

**The Florida State University  
Department of Computer Science**

**Combined Bachelor's / Master's Degree Program**

**Introduction:** The combined Computer Science BA/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 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 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 Computer Science 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](mailto:advisor@cs.fsu.edu).

Students may apply online at [www.cs.fsu.edu](http://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 Computer Science GPA of at least a 3.2.

**Approved Graduate Courses:** Students in this program are allowed to substitute up to 12 graduate Computer Science hours (excluding courses with the CGS prefix and all individualized instruction courses) for the same number of undergraduate computer science advanced 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 C- or better in these substituted graduate courses will apply towards the BA 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 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 degree.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cred.</b>	<b>Relevant Courses</b>	<b>Special Events</b>
Freshman	30	MAC 1105; MAC 1140	
Sophomore	30	MAC 1114; MAC 2311; COP 3014; COP 3330	
Junior	30	MAD 2104; COP 4530; CDA 3100; CEN 4020; COP 4710	Apply for entry into BA/MS, requires 3.0 GPA, 60 semester hours, 3.2 GPA for all CS courses
Senior	30	CDA 3101; COP 4610; COP 4020; CEN 4020; up to 12 hours of graduate coursework	Take GRE at the end of year three. Apply to graduate program early Fall. Complete BA at the end of year four.
<b>120 total hours in the BA program completed</b>			
Graduate	21	Remaining Cyber Criminology MS degree requirements	

**33 hours in the MS program completed, includes 12 credits**