The master of science may be earned under a thesis or non-thesis option. The MS (non-thesis) degree requires a minimum of 33 graduate semester credit hours. All courses in the degree must be taken for a grade. The three required 7000-level courses are COMP7270, COMP7300, and COMP7500. Students may take up to three (3) credit hours of COMP7930 Directed Study. Students may take three (3) credit hours of COMP7980 Master of Science Capstone Engineering Project, which is a graded course.

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