



M.S. in Computer Science: Graduate Admission Requirements

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Applicants for admission to the MS program offered by the Computer Science (CS) Department are expected to have earned a BS degree in computer science or a related field from an approved program. The admission decision is based on multiple criteria drawn from the following items:

- Undergraduate (BS) GPA and the academic institution attended.
- General Test (GRE) scores with Quantitative greater than or equal to 50%; Verbal greater than or equal to 33%; Analytical Writing greater than or equal to 33%. A GRE is not required for Computer Science MS program applicants if their undergraduate degree is from a U.S. - based institution.
- Three letters of recommendation that demonstrate strong evidence for success in the graduate program.
- Availability of appropriate faculty to serve as research advisor(s).
- Participation in undergraduate research.
- Post-BS degree professional experience relevant to the planned degree of study.
- Publications in peer-reviewed journals and conferences.
- A score of at least 79 on the TOEFL or a minimum base score of 6.5 on the IELTS must be achieved by international students.

A successful applicant typically possesses an undergraduate GPA ≥ 3.25 on a scale of 4.0 and GRE scores with the following percentiles: Quantitative $\geq 66\%$, Verbal $\geq 33\%$, and Analytical Writing $\geq 25\%$. An international student would have a minimum score of 79 (IBT) or 213 (CBT) on the TOEFL, or a minimum base score of 6.0 on the IELTS.

Based on the level of satisfaction with the above criterion, the department will either recommend admission to Full Standing, Provisional Standing, or Special Standing, or deny admission. Special Standing and Provisional Standing status may be changed to Full Standing after the student satisfies the requirements specified by the department at the time of admission.