The Florida State University Department of Computer Science

Combined Bachelor's / Master's Degree Program

Introduction: The combined Cyber Criminology/Cyber Criminology MS degree program 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 program allows students to double-count graduate courses for both a Bachelor of Science in Cyber Criminology 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 junior status and completed 60 semester hours of credit, with at least 24 hours completed at FSU
- 2. Have a minimum 3.0 FSU GPA
- 3. Have a minimum 3.2 Cyber Criminology GPA

Application: Undergraduate students may apply as early as the end of their sophomore year. If accepted, they should take the Graduate Level Examination (GRE) at the end of the 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 or email advisor@cs.fsu.edu.

Students may apply online at www.cs.fsu.edu.

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

Approved Graduate Courses: Students in this program are allowed to substitute up to 12 graduate Cyber Criminology hours (excluding courses with the CGS prefix and all individualized instruction courses) for the same number of undergraduate Cyber Criminology elective hours. 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 Cor better in these substituted graduate courses will apply towards the BS degree, but a grade of a 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 Science 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 BS/MS degree.

| Year Freshman | Cred. | Relevant Courses MAC 1105; MAC 1140; CCJ 2020; CCJ 3011 | Special Events |
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| Sophomore | 30 | COP 3014; COP 3330; CCJ 4700; CJE 3110 | |
| Junior | 30 | MAD 2104; CDA 3100; CCJ 4938; CIS 4385 | Apply for entry into BS/MS, requires 3.0 GPA, 60 semester hours, 3.2 GPA for all CS courses |
| Senior | 30 | 9 hrs of Criminology and Computer Science electives; up to 12 hours of graduate coursework to also count as Criminology or Computer Science electives 120 total hours in the BS program comp | Take GRE at the end of year three. Apply to graduate program early Fall. Complete BS at the end of year four. |
| Graduate | 21 | Remaining Cyber Criminology MS degree requirements | |

33 hours in the MS program completed, includes 12 credits