

Application Form for ABM Program in Computer Science

Applicant Name (printed)

MTSU ID Number

Cumulative GPA

First Semester at MTSU

Expected Graduation Date

No. of credit hours completed
(including courses taken at current semester)

As a student participating in an Accelerated Bachelor's-to-Master's (ABM) program at MTSU, I understand the following:

Retention and Graduation Requirements:

- Students must complete the bachelor's degree prior to entering the master's program.
- Students must receive a grade of B (3.0) or better in double-counted graduate courses. Courses with a grade below B (including B-) cannot be double-counted toward the graduatedegree requirements.
- If a student completes his/her bachelor's degree requirement with a cumulative GPA of less than 3.25 on a 4.0 scale, he/she is no longer eligible to double-count the credit hours and is automatically terminated from the ABM program. When a student is dismissed from a program, the graduate program director must inform the student in writing with a copy of the letter delivered to the College of Graduate Studies.
- No more than 12 hours of graduate work may be counted toward the requirements of both degrees.
- Students who do not follow the approved program of study may become ineligible to continue in the ABM program.
- A student who is ineligible to participate in the ABM program cannot double-count any courses for both bachelor's and master's degrees.
- A student who withdraws from the ABM program cannot double-count any course for both bachelor's and master's degrees.

Effect on Financial Aid

Some financial aid or scholarship only covers courses required by the program. If a graduate course is to be counted as an elective, it must be listed on page 1 of the undergraduate upper division form as an upper division elective in the section marked Major Courses. Please contact MTSU's financial aid office for verification.

Withdrawal from ABM Program

A student in an ABM program may withdraw at any time by informing the undergraduate and graduate program directors in writing. A copy of the letter of withdrawal must be sent to the College of Graduate Studies. Once a student withdraws from an ABM program, he/she is ineligible to subsequently re-enter that ABM program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Complete this form and return to Dr. Zhijiang Dong in KOM 0355 or at Zhijiang.Dong@mtsu.edu

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ABM Program Application Checklist

- ☐ **Step 1:** Make sure you meet the criteria for admission:
 - Have completed a minimum of 75 credit hours in your undergraduate program (including Advanced Placement credits)
 - Have at least two full-time semesters of undergraduate coursework remaining at the time of application
 - Have completed a minimum of two semesters as a full-time student at MTSU if you're a transfer student
 - Have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better on a 4.0 scale
- ☐ **Step 2:** Complete the Application Form on back and return to Dr. Zhijiang Dong in room 0355 Bldg KOM or at Zhijiang.Dong@mtsu.edu
- ☐ **Step 3:** Upon notification of acceptance, make an advising appointment with your undergraduate and graduate program advisors to map out your course of study and determine when you will complete your undergraduate degree.
 - Complete undergraduate upper division form listing graduate courses that will be doublecounted with your undergraduate advisor
 - Complete graduate program of study with your graduate program advisor
- ☐ **Step 4:** Apply to **College of Graduate Studies**. When selecting your admission term, select the term **when you will formally enter your graduate program**. This should be the next term in which you plan to enroll **after** you complete your undergraduate degree.

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Accelerated Bachelor's-to-Master's (ABM) Program in Computer Science



Accelerated Bachelor's-to-Master's (ABM) Program in Computer Science allows qualified undergraduate students to take up to **four** graduate level courses, which could be double-counted for both bachelor's and master's degrees. It is now possible to get your master's degree in computer science within three or even two semesters.

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Graduate Degree in Computer Science

MTSU's Computer Science Department offers a broadbased Master of Science (M.S.) degree. A student may choose between thesis and non-thesis options. The thesis option enables the student to concentrate in a specific area or to prepare for Ph.D. work. The non-thesis option requires additional coursework. Students pursuing either option must meet the following requirements:

- complete CSCI 4700/5700 or an equivalent undergraduate course
- complete CSCI 4560/5560 or an equivalent undergraduate course
- complete CSCI 6620 as part of their required degree hours

Thesis Option (30 hours):

The M.S. in Computer Science requires a completion of 30 hours of graduate coursework in the thesis option. Up to 3 hours in CSCI 6640 may be included in the 30 hours. Students must present an oral defense of the thesis. A minimum of 21 hours must be at the 6000 level.

Non-Thesis Option (36 hours):

The M.S. in Computer Science completion of 36 hours of graduate coursework in the non-thesis option. Candidates must successfully complete a comprehensive examination. Credit for CSCI 6640 may not be included in the 36 hours. A minimum of 24 hours must be at the 6000 level.

