Overview of Graduate Programs

Master’s Program
There are three options available, all of which include 1 credit hour of colloquium.

Thesis - 30 credit hours + colloquium
- 24 credit hours coursework
- 6 credit hours thesis research

Project - 33 credit hours + colloquium
- 30 credit hours coursework
- 3 credit hours project work

Courses-only - 33 credit hours + colloquium
- 33 credit hours coursework

We also offer a fully online MS degree.

For more information, see https://graduate.cs.odu.edu/ms/

PhD Program
Main Requirements
- PhD qualifying process: breadth exam, research ability exam
- 24 credit hours post-master’s coursework
- Candidacy exam (dissertation proposal)
- 24 credit hours dissertation work
- 1 credit hour colloquium
- Dissertation defense

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Graduate Certificate Programs
Cybersecurity (online only)
- 12 credit hours coursework
- Cybersecurity Fundamentals, Cryptography for Cybersecurity, Networked Systems Security, Information Assurance

Modeling & Simulation (M&S)
- 12 credit hours coursework
- Intro to M&S (required), at most 2 Foundation Electives, at least 1 Advanced Elective

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Graduate Faculty

Research Interests

Dr. Andrey Chernikov: Image Analysis in Medical and Bio-Material Modeling and Simulation, Parallel Computational Geometry with a focus on quality mesh generation, and High-Performance Scientific Computing

Dr. Nikos Chrisochoides: Medical Image Computing, Scientific Computing, and Parallel, Distributed and Cloud Computing

Dr. Jing He: Computational Biology, Protein Bioinformatics, Image Pattern Recognition

Dr. Yaohang Li: Computational Biology/ Bioinformatics, Computational Science, Monte Carlo Methods, High Performance Computing, Big Data Analysis

Dr. Kurt Maly: Digital Libraries, Social Networks, Computer Networks

Dr. Ravi Mukkamala: Cybersecurity, Data mining, Privacy-Preserving Mining, Distributed Systems, Performance Analysis, Modeling & Sim


Dr. Stephan Olariu: Mobile Computing, Wireless Networks, Parallel Algorithms and Architectures, Distributed Algorithms, Performance Evaluation

Dr. Desh Ranjan: Algorithms, Bioinformatics, Parallel Computing, Computational Complexity

Dr. Michele C. Weigle: Web Science, Digital Preservation, Information Visualization, Wireless Networks

Dr. Steven Zeil: Software Testing, Software Development Environments

Recent Course Offerings

MS Courses
- Algorithms and Data Structures
- App Development for Smart Devices
- Computational Geometry, Methods, and Applications
- Computational Methods and Software
- Computer Architecture
- Cryptography for Cybersecurity (online only)
- Cybersecurity Fundamentals (online only)
- Database Concepts
- Foundations of Computing
- Information Assurance (online only)
- Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
- Introduction to Networks and Communication
- Introduction to Parallel Computing
- Networked Systems Security (online only)
- Systems Programming
- Web Programming
- Web Science
- Web Server Design

MS/PhD Courses
- Architectural Support for Cloud Computing
- Applications of Graphs in Bioinformatics
- Data Mining and Security
- Design of Network Protocols
- Distributed Systems
- High-Performance Computing and Big Data
- Information Visualization
- Introduction to Bioinformatics
- Introduction to Digital Libraries
- Introduction to Information Retrieval
- Machine Learning
- Monte Carlo Simulation
- Stochastic Modeling
- Wireless Networking and Mobile Computing