132, CSCI 5737, CSCI/CINF 5000-6000 approved courses.