

# COMPUTER SCIENCES: PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM, M.S.

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

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

### NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

#### Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**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

#### Requirement Detail

Minimum  
Credit  
Requirement

30 credits

Minimum  
Residence  
Credit  
Requirement

16 credits

Minimum  
Graduate  
Coursework  
Requirement

15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244>).

Overall  
Graduate  
GPA  
Requirement

3.00 GPA required.

This program follows the Graduate School's policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/>).

Other Grade  
Requirements

No other grade requirements.

Assessments  
and  
Examinations

None.

Language  
Requirements

No language requirements.

### REQUIRED COURSES

To obtain the M.S. degree, students in the PMP should complete a minimum of 30 credits distributed as follows:

- Fifteen credits must be received for core graduate-level courses: Computer Sciences courses ([http://guide.wisc.edu/courses/comp\\_sci/](http://guide.wisc.edu/courses/comp_sci/)) numbered 700–889. Specific offerings of COMP SCI 838 and COMP SCI 880 are counted as core classes only with approval of the Graduate Advising Committee.
- COMP SCI 799 Master's Research, COMP SCI 790 Master's Thesis (in case the student elects to write a Master's thesis), and COMP SCI 702 Graduate Cooperative Education can be taken for a combined total of at most six credits, which count toward the 15 core credit requirement. COMP SCI 799 and COMP SCI 790 can be taken a total of 3 times each, while COMP SCI 702 can be taken twice.
- All remaining credits must be received for Computer Sciences courses ([http://guide.wisc.edu/courses/comp\\_sci/](http://guide.wisc.edu/courses/comp_sci/)) numbered 400 or higher.
- COMP SCI 900 Advanced Seminar in Computer Science can be taken at most three times and counts towards the remaining credits received for courses numbered 400 or higher.

More details about the sample course plan that allows a working professional to complete the PMP in two years, see the department website (<http://www.cs.wisc.edu/academics/graduate-programs/professional-masters/requirements/>).

Students in this program may not take courses outside the prescribed curriculum without faculty advisor and program director approval. Students in this program cannot enroll concurrently in other undergraduate or graduate degree programs.