AGENDA

Welcome to USC
Degree Requirements
Course Registration
Academic Advisement
Career Services
Computer Science Faculty

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Master of Science in Computer Science
(everyone earns this degree title)

General Track (28 units)

Specializations (32 units)
- Data Science
- Software Engineering
- Multimedia and Creative Technologies
- Computer Security
- Game Development
- High Performance Computing & Simulations
- Intelligent Robotics
- Computer Networks

Changing Specializations? You can do this after you completed your first semester at USC and earn a 3.0 or higher.
Master of Science in Computer Science (Scientists and Engineers)

- 37 units
- Must complete CSCI 455x during the first semester (**can’t be waived**)
- Cannot change programs/specializations

**Degree Requirements** ([https://www.cs.usc.edu/academic-programs/masters/](https://www.cs.usc.edu/academic-programs/masters/))
Master of Science in Cyber Security Engineering (28 units)
• Must complete INF 519 during the first semester

Degree Requirements
https://datascience.usc.edu/academics/master-of-science-in-cyber-security-engineering/
Master of Science in Applied Data Science (32 units)
• Students with limited or no CS background should start with INF 550
• Students with advanced background in CS may start with INF 551

Degree Requirements
https://datascience.usc.edu/academics/master-of-science-in-applied-data-science/
Tracking Your Degree Requirements

Your STARS report can be found on my.usc.edu, OASIS
**STARS does not automatically update, but you can email your academic advisor once you complete your first semester of classes to request an update.**
USC requires graduate students to maintain continuous enrollment every Fall and Spring semester.

Summer enrollment is optional.

If you must miss a Fall or Spring semester, please contact us to request a Leave of Absence before Friday of Week 3 of the semester (the add/drop deadline for courses). Make sure to contact your advisor ASAP!

If you do not file for a leave of absence when not attending USC during a fall or spring semester, you will be considered out of residency and will need to apply for re-admission to the program. Always file for a leave of absence if you need time off from the program!

You have 5 years to complete the degree program from the term of your first course. For international students this depends on your I20
Computer Science Honors Program: MS in CS students who earn a 3.9 or higher can apply to the Computer Science Honors Program and receive a number of benefits including special invitations to meet with faculty & industry affiliates as well as priority registration for classes (among other things). More information to come! (www.cs.usc.edu/academic-programs/masters/cs_ms_honors/)

Good Academic Standing: All graduate students are required to maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (“B” average), as well as a 3.0 (“B” average) in your applied major courses. You may be dismissed from the program if this is not achieved. Faculty and Teaching Assistants are available to help with questions you have about the course.

Be sure you understand how much peer-to-peer collaboration is acceptable before collaborating with other students in the course. Otherwise you may end up inadvertently getting an academic integrity violation ...
Consequences of Getting an Academic Integrity Violation

- You will receive a “F” in the class and it will affect your GPA and appear on your transcript. F’s cannot be removed – no exceptions
- You can be suspended or expelled from USC
- Can be denied future Curricular Practical Training/Internship, access to Viterbi Career Connections and affect job opportunities
How to Avoid Academic Integrity Violations

• If you are unsure if something would be considered cheating, check with your professor 1st! They are there to guide you and help you and will give you advice.

• If you are doing group work, make sure the professor has approved you to work on an assignment as a group.

• Don’t post your homework on github! Don’t share homework with your friend.

• Don’t try to cheat the system. You will get caught!

Questions about Academic Integrity?

Viterbi Academic Integrity Officer:
Associate Professor Steve Bucher
sbucher@usc.edu
The Course Registration Process

Common Registration Holds

The Departmental Clearance (D-Clearance) Process
Unpaid balances can result in a financial hold that restrict registration as well as late fees on your account.

Questions regarding tuition such as how to pay tuition, deadlines, unsettled balances, etc. should be sent to Student Financial Services. You advisor does not have access to your financial record.

