

## 4+1 Accelerated (five-year) Program Information Sheet

The 4+1 accelerated (5-year) program is offered for both Computer Science and Information Technology.

To obtain the MS CS in 5 years:

1. Complete a BS in Computer Science or Information Technology in four years\*
  - As part of the undergraduate curriculum, complete 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 as little as one year\*
  - Complete 18 additional credits in courses for graduate students only. 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 4 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 4+1 accelerated 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 in CSC coursework or a 3.0 GPA overall
    - ◆ If you are interested in the 4+1 accelerated program but don't meet the GPA requirement, you should discuss this with the graduate coordinator (currently Dr. Spiegel).
- Apply to the 4+1 accelerated program by completing the "Approval for 4+1 Accelerated Program" form during your senior year.
- When the approval for the 4+1 accelerated program form is completed and all signatures are obtained, the CSIT Dept. Secretary will email you with a copy to your advisor and the graduate advisor (currently Dr. Spiegel). Your advisor will share your advising information with the graduate advisor.
  - You will continue to be advised by your undergraduate advisor until you complete your BS.
  - You should contact your graduate advisor for graduate advising, which will begin the semester you will complete your BS degree.
- During your last term in the BS portion of the program, you 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](mailto:graduate@kutztown.edu), Boxwood House, 610-683-4200).
- For questions regarding the CSIT Master's program, the graduate program coordinators are Drs. Spiegel (OM251) and Hussain (OM249). You can contact them at [CSITgraduate@kutztown.edu](mailto: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 completing an MS in 5 years, but students may require more than five years to complete the requirements.