



PLUS 2 INTEGRATED INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE TRACK

Plus 2 Integrated International Graduate Track in Computer Science (CSCI), Management Information Systems (MIS) and Information Assurance (IASC)

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The Plus 2 Track is a traditional two year (30-36 credit hour) graduate track that allows selected students to work towards their graduate (MS) degree requirements while satisfying requirements for completing their undergraduate degree from their home institution.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Students are eligible and need to apply during the last part of their third or junior year through their home institution. Students will start taking courses in the graduate program in the fourth year of their home institution. After one year at CIST, the student's home institution will ensure transfer of credits for award of their Bachelor's degree. Students will only be allowed to continue in the 2nd year of MS programs at CIST after written certification is obtained from the students' home institution of the undergraduate degree completion.

Plan of Study

In consultation with an advisor and a faculty mentor, students will follow the recommended plan of study as closely as possible for their chosen program. The plan will cover the entire time period of the program and it will be periodically reviewed with an advisor.

Advising

Once admitted, students will work in close consultation with the UNO graduate advisor.

Tuition Charges

Students will be required to pay 150% of in-state graduate tuition rates, plus appropriate UNO fees, plus an additional IS&T based program management fee of \$750 per student when taking graduate courses at UNO. The program management fees will include costs associated with coordination of student curricular advising, housing arrangements, and cultural and corporate field visits during the semester.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

1. Students with junior, 3rd year or 6th semester standing and at least 90 UNO semester credit hours or equivalent of completed coursework in their undergraduate degree program may apply for admission consideration into the international graduate track in the three CIST graduate programs. The undergraduate degree must be in an appropriate computing related discipline. (Students will apply online through UNO's graduate application process, select the appropriate graduate program and check the Plus 2 Graduate Track option).

2. At the time of application, a student must have an equivalent undergraduate GPA in their major area greater than or equal to 3.50 and an overall GPA of 3.25 or above.

3. Interested students will be required to submit a "portfolio" of the following credentials through their designated campus representative. Students will clearly identify whether they are applying for the Plus 2 Track in the MS in CSC , MS in MIS, or MS in IASC or other new areas of graduate study offered by the College of IS&T. The respective graduate program committee will serve as a selection committee for this special program. The respective program GPC shall designate their GPC Chair and/or Graduate Advisor as their primary point of contact for this process.

- Two letters of recommendations, at least one from a faculty member and one from student's primary departmental head recommending them to this special program.
- Statement of intent—a personal statement about why the student wishes to apply for a graduate degree not to exceed 500 words.
- GRE/GMAT will be waived for recommended students from the select partner schools.
- Official undergraduate transcript.
- TOEFL score of 57 or more (iBT or equivalent).
- One writing sample.
- A detailed resume.

4. All applicants will need to meet any other admission requirements established for the relevant CIST graduate program and satisfy all prerequisites necessary to succeed in the graduate program.

Other Requirements

- The application to the Plus 2 track will be considered as a complete package and therefore obtaining a high undergraduate GPA is not a guarantee of admission.
- Transfer credits to the home institution for the award of the BS degree or equivalent will be the responsibility of the students and their undergraduate institutions.
- Students applying to this track must be recommended by their undergraduate institutions that have signed partnership agreements with the college of IS&T.
- Students must submit a Bachelor's transcript or similar completion certificate (degree or letter of degree award) from their home institution prior to starting their second year in their MS program at UNO.