

International Admissions for MS Computer Science

Spring 2027 Semester Intake	Classes Start January 25, 2027 (Arrive on January 20, 2027)
Priority Application Period – July 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026	Estimated Admission Decision by October 15, 2026
Late Application Period – October 1 – November 1, 2026	Estimated Admissions decision 4-6 weeks

Why choose the MSCS Program at CSU Channel Islands?

- Small program with approximately 24 students per class, which means lots of interaction with professors.
- **An excellent value at \$739 per unit, 32-unit program for a total cost of \$23,648*** (does not include housing)
- A public university located in a warm climate in Southern California. 1 hour north of Los Angeles. 10 minutes from the beach. California has an excellent economy and is the tech hub of the USA.
- Program is STEM OPT eligible. Many companies nearby as we are located along the 101 Tech corridor.
- Flexible options. Students can choose either a thesis or master project. Students are allowed to take up to 2 non-COMP classes offered by the MBA program or MS in Mathematics program.
- Full time program with classes offered in the evenings on weeknights (if living off-campus must provide your own transportation, students are strongly encouraged to live on campus to be able to walk to class. Public buses are limited).

Courses in the MS Computer Science Program (please note not every course is offered every semester)

COMP 510	Advanced Image Analysis Techniques	COMP 554	Algorithms
COMP 520	Advanced Database Systems	COMP 566	Geometry and Computer Graphic
COMP 524	Security	COMP 569	Artificial Intelligence
COMP 529	Cloud Computing	COMP 571	Biologically Inspired Computing
COMP 532	Computational Bioinformatics	COMP 572	Neural Networks
COMP 546	Pattern Recognition	COMP 575	Multi-Agent Systems
COMP 549	Human-Computer Interaction	COMP 578	Data Mining
COMP 550	Advanced Software Engineering	COMP 590	Advanced Topic in Computer Science

Suggested Study Plan and Tuition and Fees per semester. Pay per semester, installment payment plan available.

Spring 2027 - \$6,651	Fall 2027 - \$6,651	Spring 2028 - \$7,390	Fall 2028 - \$2,956
9 units – 3 courses	9 units – 3 courses	10 units – 2 courses + thesis & Seminar or 3 courses + project & seminar	4 units – Thesis + seminar or project + seminar

Minimum CSU Admission Requirements** – Please note meeting these requirements only ensures your application will be sent to the Committee. The Committee may have higher standards for admission:

- Hold a bachelor's degree equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree. An outside evaluation is not required except for 3-year degrees. (see 3-year degree section on next page for details).
- Minimum 2.75 out of 4.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA or 2.75 in the last 60 semester units (2 years).
- Meet English proficiency requirements – Acceptable exams and scores - TOEFL iBT score of 80, or IELTS score of 6.5, or PTE score of 56, or Duolingo score of 105. Meet program specific requirements (page 2)
- Applicants are expected to have high grades (marks) in the key classes listed below:

Mathematics Background in:	Computer Science Background in:
• Discrete Mathematics • Calculus I • A statistics course (since machine learning leans on stats)	• Intro Programming (any language, but best if it is Python, C, or C++) • Object Oriented Programming (usually C++ or Java) • Data Structures • Computer Architectures (Assembly Language or Computer Organization)

Program Specific Requirements and MS Computer Science Committee expectations

The Graduate Admission Committee takes a holistic approach in reviewing applicants. All documents an applicant submits are reviewed. Applicants are selected based on who is a best match for the program based on the applicant pool. The program is highly competitive with limited spots available. Prior completion of computer science courses with high marks is weighed heavily in the admission decision.

Applicants with a 3-year bachelor's degree

Applicants with a 3-year degree can check your degree equivalency at: <https://applications.wes.org/degree-equivalency-tool/>. If WES states that your degree is equivalent, then you can get a WES evaluation. 180 ECTS degrees require an evaluation. Most 3-year degrees from Ghana, Uganda and United Kingdom do not need a WES evaluation. For applicants with a 3-year degree + an additional PGD or MS degree do not require a WES evaluation. Email if you have a 3-year degree and are unsure it is equivalent to a U.S. degree.

Ready to Apply?

CHECKLIST – Documents required for an admission decision. Upload documents in the online application.

- **CSUCI International Admissions Application** www.Calstate.edu/Apply . Please note we share the online application with the 22 other campuses of the CSU, filter by campus and select “Cal State Channel Islands”
- \$70.00 non-refundable application fee can be paid online when submitting the application.
- **Soft Copies of Transcripts** (aka Individual Mark Sheets from the University). If degree has been awarded, include provisional certificate (certificate must be awarded before start of program). **Official copies due January 15, 2027**
- **English Proficiency Exam** – one of the 4 acceptable exams, soft copies ok for TOEFL, PTE, IELTS, request official Duolingo score to be sent to CSUCI.
- Two letters of recommendation (professional or academic). Can upload PDF letter or email recommenders in application.
- Résumé or Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of Purpose (aka Personal Statement or Motivation Letter)
- GRE not required, but taking the GRE exam is encouraged

I-20 issued 2-3 business days after receipt of the following: Passport, Affidavit form, bank statement required available funds of \$35,302 (estimate \$22,000 living expenses). \$250 deposit towards the first semester tuition & fees