MS in Computer Science

Admission Requirements

Applications are considered on an individual basis by the Graduate Admissions Committee. A complete set of transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work is required before an applicant is considered. In addition to the application requirements of the Office of Admissions and the policies set by the Graduate College, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

- **Baccalaureate Field** Computer science or computer engineering. Outstanding candidates from other related fields with substantial course work in computer science will also be considered.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.50/4.00 for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate study.
- **Tests Required** GRE General scores are required for financial aid applicants and all students with degrees from outside the U.S. A total score of 308 or above (new GRE scoring system as of August 2011) on the GRE General Exam (153+ verbal, 155+ quantitative, and 4.5/6.0 analytical). For the old GRE scoring system (prior to August 2011), a combined score of 1200 or above (500+ verbal, 700+ quantitative, and 4.5+/6.0 analytical). All international students are required to submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the IELTS (International English Language Testing System), or PTE-Academic scores as well.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
  - TOEFL 570 PBT; 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Internet-based), OR,
  - IELTS 6.5, with subscores of 6.0 for all four subscores, OR,
  - PTE-Academic 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Two Required. Applicants for financial assistance must provide three letters of recommendation.
- **Personal Statement** Required.
- **Deadlines** The application deadline is the same as the Graduate College deadline.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 36.
- **Course Work** At least 28 hours (with thesis), 32 hours (with project), 36 hours (for course-work-only), 12 hours of which (for thesis and project) and 16 hours (for course-work-only) must be CS course offerings at the 500-level (excluding CS 590, CS 595, CS 596, CS 597, CS 598, and CS 599). No more than one special topics course (CS 594) may be counted toward the 500-level CS requirement. At most 8 hours of non-CS graduate courses may be counted toward the overall requirement.
- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Thesis, project, or course-work-only required.
  - **Thesis**: Thesis students must earn 8 hours in CS 598; no more than 8 hours of CS 598 may be applied toward the degree.
  - **Project**: Project students must earn 4 hours in CS 597; no more than 4 hours of CS 597 may be applied toward the degree.