MASTER OF COMPUTER SCIENCE (MCS) DEGREE / MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) DEGREE

Program Learning Outcomes for the MCS Degree
Upon completing the MCS degree, students will be able to:

1. Solve advanced Computer Science problems. Students will acquire and apply a graduate-level understanding of material in sub-areas of Computer Science.
2. Design and implement complex software systems. Students will demonstrate skill in their design and implementation and function effectively in teams.
3. Communicate effectively to a client and user.

Program Learning Outcomes for the MBA Degree
Upon completing the MBA degree, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding and application of the foundational frameworks and tools of all business disciplines, including accounting, finance, marketing, organizational behavior, and strategic management.
2. Develop, evaluate, and implement complex business strategies and operational solutions holistically, integrating management principles across the functional areas.
3. Function effectively in a team setting both as a leader and a contributor.

Requirements for the MCS/MBA Coordinated Degrees Program
Students may earn a coordinated MBA degree and a non-thesis Master of Engineering degree from the George R. Brown School of Engineering in the following fields:

- Chemical Engineering (MChE)
- Computational and Applied Mathematics (MCAAM)
- Computer Science (MCS)
- Industrial Engineering (MIE)
- Materials Science and Nanoengineering (MMSNE)
- Mechanical Engineering (MME)
- Statistics (MStat)

For the coordinated MBA/Master of Engineering degrees, students must complete:

- A minimum of 69 credit hours in approved coursework*, including:
  - A minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate-level study (coursework at the 500-level or above) to satisfy the Master of Engineering degree requirements
- A minimum of 45 credit hours of business coursework
- All MBA core requirements, the global field experience, custom core requirements, and coordinated elective requirements

*Note: A maximum of 6 credit hours of the Master of Engineering degree elective requirements may be selected from business course offerings (MGMP, MGMT, or MICO) and used to fulfill the requirements for both the MBA and the Master of Engineering degrees.

For general university requirements, see Graduate Degrees (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-opportunities/degrees). For additional requirements, regulations, and procedures for all graduate programs, please see All Graduate Students (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees). Candidates in the MBA/Master of Engineering coordinated degrees program must complete all requirements as listed for both degrees, and must apply and be accepted in both degree programs.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this degree program. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the program’s academic advisor, or where applicable, the department or program’s Director of Graduate Studies. Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the department or program’s Official Certifier (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier). Additionally, these must be approved by the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

Summary

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Coordinated MCS Degree Requirements
Students in the coordinated MBA/MCS degrees program must complete the Core Requirements, Area of Specialization, and Design Project of the MCS degree program (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/engineering/computer-science/computer-science-mcs/#requirementstext) and Coordinated MCS Elective Requirements below.

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Coordinated MCS Elective Requirements
Select a minimum of 0-5 credit hours from departmental (COMP)
course offerings at the 500-level or above

Select a maximum of 6 credit hours from approved course
offerings (MGMP, MGMT, or, MICO) from the Jones Graduate
School of Business at the 500-level or above

Total Credit Hours

Coordinated MBA Degree Requirements
Students in the coordinated MBA/Master of Engineering degrees
program or in the coordinated MBA/Master of Science degree from
the Professional Science Master’s (PSM) degrees program must
complete the Core Requirements, Global Field Experience, and Custom
Core Requirements of the full-time MBA degree program (ga.rice.edu/
programs-study/departments-programs/business/business/business-
administration-mba-full-time/#requirementstext) and the Coordinated
MBA Elective Requirements below.

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Select an additional 12-15 credit hours from departmental
(MGMP, MGMT, or MICO) course offerings at the 500-level or
above to reach 45 total credit hours. ¹

Total Credit Hours

45

Footnotes and Additional Information
¹ To fulfill the remaining requirements for the coordinated MBA degree
program, students must complete an additional 12-15 credit hours
from departmental (MGMP, MGMT, or MICO) course offerings at
the 500-level or above to reach 45 total credit hours. (MGMT 763,
MGMT 704, and MGMT 705 are not accepted as electives.) The
second year of the program is dedicated entirely to MBA elective
coursework. Although the Jones Graduate School of Business offers
a variety of courses for students to take as electives, students may
wish to take courses from other departments at Rice University. MBA
 electives are offered on the daytime schedule, the evening schedule,
and the weekend schedule.

Policies for the MCS/MBA Coordinated Degrees Program
Additional Information
For additional information on these two degrees:

1. Please see the Computer Science website: https://www.cs.rice.edu/
2. Please see the Jones Graduate School of Business website: https://business.rice.edu/

Opportunities for the MCS/MBA Coordinated Degrees Program
Additional Information
For additional information on these two degrees: