COMPUTER SCIENCES: COMPUTER SCIENCES, M.S.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students are able to complete a program with minimal disruptions to careers and other commitments.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

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<td>Minimum Credit Requirement</td>
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<td>Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement</td>
<td>15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School’s Minimum Graduate Coursework Policy (<a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/</a>).</td>
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<td>Overall Graduate GPA Requirement</td>
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Other Grade Requirements

No other grade requirements.

Assessments and Examinations

None.

Language Requirements

No language requirements.

REQUIRED COURSES

24 credits must be Computer Sciences courses 400 or above. The following courses are not allowed to count toward these 24 credits:

- COMP SCI 400 Programming III
- seminar course (COMP SCI/B M E/B M I/BIOCHEM/CBE/GENETICS 915)
- individual instruction courses (COMP SCI 699, COMP SCI 799 and COMP SCI 899), and
- COMP SCI 702.

In addition, at least 15 of the 24 credits must be Core Credits, which are Computer Sciences courses numbered 700-889 graded on A-F scale with the following exclusions/qualifications:

- COMP SCI 790 Master’s Thesis normally counts towards core credit. In rare instances, the thesis supervisor or committee may (at the time of evaluation of the thesis work) designate credit awarded for COMP SCI 790 as ineligible for core credit; credit awarded under this scenario may still count towards the 24 qualifying Computer Sciences credits. Credit for COMP SCI 790 is provided as follows: (a) A student can obtain at most 3 credits, all for a project for which a report has been filed with the department and approved by at least one full-time Computer Science faculty member, or (b) the student can obtain at most 6 credits, for a master’s thesis that has been submitted as a departmental tech report and approved by a properly formed thesis committee.
- Among the topics courses COMP SCI 703, COMP SCI 758, COMP SCI 839 and COMP SCI 880, a maximum of one such course can be used as core credit.

The remaining 6 credits can be from any subject. COMP SCI/B M E/B M I/BIOCHEM/CBE/GENETICS 915 can be taken multiple times for credit.