

COMPUTER SCIENCE (M.S.)

Requirements

Background courses

Students with insufficient background for graduate-level computer science courses may need to take background coursework. Credits do not apply toward the M.S. program. Students entering the program without an undergraduate degree in computer science may need to take one or more of the following, depending on their background:

| Course | Title | Credits |
|-----------|--------------------------|---------|
| CISC 5220 | Data Structures | 3 |
| CISC 5250 | Computer Organization | 3 |
| CISC 5300 | Computer Programming C++ | 3 |
| CISC 5400 | Discrete Structures | 3 |

Degree Requirements

The master's degree requires 30 credits of coursework beyond the bachelor's degree, which includes 24 credits of coursework and six credits of a culminating project. It can be completed by a full-time student in three or four semesters. Students are required to choose a concentration based on their interests. A B-average (3.000) must be maintained in courses taken for the master's degree.

| Course | Title | Credits |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Foundation Courses | | |
| CISC 5325 | Database | 3 |
| CISC 5595 | Operating Systems | 3 |
| CISC 5825 | Computer Algorithms | 3 |
| CISC 5200 | Computer Language Theory | 3 |
| One Advanced Software course (any additional class in the Software concentration) | | 3 |
| Two courses from any of the following concentrations: ¹ | | 6 |
| Software | | |
| Artificial Intelligence | | |
| Cybersecurity | | |
| Data Analytics | | |
| Networks and Systems | | |
| One additional course from any concentration area. | | 3 |
| One of the following options: | | 6 |
| <i>Thesis Paper & Research</i> | | |
| CISC 8598 | M.S. Computer Science Thesis I | |
| CISC 8599 | M.S. Computer Science Thesis II | |
| <i>Course and Capstone</i> | | |
| One additional elective course ² | | |
| CISC 6597 | Capstone Project in Computer Science | |
| Total Credits | | 30 |

¹ A list of courses for each concentration can be found on the Concentrations page (p. 1).

² Any additional graduate-level CISC course may apply, except for those listed under Background Courses above.

Concentrations

Software concentration courses

Courses in this group have the CSSO attribute.

| Course | Title | Credits |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|
| CISC 5030 | Internet and Web Programming | 3 |
| CISC 5350 | Financial Programming | 3 |
| CISC 5380 | Programming with Python | 3 |
| CISC 5410 | Mobile Device Programming | 3 |
| CISC 5500 | Data Analytics Tools and Scripting | 3 |
| CISC 5520 | Programming Languages | 3 |
| CISC 5550 | Cloud Computing | 3 |
| CISC 5835 | Algorithms for Data Science | 3 |
| CISC 5850 | The Social Network | 3 |
| CISC 5950 | Big Data Programming | 3 |
| CISC 6100 | Software Engineering | 3 |
| CISC 6300 | Computational Finance | 3 |
| CISC 6352 | Advanced Computational Finance | 3 |
| CISC 6375 | Object Software Design | 3 |
| CISC 6400 | Robotics and Animation | 3 |
| CISC 6795 | Java Programming | 3 |
| CISC 6875 | Parallel Computations | 3 |

Artificial Intelligence concentration courses

Courses in this group have the CSAI attribute.

| Course | Title | Credits |
|-----------|-------------------------|---------|
| CISC 5109 | Big Data Analytics | 3 |
| CISC 5700 | Cognitive Computing | 3 |
| CISC 5800 | Machine Learning | 3 |
| CISC 5900 | Information Fusion | 3 |
| CISC 6400 | Robotics and Animation | 3 |
| CISC 6525 | Artificial Intelligence | 3 |
| CISC 6550 | Systems Neuroscience | 3 |

Cybersecurity concentration courses

Courses in this group have the CSCY attribute.

| Course | Title | Credits |
|-----------|---|---------|
| CISC 5009 | Network Essentials | 3 |
| CISC 5650 | Cybersecurity Essentials | 3 |
| CISC 5660 | Data Science for Cybersecurity | 3 |
| CISC 5725 | Network Administration | 3 |
| CISC 5728 | Security of e-Systems and Networks | 3 |
| CISC 5750 | Information Security and Ethics | 3 |
| CISC 6070 | Red Teaming | 3 |
| CISC 6600 | Secure Cyber Networks | 3 |
| CISC 6630 | Wireless Security | 3 |
| CISC 6650 | Forensic Computing | 3 |
| CISC 6655 | Cloud Computing Security | 3 |
| CISC 6680 | Intrusion Detection and Network Forensics | 3 |

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| CISC 6800 | Malware Analytics and Software Security | 3 |
| CISC 6920 | Incident Response and Risk Management | 3 |
| CISC 7050 | Penetration Testing | 3 |

Data Analytics concentration courses

Courses in this group have the CSDA attribute.

| Course | Title | Credits |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|
| CISC 5109 | Big Data Analytics | 3 |
| CISC 5500 | Data Analytics Tools and Scripting | 3 |
| CISC 5700 | Cognitive Computing | 3 |
| CISC 5790 | Data Mining | 3 |
| CISC 5800 | Machine Learning | 3 |
| CISC 5835 | Algorithms for Data Science | 3 |
| CISC 5850 | The Social Network | 3 |
| CISC 5900 | Information Fusion | 3 |
| CISC 5950 | Big Data Programming | 3 |
| CISC 6550 | Systems Neuroscience | 3 |
| CISC 6700 | Medical Informatics | 3 |

Networks and Systems concentration courses

Courses in this group have the CSNS attribute.

| Course | Title | Credits |
|-----------|---|---------|
| CISC 5009 | Network Essentials | 3 |
| CISC 5030 | Internet and Web Programming | 3 |
| CISC 5410 | Mobile Device Programming | 3 |
| CISC 5550 | Cloud Computing | 3 |
| CISC 5725 | Network Administration | 3 |
| CISC 5728 | Security of e-Systems and Networks | 3 |
| CISC 6500 | Bioinformatics | 3 |
| CISC 6600 | Secure Cyber Networks | 3 |
| CISC 6630 | Wireless Security | 3 |
| CISC 6680 | Intrusion Detection and Network Forensics | 3 |
| CISC 6725 | Computer Networks | 3 |
| CISC 6735 | Wireless Networks | 3 |
| CISC 6795 | Java Programming | 3 |