

# Computer Science Master's Bridge Certificate

Students are eligible to apply to the Computer Science Masters Bridge Certificate Program (CSMBC) if they have completed the equivalent of a 3-year undergraduate degree at an institution of higher education outside of the United States and wish to pursue a computer science graduate degree in the United States.

## Admission to the Computer Science Masters Bridge Certificate Program (CSMBC)

- Students apply to the Computer Science graduate program with all required materials (English proficiency scores, transcript and transcript evaluation, financial statement, graduate application fee, etc.)
- If academically qualified for admission to the CS master's program and possessing a minimum 2.5 undergraduate GPA, the School of Graduate Studies provides the CSMBC students with a letter of conditional admission, contingent upon successful completion of the CSMBC
- The School of Graduate Studies also sends the CSMBC student application to the Center for Global Education (CGE), which will process the admission of the student as an undergraduate special student
- CGE will also provide the CSMBC student with a letter of admission to the CSMBC Program and an F-1 visa for one year

### 1. Advising and Good Standing

- Computer Science Masters Bridge Certificate students will be advised primarily by the College undergraduate advising office.
- Personalizations and waivers of the common body of knowledge courses will be authorized in consultation with the CS graduate advisor.
- Students may not enroll in more than one on-line course per semester
- Computer Science Masters Bridge Certificate students will be encouraged to enroll in English Language Academy courses as needed to improve English academic proficiency.
- CSMBC students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA each semester to remain in good standing. They may be dismissed, pending appeal to the college Assistant Dean, if they are not in good standing.

### 2. Certificate Achievement and Graduate Studies Admission

- CSMBC students who complete the 30-credit program with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher will be admitted to the CS graduate program in good standing.
- CSMBC students who complete the 30-credit program with a cumulative GPA of between 2.5 and 2.74 may be admitted to the CS graduate program on probation.
- The College undergraduate advising office will notify the School of Graduate Studies upon satisfactory completion of the CSMBC program and the School of Graduate Studies will admit the student to the CS graduate program.
- The undergraduate advising office will notify CGE upon satisfactory completion of the CSMBC program and CGE will change the visa status and time to degree for the graduate student.
- 30 units of UW-Whitewater coursework and a 2.75 UW-W cumulative GPA are required to earn the certificate.