Overview

A Master of Computer Information Systems gives you the tools not only to enter a career in CIS, but to keep up with the technology as it changes. This degree program uses a cutting-edge curriculum in information technology, project management, and business systems to help you meet the demands of this fast-paced and challenging field.

This program offers:

• Excellent job placement: Nearly 100% of the graduates of this master’s program are placed in the IT field.
• High salary potential: CIS graduates have some of the highest starting salaries among majors at Colorado State University.
• Flexibility: Study full- or part-time, with degree completion in as little as three semesters or with the flexibility to take up to 5 years.
• Opportunity: Move into a new career or strengthen your position in your current career as the program is designed for both non-IT and IT professionals.

Curriculum

Although each course may have prerequisites, they can be modified, depending on prior coursework or work experience, to fit within your program of study and intended semester of admission.

• CIS 600 – Information Technology and Project Management (3 cr.)
• CIS 601 – Enterprise Computing and Systems Integration (3 cr.)
• CIS 605 – Business Visual Application Development (3 cr.)
• CIS 606 – Application Software Infrastructure (3 cr.)
• CIS 610 – Software Development Methodology (3 cr.)
• CIS 611 – Object-Oriented Systems (3 cr.)
• CIS 620 – IT Communications Infrastructure (3 cr.)
• CIS 655 – Business Database Systems (3 cr.)
• CIS 665 – E-Business Application Technologies (3 cr.)
• Electives (minimum six credits required)

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Delivery

Online

Credits

Plan C – 33 credits

Tuition

$793 per credit
• Includes Student Services
• Fees assessed separately
• Financial aid is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

Time frame

Can be completed in 1.5 years

Completion requirements

• A minimum of 33 credits (11 classes) must be completed to earn a degree.
• The Graduate School requires that 24 credits be completed after admission to the program.

More info

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Application Deadlines
Fall semester: **July 1**  Spring Semester: **December 1**

1 **Review Admission Requirements**

Master of Computer Information Systems applicants generally must meet or exceed the following criteria:

- An undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year institution in any field with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- A minimum of four years of professional work experience
- Satisfactory GMAT/GRE scores or waiver
- International applicants: Internet-based TOEFL score of 86 or higher, or an IELTS score of 6.5 or higher, or a PTE score of 58 or higher

1. While we encourage our students to meet the minimum criteria, failure to meet one may be offset by strengths in other areas, as determined by the Graduate Program Committee.
2. You may request a waiver to the GMAT or GRE if you have eight or more years of full-time professional experience that show a progression in responsibility (or military experience at an officer’s rank) and at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA in accredited undergraduate work (3.0 GPA in the last 60 credits is acceptable), or have completed a graduate degree. Please contact us to learn if you might qualify for a waiver.
3. Other testing formats may be accepted. Please contact us for information.

2 **Prepare Application Materials**

**Three professional recommendations**

Recommendations provide insight into your skills and expertise in the professional environment and areas where a graduate degree can help you improve. Three professional recommendations are required. You will provide your recommenders’ information on the online application. CSU will contact them and give them a link to a secure form they will submit on your behalf.

**Statement of Purpose**

A statement of purpose is a one-page letter addressing 1) why you chose our program, 2) what you hope to do with the knowledge and skills you would learn, and 3) what value you and your background would bring to the program. You will upload this document to your online application.

**Current resume**

Describe the responsibilities of your professional experience and what you accomplished while in those positions; show the length of time for each position (including the month and year). International applicants, please provide the city, state, and country for your employment and academic history. You will upload this document to your online application.

**Academic performance explanation (if GPA is below 3.0)**

If your most recent degree (undergraduate or graduate) cumulative GPA is below 3.0, explain the circumstances relating to your past academic performance on your online application.

**English language proficiency test (if needed)**

International applicants must complete the TOEFL or IELTS or PTE if the official language of your country is not English or if you did not earn your undergraduate or graduate degree from a U.S.-accredited institution. Test scores must be submitted directly to Colorado State University (school code 4075) from the testing centers.

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3 **Complete Online Application**

Complete Colorado State University’s [online graduate application](#) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. You do not need to wait for recommendations or transcripts to move your application forward.

- Select “Computer Information Systems (M.C.I.S) or Computer Information Systems (M.C.I.S.) – Distance” for the program of study.

4 **Submit Online Applicant Data Sheet**

Use your CSU ID number to complete and submit the College of Business [applicant data sheet](#). After you submit your application online, you will receive a CSU ID number in approximately two to three days, unless you already have one (alumni and current students).

5 **Submit Test Scores**

- **GMAT or GRE or waiver petition form**

Take the GMAT or GRE and have scores sent electronically to Colorado State University directly from the testing service (school code 4075). Or, if you qualify and want to petition for a GMAT or GRE waiver, complete the waiver form, which will be available after you submit your online application.

6 **Request Transcripts**

Original and official transcripts must be received from each institution you attended, including the institution from which you received your degree. Institutions may mail or email transcripts directly to the address below. If you already have sealed, official copies of your transcripts, you may mail those directly to us. (Student copies are not accepted.)

International applicants: You must submit one set of official transcripts and a degree statement with a certified translation into English from each college or university attended, or notarized/certified copies if you can’t get originals. Documents must show courses and final examinations taken, marks received for each year, and degree or diploma received. These must be mailed to us.

Send e-transcripts to: [gradadmissions@colostate.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@colostate.edu)

Send paper copies to:
Graduate Admissions
Colorado State University – Office of Admissions
1062 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

**Check Your Application Status**

View your [application status](#) at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and promptly notify you of their decision.