

CYBER SECURITY STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

Admissions

Requirements for admission to all graduate degree programs in computer science and engineering include the general admission requirements of The Graduate School as well as more stringent departmental requirements, as described below. In general, the admission process is highly competitive. Admissions decisions are based on the quality of the applicant's previous university-level academic work, letters of recommendation, GRE scores, and other evidence of past accomplishments.

For admission to the Certificate of Graduate Study program, applicants normally hold the B.S. degree in computer science, computer engineering, or a related field. In addition, they must have completed courses in data structures and algorithms, operating systems, database management systems, discrete mathematics, linear algebra, and probability and statistics. Students enrolled in other graduate degree programs at USC are automatically eligible to pursue the certificate as long as they have taken the prerequisite courses.

In addition, all applicants should submit an official transcript from each school or college previously attended, and at least two letters of recommendation. The admission committee will evaluate all aspects of each application and will make a recommendation on admission to The Graduate School. For full consideration, all application materials must be received by February 1 for fall and summer admission and by October 1 for spring admission.