**Location:** Jefferson Boulevard Parking Structure

**Phone:** 213-740-7471

**Email:** cashier@usc.edu
HOW TO REQUEST D-CLEARANCE FROM DEN
(All DEN courses require D-clearance)

1. Login to DEN Desire2Learn: http://courses.uscden.net
2. Go to DEN@Viterbi Tools on the navigation bar
3. Select “Request D-clearance” link, select the term, and select a course
4. Approval process takes 1-2 business days. To view the status of a request, click on “Check D-Clearance Status”
5. You can register once your request has been processed. D-clearances expire 7 days from when it is issued so register as soon as you obtain it to secure a seat in a course.

For questions on D-Clearance status, contact den@vase.usc.edu
## DEN CONTACT INFORMATION

### OFFICE OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

**Location:** Olin Hall of Engineering (OHE), Rm. 106  
**Hours:** Mon. - Fri. 8:30 am - 5 pm (Pacific Time)  
**Phone:** (213) 740-4488 | **Fax:** (213) 821-0851  
[https://viterbigrad.usc.edu/](https://viterbigrad.usc.edu/)

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Registration and Course Planning Tips

• Be flexible with your course choices. We offer a large variety of courses covering many areas of computer science & we know you’re here to broaden your knowledge of computer science.

• Plan your classes by referring to the Schedule of Classes classes.usc.edu or Web Registration via myUSC.

• Out of Sequence: If you receive a waiver to take an advanced course, you cannot go back to take the lower-level course. No credit will be awarded.

• Enroll in no more than two courses per semester (8 units). For DEN students working full-time, we recommend no more than one course (4 units).

• Communicate with a CS advisor and/or professor if you are having any issues with courses before add/drop and withdraw deadlines.
**Registration (Add/Drop) Deadlines**

**JANUARY 10:** last day to register for at least 1 course and settle any fees

**January 13:** 1st day of classes

**January 31:** last day to make any changes to your schedule (**but, we recommend you do not add a course after the second week of school**) and the last day to receive a refund for dropped courses

**FEBRUARY 28:** Last day to drop a class with *no refund* and *no grade of a “W” on transcript*

**APRIL 3:** Last day to withdraw from a class with *no refund* and a *grade of “W” on transcript* **Classes cannot be dropped after this date**
Registration (Add/Drop) Deadlines

Deadlines are always listed on the Schedule of Classes classes.usc.edu
The Computer Science Academic Advisors can help make sure you are on track to graduate, can help you plan out courses, and can answer questions about the curriculum.

The Viterbi Admissions and Student Engagement (VASE) advisor can assist with DEN course registration and can help you navigate the university and troubleshoot general USC issues. They are located in OHE 106 and can be reached via email at masters@vase.usc.edu.
Academic Advisement Team

Advisees can be reached at

cscimasters@vsoe.usc.edu

Flor Martínez
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Chrissy Franks
Alexandra Slakter
Kim Serrano
Ryan Rozan, Associate Director
Lizsl De Leon, Director of Student Affairs
What You Can Expect From Us

- We reply to emails within 2 business days during business hours (Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm)
- During peak times (first couple weeks of the semester), advisors are available in-person through group advisement sessions
- After the third week of school, we’re available for one-on-one appointments scheduled via MyViterbi (if you’re a DEN student, you can choose to do an in-person appointment or phone appointment)

What We Expect From You

- Check your email every day
- Include your USC ID and full name in all emails sent to your advisor
- Only email using your usc.edu email address
- When our communication requires a response, please reply within 2 business days
How to Make an Advisement Appointment

During week 4 of the semester, advisors are available for course planning and other questions. You can make an appointment via myViterbi.

Please include your USC ID number in the comments when making an appointment.

Emails can be sent directly to cscimasters@vsoe.usc.edu
Internship and Career Resources

Viterbi Career Connections
Ronald Tutor Hall 218
Tel: 213-740-9677
viterbicareers.usc.edu
vcareers@usc.edu

Industry Affiliates Program
Stay tuned for information about special events with our affiliates!
(https://www.cs.usc.edu/about/affiliate/)

Affiliate Members

Founding Members
Platinum
Google
Lyft
Level 5
DiDi
mesmer
Microsoft

Gold
Plug and Play

Silver
Zillow Group

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Thank You!

Have a great spring semester!
Fight On!