Your BSMS Support Team

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What is the BSMS Program?

It is a continuous program that acts as a bridge between BS and MS, to recruit and reward the best and brightest CEE undergraduate students.

*What it really is:*

A Master’s degree program that allows qualified students to utilize courses taken during their Bachelor’s, shortening the time it takes to obtain the MS.
Qualifications

• 3.5 GPA for acceptance, 3.0 GPA to remain in program

• 30 credits completed at Georgia Tech (as opposed to transfer credits)

• 18 credits remaining (flexible) to give you time to make connections, take grad level classes, etc.

• 2 letters of recommendation, one from tenure track faculty in CEE
BSMS Perks

• Automatic admission for those who meet qualifications
• No GRE requirement
• No application fee
• Only 2 letters of recommendation
• Double Count 6xxx-8xxx level credits (where applicable)
• “Bring over” up to 12 credits from Bachelor’s degree
When to Apply

Graduate Application

When you know when you will graduate with your BS, fill out the grad application. Apply for the admission term immediately following your BS graduation term. If you graduate in Spring 2024, apply for Fall 2024.

Apply by the deadline:
Spring- August 1<sup>st</sup>
Fall- December 1<sup>st</sup>
How to Apply

Go to grad.gatech.edu and select “Apply”. Be sure to select BSMS as your program. This tells the system we do not require the GRE, changes the number of required recommendation letters and bypasses the payment screen.

You will need to select a specialization. Your Statement of Purpose should discuss the work you would like to during your program or after your Master’s degree.
Using Credits from Undergrad

Once enrolled in the MS program, you can:

• Double count 6 credits of 6xxx-8xxx level classes, if applicable.
• Bring over unused 4xxx level classes, if applicable.
• A total of 9 credits of 4xxx level classes can count towards the MS maximum.
• Utilize a total of 12 credits, including double counting and “bringing over” from Fallthrough.
Whether or not you apply for the BSMS program, you may be able to take advantage of the Graduate Course Option.

“If a student pursues both a bachelor’s and master’s at Georgia Tech, and if both degrees are in the same discipline, they may apply up to six credit hours of graduate-level credit to satisfying the requirements for both degrees while still completing all other requirements for the bachelor’s and master’s …To qualify for this option, a student must complete the bachelor's degree with a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher and must complete the master’s degree within a two-year period following the award date of the bachelor’s degree.”- GT Catalog
Preparing for the BSMS Program

Choose a specialization: CISE, ENVE, GEO, SEMM, TSE, Water

If you have earned at least a 2.70 GPA, during your senior year, you are eligible to take grad level courses.

Refer to https://gsso.ce.gatech.edu/ to see which 4xxx and 6xx-8xxx courses count towards your specialization.

All specializations have different requirements. Before registering for grad level courses, make sure they will count towards your MS degree.
Meet with your undergraduate advisor, Tracy Boothe-Miller, to discuss what courses you can swap out. The goal is to move applicable 4xxx level courses to Fallthrough and double count 6xxx-8xxx level courses towards your electives.
You may see a note in DegreeWorks that looks like this:

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**Exception by:** Lucas, Angela D  **On:** 01/23/2023  **Apply Here:** Apply CEE 6523 here.

**Exception by:** Lucas, Angela D  **On:** 01/25/2023  **Apply Here:** Apply CEE 6536 here.
Courses taken in your BS will not show up in Degreeworks like your other classes. They will show up in notes, as seen here:
Scenario 1

Meet George P. Burdell.

• George heard about the BSMS program from a friend.
• He meets the qualifications, but he is in his final undergrad semester.
• He has taken **no grad classes**. He has some 4xxx level classes counting towards his CEE electives that are on the list of courses found on the GSSO website. This does not make them “grad classes”.
• George has no classes in Fallthrough.

**George cannot use any courses towards his Master’s degree.**

However, he still gets some benefits from the BSMS program.
Scenario 2

Meet Jorge Burdell.

• Jorge knew about the Graduate Course Option so he made sure to register for 2 grad-level courses in his senior year.
• Jorge did not have any extra 4xxx level classes to move to Fallthrough.
• Jorge was still able to double count 6 credits of 6xxx-8xxx level classes towards his MS.
Scenario 3

Meet Gigi Burdell.

- Gigi attended an ASCE Info Session and learned all about the BSMS program in her junior year.
- During her senior year, Gigi registered for 3 CEE 6xxx level classes and one CEE 4xxx level class.
- She thought all these courses could count towards her MS. But we can only use 6 of those credits!
- She has a few classes in Fallthrough, so she had a meeting with her advisor. Tracy Boothe-Miller was able to move 1 CEE 6xxx class and 1 CEE 4xxx class to Fallthrough.
- Now she can double count 2 CEE 6xxx level classes towards her degree and MOVE over the unused courses towards her MS degree.

Now she’s nearly halfway done with her MS program while still a senior!
Important Notes

Even though your graduate application was processed by the Office of Graduate Education, you are not a grad student until Phase II of registration for your start term. Please do not register for classes until Phase II.

This program is designed to be continuous. You must begin the MS portion of your program in the semester following your last BS semester.

Familiarize yourself with the GSSO site: gsso.ce.gatech.edu and the Grad Handbook.

Attend CEE Orientation! There will be lots of new information for you.
Questions?

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BSMS Grad Application: grad.gatech.edu  
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DegreeWorks: degreeaudit.gatech.edu/

To register for a permit to take grad classes as a senior, email: permits@ce.gatech.edu. Include your GTID and the CRN.