

Georgia Tech College of Computing

OMSCS Graduate Transfer Credit Instructions/Requirements

The OMSCS Transfer Credit Evaluation process is intended for enrolled OMSCS students who wish to submit a request to transfer graduate-level work toward their OMSCS degree. Georgia Tech's transfer credit policy is that it may be possible to transfer up to six hours of graduate-level courses taken at a regionally-accredited institution that did not count toward another degree. This is an Institute requirement based on a graduate program that requires 30 credit hours for your degree. For information on the Institute's transfer credit policies, please refer to the academic catalog and the Registrar's website.

Additionally, the College of Computing requires that these courses were taken **prior** to matriculating at Georgia Tech. Once you begin courses in the OMSCS program, you may **NOT** take courses at other institutions and transfer them to Georgia Tech.

REQUIREMENTS/ELIGIBILITY:

Before submitting a transfer credit request, please check to ensure you meet ALL of the following requirements:

- □ You are a matriculated OMSCS student.
- □ The credits were **<u>not</u>** earned *after* matriculating into the OMSCS program.
- □ The credits were **not** used to meet previous degree requirements.* *If the credit was earned at the same institution in which you earned a degree, you must provide a letter from an advisor stating that the units were not used toward the degree you earned.
- The credits are at the graduate level, as indicated by your former institution's website/academic catalog.
- □ A grade of "B" or better was earned in the course.
- □ The course syllabus is available and accurate for the semester/quarter in which the course was taken.
- The final official transcript where the credit was earned is on file with the Office of Graduate Education and/or the Registrar's Office.
- □ The credits were earned within the last six years.* *If they were earned more than six years ago, the Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC) and the Institute will need to approve your request, in addition to the Faculty Area Coordinator (FAC).
- □ The credits were earned at a regionally-accredited institution.
- □ The credits are <u>not</u> Continuing Education credits (CEUs).
- The credits were <u>not</u> earned at an international institution (with the exception of some Canadian schools).
- □ The credits were **not** earned as part of a professional certificate program.

If you meet all of the above requirements, proceed to page 2 for instructions on the transfer credit request process.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. If you meet <u>all</u> of the above requirements, complete the Transfer Credit Evaluation form (use ONE form per course).
- 2. Acquire all supplemental documents, including (but not limited to) the course syllabus and course description, from the term and year in which the course was completed.
- 3. To proceed with the evaluation process, final official transcripts must be on file with Georgia Tech. You already should have had official transcripts sent as part of the application process for the OMSCS program, so there is no need to send them again unless we specifically request this from you.
- 4. Please submit the Transfer Credit Evaluation form(s) and supporting documents via email to your advisor:
 - If your last name begins with A-Ag, your advisor is Reina Grundhoefer (reina.grundhoefer@cc.gatech.edu).
 - If your last name begins with Ah-Chan, your advisor is Tori Misudek (victoria.misudek@cc.gatech.edu).
 - If your last name begins with Chao-Far, your advisor is Jennifer Jackson (jennifer.jackson@cc.gatech.edu).
 - If your last name begins with Fas-Hua, your advisor is Charmaine Holliway (cholliway3@gatech.edu).
 - If your last name begins with Hub-Ld, your advisor is Adriana Gerena (<u>adriana.gerena@cc.gatech.edu</u>).
 - If your last name begins with Le-Mem, your advisor is Priyal Shah (priyal.shah@cc.gatech.edu).
 - If your last name begins with Men-Pq, your advisor is Catie Holt (<u>catelyn.holt@cc.gatech.edu</u>).
 - If your last name begins with Pr-Sm, your advisor is Angie Zuniga Morgan (<u>amorgan86@gatech.edu</u>).
 - If your last name begins with Sn-Wan, your advisor is Megan Buice (<u>mbuice3@gatech.edu</u>).
 - If your last name begins with Wao-Z, your advisor is Dana Barnhart (<u>dbarnhart6@gatech.edu</u>).
- 5. OMSCS advisors will evaluate the requested work and send a copy of the Transfer Credit Evaluation form and all supporting documents to the appropriate Faculty Area Coordinator (FAC) for review and approval.
- 6. If the FAC approves the evaluated work, the OMSCS advisors will submit the appropriate form to the Registrar's Office so that the credit can be posted to your record/transcript. The OMSCS advisor will send you confirmation once this form is submitted, but it is your responsibility to confirm that the credits are posted accordingly.
- 7. If your course was taken more than six years ago, you will be required to submit a Petition to the Faculty after receiving approval from the FAC. The Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC) will need to review your petition. If the GCC approves, your advisor will send this to the Registrar's Office for final Institute approval and processing. Please note that you may be required to wait until 1-2 semesters before your anticipated graduation for this final approval.
- 8. If your course was not taken more than six years ago, but you petition to graduate more than six years after you earned the transfer credit at the other institution, you will be required to submit a Petition to the Faculty that will need Institute approval at the time you are petitioning to graduate from the OMSCS program.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Per the Registrar's <u>website</u>, only Georgia Tech graduate coursework is calculated into your graduate GPA.
- Transfer credit requests will not be accepted/evaluated during active registration periods (Phase I & Phase II for all terms) or during the final weeks of each semester when degree certifications must be completed. This can include the week (or so) prior to and immediately following the registration periods, due to high volumes of emails received by our office.
- Transfer credit requests are processed in the order in which they are received.
- Once the Transfer Credit Evaluation form and supporting documents are submitted to the FAC for review, it can take several weeks/months (or longer) to receive a decision. This timeframe can be extended during the summer term, depending on the availability of the FACs.
- We cannot guarantee the outcome of the transfer credit evaluation process, nor can we guarantee the timeframe for a decision to be made on a request.
 - <u>Graduating Students</u>: If you are planning to graduate in the next 1-2 semesters, please keep in mind that an expedited evaluation process cannot be accommodated to meet any graduation-related deadlines, including registration for a future semester. Thus, we STRONGLY recommend that you pursue transfer credit as early as possible to allow sufficient time for a decision to be made.
- Courses completed at institutions on the quarter system are <u>not</u> equivalent to semester hours and therefore are converted at a different rate, if approved as transfer credit.
- If a course is approved as an equivalent to one of the OMSCS foundational courses, this cannot be used to satisfy the foundational requirement, as foundational courses must be fulfilled by completing the courses at Georgia Tech. Therefore, you still will need to successfully complete two foundational courses within the one-year timeframe of your matriculation.
- If your transfer credit is not equivalent to a Computer Science course, another Georgia Tech school/department may need to be involved in the evaluation process for transfer credit. Please contact your advisor for additional information.
- Please keep in mind that a maximum of six hours may be taken at the 4000-level and/or with a subject code other than CS or CSE. Please visit our <u>website</u> for more information regarding this policy.