



Program



Catalog



One Stop

ACCELERATED ONLINE M.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Student Quick Reference | What to do, where to go, and who can help.

SECTION 1: START HERE

- 1** **Activate access**
Set up [NetID](#), [BobcatMail](#), [Duo](#) and [Canvas](#). Check TXST email.
- 2** **Check registration**
Review holds and AOP sections in [Student Registration](#). Save errors.
- 3** **Meet the graduate advisor**
Select courses that meet degree needs, prerequisites and session offerings.
- 4** **Complete diagnostic review**
Complete the diagnostic interview and establish an advisor-approved degree outline.
- 5** **Register and verify**
Check [AOP dates](#). Confirm each course shows **Registered**; save proof.

SECTION 3: ACADEMIC CHECKPOINTS

- First semester**
Complete diagnostic interview and degree outline.
- Programming competency**
Pass C++/Java written exam or earn C or better in CS 5301.
- Communication competency**
Pass the writing exam or approved catalog alternative.
- Department seminars**
Attend four CS seminars; ask about remote participation.
- Written core exam (non-thesis)**
After all core courses and 18+ graduate hours, take the exam on CS 5329 content.

CURRICULUM RULE

A course may count in a core-choice group or as an elective, **not both**. CS 5391 is a core option, not a required first course. Confirm the [Graduate Catalog](#) and your degree plan.

SECTION 2: PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

- Degree**
M.S. Computer Science; AOP non-thesis
- Tuition***
\$502 / credit; \$1,506 per 3-credit course
- Credits**
30 hours: 12 core + 18 electives
- Duration**
Advertised as few as 18 months
- Format**
Online instruction; 8-week sessions
- Time limit**
Generally six years from entry

SECTION 4: QUESTIONS STUDENTS ASK

- Which course first?**
No universal first course. Plan with your advisor.
- Take two courses?**
Possible, but workload may be substantial.
- Reapply each 8 weeks?**
No. Register for each session you attend.
- Drop or withdraw?**
Check [session deadlines](#) and charges.
- Skip a session?**
Ask about aid and reentry effects first.
- Payment or aid delay?**
[One Stop](#) handles billing and holds.
- Need orientation?**
See [graduate orientation](#) resources.
- Cannot register?**
Save CRN, time and screenshot; see contacts.
- Transfer credit?**
Graduate College/program approval and limits apply.
- Missing onboarding email?**
Check BobcatMail; contact AOP support.
- Background deficiencies?**
Advising may identify needed leveling work.
- Change programs?**
Admission and credit decisions require review.
- Registration reminder:** Departmental overrides do not automatically add a course; confirm **Registered** in your student schedule.

SECTION 5: WHO HANDLES WHAT? | START WITH THE APPROPRIATE OFFICE

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onlinesupport@txstate.edu | Current AOP students
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| 3 CS DEPT. MAIN OFFICE
cs_info@txstate.edu | General CS support
512-245-3409 | 7 AOP OPERATIONS
AOPOperations@txstate.edu | AOP procedures |
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registrar@txstate.edu | Registration and holds
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gradcollege@txstate.edu | Graduate record matters |

*Tuition, timelines and AOP deadlines may change. Confirm current information with Texas State.

This advising guide is not official policy. Verify current examination requirements in the Graduate Catalog.