

## International Admissions for MS Computer Science

<b>Fall 2026 Semester Intake</b>	<b>Classes Start August 24, 2026</b> (Arrive on August 19, 2026)
<b>Priority Application Period – October 1, 2025-March 31, 2026</b>	Estimated Admission Decision by April 20, 2026
Late Application Period – April 1 – June 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 520	Advanced Database Systems
COMP 524	Security
COMP 529	Cloud Computing
COMP 532	Computational Bioinformatics
COMP 546	Pattern Recognition
COMP 549	Human-Computer Interaction
COMP 550	Advanced Software Engineering

COMP 554	Algorithms
COMP 566	Geometry and Computer Graphic
COMP 569	Artificial Intelligence
COMP 571	Biologically Inspired Computing
COMP 572	Neural Networks
COMP 575	Multi-Agent Systems
COMP 578	Data Mining
COMP 590	Advanced Topic in Computer Science

**Suggested Study Plan and Tuition and Fees per semester (\$739 per unit).** Pay each semester after enrollment, installment payment plan available to make 3 payments each semester (sample: 1/3 of payment in August 1/3 payment in September, final 1/3 payment in October)

Fall 2026 - \$6,651	Spring 2027 -\$6,651	Fall 2027 - \$7,390	Spring 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 completed foundation classes in computer science and mathematics prior to applying (see program specific requirements).

## 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.

Mathematics Background in:	Computer Science Background in:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discrete Mathematics</li><li>• Calculus 1</li><li>• A statistics course (since machine learning leans on stats)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intro Programming (any language, but best if it is Python, C, or C++)</li><li>• Object Oriented Programming (usually C++ or Java)</li><li>• Data Structures</li><li>• Computer Architectures (Assembly Language or Computer Organization)</li></ul>

### 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. 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](http://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 August 18, 2026**
- **English Proficiency Exam** – one of the 4 acceptable exams, soft copies ok for TOEFL 80, PTE 56, IELTS 6.5, request official Duolingo Academic Test 105 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

### After Admission Requirements to Accept the Offer and Receive the I-20

**I-20 issued 2-3 business days after receipt of the following:**

- \$250 deposit towards first semester tuition and fees
- Passport (biographical page with picture)
- A bank statement showing available funds of \$35,302 USD (estimated cost for 1<sup>st</sup> year of study)
- CSUCI Graduate Financial Affidavit form available at:  
<https://www.csuci.edu/international/admissions/grad-aff-fall2026.pdf>