Program Description

The Joint Bachelors/Masters (5th year MS) program offers qualified EECS and L&S CS undergraduate students a unique opportunity to begin graduate study during their undergraduate years, thereby accelerating the Masters degree by requiring only one additional year beyond the Bachelors degree.

You can apply for the Fifth Year MS in either Electrical Engineering (EECS) or Computer Science (CS).

First, choose from one of the research areas below:

**ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**
- Biosystems & Computational Biology
- Control, Intelligent Systems, & Robotics
- Communications & Networking
- Computer Architecture & Engineering
- Design, Modeling, & Analysis
- Energy
- Integrated Circuits
- Micro/Nano Electro Mechanical Systems
- Physical Electronics
- Signal Processing

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**
- Artificial Intelligence
- Biosystems & Computational Biology
- Computer Architecture & Engineering
- Database Management Systems
- Design, Modeling, & Analysis
- Education
- Energy
- Graphics
- Human-Computer Interaction
- Operating Systems & Networking
- Programming Systems
- Scientific Computing
- Security
- Theory

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1. Prepare your required materials. Details can be found on the [Graduate Division website](#).
   - **GRE Scores** - NOT required; but recommended if your GPA is < 3.0
   - **Statement of Purpose** - Why are you applying for this program? What will you do during this degree program? What do you want to do after and how will this help you?
   - **Personal History Statement** - What from your past made you decide to go into this field? And how will your personal history help you succeed in this program and your future goals?
   - **3 Letters of Recommendation** - Mixture of academic and industry letters is ideal. They should include details about your goals, accomplishments, technical and leadership skills, academic work, etc. We suggest to give your recommenders a few weeks to write your letters and upload them as PDFs through the link (provided from your online application). **One of these letters MUST be from your MS research advisor and must explicitly state a commitment to advising, if admitted.**
   - **Unofficial Transcripts** - Please do not mail transcripts. Simply upload unofficial transcripts as PDFs through the online application. Transcripts not in English or Spanish must be translated prior to uploading to the application.
   - **GPA** - Enter your cumulative GPA from your transcript, your 2-year GPA (all courses starting your third year), and your major GPA (all EE/CS courses). [Helpful calculator](#).
   - **Draft Course of Study Plan** - Please upload this [document](#) to the application.

2. Complete the online application (available starting September 2014).
   - Start your application through this [link](#) and fill in each relevant page.
   - Upload the materials above, and send the recommender email links several weeks prior to the application deadline to give your recommenders time to submit their letters by February 1st

3. Pay the application fee ([waivers](#) available).

4. Submit your online application before the deadline of February 1, 2016, 11:59pm Pacific time.