

Accelerated BS/MS Dual Degree Program in Computer Science

The BS degree in Computer Science requires 126 semester hours and the MS degree in Computer Science requires 30 semester hours. Undergraduate Computer Science majors who enter the Accelerated BS/MS Dual Degree program are permitted to double count up to 9 semester hours of overlapping courses. The overlapping hours all come from graduate courses which fulfill graduate program requirements and which are also used to satisfy credit hour requirements for the baccalaureate degree. Specifically, three graduate level Computer Science courses may be chosen instead of three undergraduate level Computer Science courses when fulfilling Computer Science electives for the BS degree. Other than the 9 semester hours of courses that students may double count toward their BS degree, students complete all BS degree requirements, including co-op and wellness.

Undergraduate students who apply to RIT in Computer Science are accepted initially into the BS degree program. Students interested in the Accelerated BS/MS Dual Degree program in Computer Science request entry into this program using a Change of Program form. We encourage students to wait until at least the end of their second year at RIT before making this request. Students should consult their academic advisor prior to officially filing the form. The Graduate Program Coordinator determines whether or not a student is admitted into the Accelerated BS/MS Dual Degree program. Once students are enrolled in the Accelerated BS/MS Dual Degree program, they must complete all of their degree requirements for the BS degree before being permitted to register for either the MS thesis or project.

Students are required to have earned at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA in order to apply for the Accelerated BS/MS Dual Degree program. There can also be significant financial benefits to students who enroll in this program, although these are best discussed with a financial aid counselor.

Additional information regarding Accelerated Dual Degree Programs involving Computer Science may be found online at the main Computer Science web site: <http://www.cs.rit.edu> under the *Programs* tab.