The Florida State University
Department of Computer Science

Combined Bachelor's/Master's Pathway

Introduction: The combined Computer Science BA/Cyber Criminology MS pathway within the Computer Science department is intended to provide academically talented students an opportunity to complete a Bachelor's and Master's degree in a shorter time span. This pathway allows students to double-count graduate courses for both a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science and Master of Science in Cyber Criminology, thus reducing the time it would normally take to earn a Master's degree.

Admission: An undergraduate student wishing to enroll in this program must
1. have reached sophomore status and completed 60 semester hours of credit,
2. have a minimum 3.5 GPA at FSU,
3. have a minimum 3.5 GPA in all CS courses attempted, and
4. have taken GRE and have a 145 on the verbal section and a 150 on the quantitative section.

Application: Undergraduate students may apply as early as the end of their sophomore year. If accepted, they should take the GRE at the end of their junior year and apply to the graduate school during the first semester of their senior year. For further information or to apply for the program, contact the Computer Science undergraduate academic advisor in 203-C Love Building (644-8700) or email advisor@cs.fsu.edu.

Retention: In order to remain in the accelerated program, a student must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 at FSU and a Computer Science GPA of at least 3.2.

Approved graduate courses: Students in this program are allowed to substitute up to 12 graduate computer science hours (i.e., CIS 5370, CNT 5412, CNT 5605, and COP 5725). The student must satisfy all prerequisites for the specific graduate courses taken and will receive special advisement to assure that appropriate courses are selected. Grades of C- or better in these substituted graduate courses will apply towards the BA degree, but a grade of B- or better must be achieved to have that course count towards the MS degree.

Support: Undergraduate work may be funded by the usual financial aid and scholarships. Students may apply for funding in the form of teaching/research assistantships starting in their senior year.

Graduation: Once students have completed the requirements for the undergraduate degree (at the end of the fourth year), they will be awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science. When the requirements for the Master's degree are met, they will receive the Master of Science degree in Cyber Criminology.

Example Schedule: The following gives a sample timeline for the completion of the combined BA/MS pathway.

Year	Credit hours	Relevant courses	Special events
Freshman	30	MAC 1105; MAC 1140	
Sophomore	30	MAC 1114, COP 3014; MAC 2311, COP 3330	Apply for entry into BA/MS at end of year two, requires 3.5 GPA for the 60 semester hours, 3.5 GPA for all CS courses.
Junior	30	MAD 2104, COP 4530 CDA 3100; CEN; 4020; COP 4710	Take GRE at end of year three. Apply to graduate program early Fall.
Senior	30	CDA 3101, COP 4610, COP 4020, CNT 5412; CEN 4020, CAP 5725, CIS 5370, CNT 5605	Complete BA at end of year four.
120 total hours in the BA program completed.			
Graduate	18	Remaining Cyber Criminology MS degree requirements	Complete MS at end of year five.
30 hours in the MS program completed, <u>includes 12 credits</u>.			