**MS in Cybersecurity**

**Home Department:** Electrical and Computer Engineering

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# This degree is offered both on and off campus.

# Application Guidelines for Domestic (U.S.) Citizens and International Students

# This program aligns with the application requirements for the graduate program in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Please see the “Application Requirements” section here: <https://www.ece.iastate.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/>

# Note: International students must be on campus\*

# Typical Program of Study for Masters of Science (30 credits total):

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| Course | Credits | Course Title |
| Core |  |  |
| CYBSC 530 | 3 | Advanced Computer Networking |
| CYBSC 531 | 3 | Computer Security |
| CYBSC 532 | 3 | Information warfare |
| CYBSC 534 | 3 | Ethical and Legal Issues in Computer Security |
| Choose 2: |  |  |
| CYBSC 533 | 3 | Cryptography |
| CYBSC 535 | 3 | Steganography and Digital Image Forensics |
| CYBSC 536 | 3 | Computer and Network Forensics |
| Cpr E 537 | 3 | Wireless Network Security |
| CYBSC 538\* | 3 | Reverse Engineering and Security Testing |
| Cpr E 539\* | 3 | Cyber Physical System Security for the Smart Grid |
| Cpr E 562X | 3 | Secure Software Engineering |
| Electives: |  |  |
| Department list | 6-9 | Any 400-level class (not to exceed 6 credits) or any 500-level course in CprE or COM S\* |
| One of two options: |  |  |
| Cpr E 599 | 3 | Creative Component (non-thesis MS) |
| Cpr E 699 | 6 | Thesis based MS |

***\*Only offered on campus. Not available online.***

**Co-Major with Computer Engineering**

Students in CYBSC with Computer Engineering as the home department can co-major in computer engineering by meeting the below requirements. In most cases, all courses can be counted for both degrees.

* Of the 24 course credit hours, six (6) credits must be from non-security courses.
* **On-campus students only:** Each student is required to attend 2 Ph.D. or M.S. defenses during her/his tenure as requirements for graduation. \*Suspended temporarily bc covid
* **On-campus students only:** Each student needs to fulfill the publication requirement of at least 1 journal or peer-reviewed conference paper submission.