Online MCS Admissions

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Welcome! Thanks for joining us!

Topics Covered:
- Application Requirements
  - International student application requirements
- Tuition & Financial Aid
- FAQ
- Application Deadlines
- Where to Find Information
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](https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04a)

English Proficiency Requirements
[https://cs.illinois.edu/additional-required-application-materials-international-students](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](https://cs.illinois.edu/additional-required-application-materials-international-students): 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

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[https://cs.illinois.edu/admissions/graduate/application-deadlines](https://cs.illinois.edu/admissions/graduate/application-deadlines)
Where to find Information

- Application: [https://cs.illinois.edu/mcs-ds/apply](https://cs.illinois.edu/mcs-ds/apply)
- Program Websites:
  - Online MCS [https://cs.Illinois.edu/online-mcs](https://cs.Illinois.edu/online-mcs)
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