A linked undergraduate to graduate option is available that leads to a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BSCS) and a Master of Science (MS) in computer science in about five years.

**Benefits:**

- Obtain two highly-marketable degrees in five years. Average of $20,000 increase in starting salary for MS vs. BS graduates.

- Count 12 graduate-level credit hours towards both the BSCS and MS degrees. After completing the BSCS, only 22 graduate credit hours remain for the MS. These can be completed in a Fall/Spring/Summer academic year.

- The GRE requirement for MS admission is waived for students successfully participating in the linked program.

- During your 5th year (after completing the BSCS), you are eligible for a Graduate Assistantship (Teaching or Research). This includes a stipend each semester and a partial tuition waiver (up to 100% for Virginia residents).

- Courses for both programs are available in face-to-face and online formats.

**Admission:**

1. Check that you meet the eligibility requirements.

2. Meet with the Chief Departmental Advisor (CDA) to verify eligibility and plan undergraduate electives.

3. Meet with the Graduate Program Director (GPD) to plan graduate courses.

4. Submit the Application for Linked Program form, available from the GPD or CDA.

**Additional Notes:**

1. Students may count three undergraduate electives taken at the graduate level (500-level) and CS 517.

2. Students must complete a Undergraduate Permission to Take Graduate Courses form for each semester they take graduate courses as an undergraduate.