

5-Year Program Information Sheet

The 5-year program is offered for both Computer Science (Software Development) and Information Technology.

To obtain the MS CS in 5 years, you must:

1. Complete a BS in Computer Science or Information Technology in four years*
 - As part of the undergraduate curriculum, complete up to four additional 400-level courses above the ordinary degree requirements. These courses:
 - must be applicable to the Master's degree program in the corresponding track
 - are additional to the courses applicable to the major requirements for the BS degree
 - apply to the BS degree as free electives
2. Complete the MS in one year*
 - Complete 18 additional credits in courses for graduate students only (numbered 500 and above). This is accomplished by either:
 - 6 courses, taken over one year, 3 per term, or
 - a thesis constituting 6 total credits, 3 credits per term, completed over one year, along with 4 additional courses, 2 per term

Notes

- The BS and MS degrees must be in the same major/track.
 - The BS and MS degrees are received separately. A student completing the BS is not obligated to complete the MS.
- If you have less than four additional 400 level courses completed as free electives when the BS is received, additional courses will be required to complete the master's program's 30-hour requirement.

What you Must do to be Admitted*

- Pursue a BS in one of the major programs, Computer Science or Information Technology.
 - Apply for admittance to the 5-year BS/MS for your major program once you meet these eligibility requirements:
 - 24 hours completed in your major program
 - A minimum GPA of 3.0
- Students change to the 5-year BS/MS for their major during their senior year. At this time, they also change advisors to the graduate advisor (currently Dr. Spiegel).
- An internal form ("Approval for 5-yr. Program") and Change of Major and Advisor form must be completed to enter the 5-year program. These two forms can be obtained in the department office (OM256).
 - During a student's last term in the BS portion of the program, they must apply to the KU graduate school for admission to the MS in Computer Science. The GRE, letters of reference, and application fee are waived. The application is at <https://www.kutztown.edu/graduateapply>.

Contact

- For questions regarding the application process, contact the Graduate Admissions Office (graduate@kutztown.edu, Old Main 121A, 610-683-4200).
- For questions regarding the CSIT Master's program, the coordinators of the graduate program are Drs. Schwesinger (OM250) and Hussain (OM249). You can also contact them at CSITgraduate@kutztown.edu or (484)646-4299.

* Students are not required to complete the BS/MS in 5-years. This program offers a route to completion in 5-years, but students may take longer.