Computer Science, M.S.

DEPARTMENT

BS in Computer Science, B.S.
MS in Computer Science, M.S.
MN in Computer Science, Minor

REQUIREMENTS

Department of Computer Science

Computer Science Master of Science Requirements

Graduate Program

The Master of Science degree program in Computer Science is designed to offer the advanced principles, applications, and current topics in computer science. Students who obtain the M.S. will be ready to do significant developmental work in the computer industry or in an important application area and will also be well qualified to pursue a Ph.D.

Applicants may hold an acceptable bachelor's degree in any field of study and must submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.

To attain classified standing at the time of admission, an applicant must:

1. have a minimum grade point average of 2.75 in the last 60 units and
2. have completed the following undergraduate prerequisite courses or equivalents with a minimum grade point average of 3.0: CSCI 40, CSCI 41, CSCI 60, CSCI 112, CSCI 113, CSCI 115, CSCI 117, CSCI 119, CSCI 144, MATH 75, MATH 76.

Applicants who do not meet the requirements 1 and 2 above may be admitted to conditionally classified standing to complete the remaining prerequisites at California State University, Fresno. Approved coursework up to a maximum of 10 units of the 30 units required for the M.S. can be taken concurrently with prerequisite courses by a student with conditionally classified standing.

To attain classified standing from conditionally classified standing, a student must complete the remaining prerequisite courses with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all coursework taken toward the M.S. in Computer Science.

(See also the Graduate Studies section in this catalog.)

Master of Science Degree Requirements

The Master of Science degree requires a minimum of 30 units after the completion of the baccalaureate degree according to the criteria below. At least 21 units of the total must be taken in 200-level courses in computer science. The undergraduate courses used toward the bachelor's degree or toward fully classified status may not be used toward the master's degree.

Required courses (12 units)
CSCI 174 or CSCI 188, CSCI 200, CSCI 201, CSCI 213* or CSCI 246, CSCI 217

Electives (9 units)
Three of the following: CSCI 226, CSCI 230, CSCI 244, CSCI 246, CSCI 250, CSCI 252, CSCI 253, CSCI 256, CSCI 264, CSCI 272, CSCI 274, CSCI 282, CSCI 284

Approved electives (5-8 units)

Culminating experience (3-6 units)
CSCI 298, or
CSCI 299, or
Comprehensive Exam, concurrent with CSCI 297
Total (30 units)

* CSCI 246 is an elective for students who have taken CSCI 213 as a required course.

In order to be eligible for advancement to candidacy in the M.S. in Computer Science program, all students must pass CSCI 200 with a grade of B or better. In addition, all students must demonstrate competence in graduate-level writing prior to being advanced to candidacy. Students may fulfill this requirement by passing the writing component of CSCI 200. Please see the graduate program coordinator for further information.

FACULTY

The faculty comes from a variety of areas including computer systems and architecture, theoretical computer science, programming languages, software engineering, computer graphics, distributed systems and parallel processing, neural networks, image processing, computer vision, pattern recognition, wireless communication and mobile computing, robot swarm communication, evolutionary computation, domain-specific languages, and real-time and embedded systems. They have in common a desire to provide a program that will give the student a broad range of experience in computer science as well as the depth of education that will be needed in the student's later career, whether professional or academic.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.
The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.