MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS) DEGREE IN THE FIELD OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Program Learning Outcomes for the MS Degree in the field of Computer Science

Upon completing the MS degree in the field of Computer Science, students will be able to:

1. Acquire a solid foundation in Computer Science at the graduate level.
2. Conduct an independent research program.
3. Demonstrate professional skills in both oral and written communication.

Requirements for the MS Degree in the field of Computer Science

The MS degree is a thesis master's degree. For general university requirements, please see Thesis Master's Degrees (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-thesis-masters-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). Students pursuing the MS degree in the field of Computer Science must complete:

- A minimum of 30 credit hours at the 500-level or above to satisfy degree requirements.

Summary

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The MS degree is a research degree requiring a thesis in addition to coursework. Students enrolled in the PhD program must meet additional requirements before they receive the MS degree. See the PhD program section for further information.

Policies for the MS Degree in the field of Computer Science

Department of Computer Science Graduate Program Handbook

The General Announcements (GA) is the official Rice curriculum. As an additional resource for students, the department of Computer Science publishes a graduate program handbook, which can be found here: [https://gradhandbooks.rice.edu/2019_20/Computer_Science_Graduate_Handbook.pdf](https://gradhandbooks.rice.edu/2019_20/Computer_Science_Graduate_Handbook.pdf)

Transfer Credit

For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see Transfer Credit (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees/#transfer). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program's advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Additional Information

For additional helpful information, please refer to the Graduate Study in Computer Science web page at [https://www.cs.rice.edu/academics/graduate-studies/](https://www.cs.rice.edu/academics/graduate-studies/) or contact the department at gradapp@rice.edu.

Opportunities for the MS Degree in the field of Computer Science

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