

Online MCS Admissions

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Welcome! Thanks for joining us!

Topics Covered:

- Application Requirements
 - International student application requirements
- Tuition & Financial Aid
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What are we looking for?

Professional Background:

- Multi-disciplinary
- Multifunction
- Some programming

Academic Background

- Must have a Bachelor's degree
- Does not need to be in computing, but needs to include data structures
- GPA: 3.2/4.0 or higher

Programming Ability:

- Data structures
- Algorithms
- Object-Oriented Design

*Most students know python,
but helps to know C++ or Java*

Mathematical Ability:

- Linear algebra
- Basic statistics/probability

Application Requirements

- **Application**
- **Application Fee**
 - \$70 for domestic students
 - \$90 for international students
- **3 Letters of Recommendation**
 - Professional or Academic
 - Faculty
 - Supervisor
 - Colleagues
- **Statement of Purpose**
- **C/V or Resume (*must submit for TOEFL/IELTS waiver*)**
- **Transcripts**
 - Unofficial(Application)
 - Official(Enroll)
- **Standardized tests**
 - GRE & GMAT are *not* required

Additional Requirements for International Students

Minimum Requirements by Country

- <https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04a>

English Proficiency Requirements

<https://cs.illinois.edu/additional-required-application-materials-international-students>

- TOEFL-code number 1836
 - iBT: Greater than 102
 - CBT: Greater than 253
 - PBT: Greater than 610
- IELTS
 - Greater than 7.0
- Both should be less than 2 years old
- [Exemption Waivers](#): Academic and Employment History

Tuition & Financial Aid

- **Tuition:**

- Tuition for the MCS-DS track is \$670 per credit hour (effective Fall 2019)
- Total of less than \$22,000 for the complete 32 credit hour degree.

- **Financial Aid:**

- The Department of Computer Science does not offer research or teaching assistantships to students enrolled in our online programs, including the MCS Data Science track.

- **Sponsor (Third Party) Billing:**

- When some or all of a student's tuition and fees are paid by a sponsoring organization, the student and organization may qualify to participate in Sponsor Billing at the University of Illinois.

FAQ

- **What is the Online MCS?**
- **What is the MCS-DS?**
- **What will appear on the diploma or transcript?**
- **How is an Online MCS course offered using the Coursera MOOC platform?**
- **How are Online MCS courses different than typical Coursera MOOC courses?**
- **Do the two Coursera MOOC courses and for-credit portion need to be taken concurrently?**

FAQ continued...

- **I completed a Coursera specialization. Will I earn graduate credit at the University of Illinois?**
- **Are students expected to be proficient in a particular programming language?**
- **How do students apply for the Online MCS or MCS-DS?**
- **What if my undergraduate GPA is less than 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)?**
- **Do international students in these programs receive an I-20?**

FAQ continued...

- **Will non-degree graduate students be able to take Online MCS courses?**
- **Is financial aid available for Online MCS students?**
- **When will applications for the next admission cycle open?**

Application Deadlines

<u>Entry</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>	<u>Decision Deadline</u>
Fall	May 30	July 15
Spring	October 15	November 30
Summer	February 15	March 31

<https://cs.illinois.edu/admissions/graduate/application-deadlines>

Where to find Information

- **Application:** <https://cs.illinois.edu/mcs-ds/apply>
- **Program Websites:**
 - Online MCS <https://cs.illinois.edu/online-mcs>
 - MCS-DS <https://cs.illinois.edu/mcs-ds>
- **Requirements by Country:**
<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/countries>
- **TOEFL/IELTS Waiver Information:** <https://cs.illinois.edu/additional-required-application-materials-international-students>
- **Application Deadlines:**
<https://cs.illinois.edu/admissions/graduate/application-deadlines>
- **Email** mcs@cs.illinois.edu for additional questions