

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

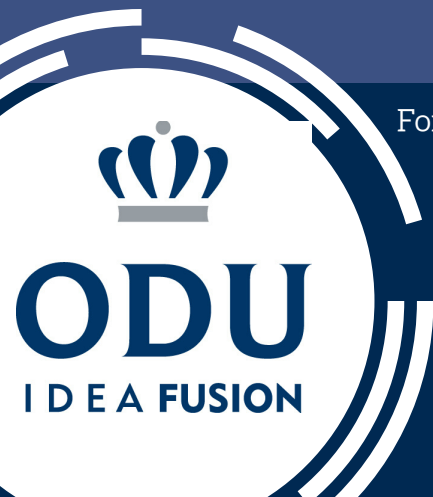
LINKED BS & MS PROGRAM

Getting your BSCS? Add an MS!

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.



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<https://graduate.cs.odu.edu/ms/linked-program/>

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:

- 1 | Have completed at least 60 undergraduate credit hours (at least 24 credit hours from ODU).
- 2 | Have completed CS 361, CS 381, MATH 212, and all associated prerequisites for those courses.
- 3 | Hold an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher and a GPA of 3.0 or higher in CS and MATH courses

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.