Northeastern University's Master of Science in Computer Science is designed to prepare students for a variety of careers in computer science. The program combines both computing and important application domains—enabling you to increase your broad-based knowledge in the field while allowing you to delve deeper in specific areas through elective courses.

**Program Requirements**
Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Students should refer to the course numbering table for graduate course leveling (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/records-transcripts/).

### Core Requirements

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### Breadth Areas

Complete three courses from two of the three following breadth areas: 12

- **Systems and Software**
  - CS 5400 Principles of Programming Language
  - CS 5500 Foundations of Software Engineering
  - CS 5520 Mobile Application Development
  - CS 5600 Computer Systems
  - CS 5610 Web Development
  - CS 5700 Fundamentals of Computer Networking
  - CS 6410 Compilers
  - CS 6510 Advanced Software Development
  - CS 6650 Building Scalable Distributed Systems
  - CS 6710 Wireless Network

- **Theory and Security**
  - CS 6760 Privacy, Security, and Usability
  - CS 7805 Complexity Theory
  - CY 5770 Software Vulnerabilities and Security
  - CY 6740 Network Security
  - CY 6750 Cryptography and Communications Security

- **Artificial Intelligence and Data Science**
  - CS 5100 Foundations of Artificial Intelligence
  - CS 5150 Game Artificial Intelligence
  - CS 5200 Database Management Systems
  - CS 6120 Natural Language Processing
  - CS 6140 Machine Learning
  - CS 6200 Information Retrieval
  - CS 6220 Data Mining Techniques

### Electives

Complete 12 semester hours from the following:

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### Program Credit/GPA Requirements

32 total semester hours required  
Minimum 3.000 GPA required