

FIVE-YEAR B.S. TO M.S. DEGREE PROGRAM

Students who, at the end of their junior year, clearly are interested in graduate study are invited to pursue a five-year program leading simultaneously to the Master of Science degree. This program offers the opportunity to take graduate courses during the fourth year and deferring senior courses to the fifth year. Students in the Five-Year Program may apply 6 credit hours of coursework, which must be approved by the Graduate Program Director, to count towards both degrees. Students apply for admission to this program through their advisors, who should be consulted regarding additional requirements. Several factors, which vary by academic department, are considered for admission. However, all applicants must have a minimum GPA of at least 3.25. More information can be found at <http://www.csee.usf.edu/index.php?sec=102> and <http://www.csee.usf.edu/index.php?sec=77>.

GUIDELINES FOR FIVE-YEAR APPLICATION

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Complete the top portion of the Accelerated Five-Year Application at [http://www.grad.usf.edu/newsite/forms/admissions/Accelerated Five Year Application %20Final.pdf](http://www.grad.usf.edu/newsite/forms/admissions/Accelerated_Five_Year_Application_%20Final.pdf) and attach the following supplemental materials:

1. A list of Fellowships and Scholarships (currently receiving). Student should contact Financial Aid. ***(It is the student's responsibility to contact Financial Aid to determine the best term to apply!)***
2. A program of study, by semester, required to complete the Accelerated 5YR Program including shared undergraduate/graduate courses (*you can use a SASS report from the Undergraduate Advisor for your undergraduate plan of work and fill out the attached form for your graduate Plan of Work*).
3. Current unofficial USF Transcript
4. Copy of the I20 for International Students. International Student are required to contact International Student Scholar Services (ISSS).

PLUS:

5. Three (3) letters of recommendation (*Computer Science and Engineering faculty can email to Theresa Collins directly; all others must be hard copy on letterhead*).
6. Statement of purpose.

You do not need to turn in everything at once - you can turn in the application and as much as possible to Theresa Collins and then she will attach the other materials as they come in. For instance, if you have everything but the 3 letters of recommendation, Theresa will keep your Five-Year Application on file and you will need to contact your professors about getting the letters. Theresa will try and keep you updated when the letters come in. Once they get all the materials, it will be approximately 7 - 10 days for them to make a decision.

Any CSE graduate-level (5000 and 6000-level) classroom elective can be used as your 6 shared credit hours. They can replace any 6 of your undergraduate elective credit hours.

If you decide to withdraw from the Five-Year Program after completing your undergraduate requirements and receive only your Bachelors degree, that is fine; however, if you decide later to come back to finish your MS, you must re-apply at that time through Graduate Admissions. The GRE will be required and there will be no shared credits with the BS degree - in other words, if you used six graduate credits towards your BS degree, you could not use those same six credits towards your graduate degree.