

Cybersecurity - Master of Science

Program requirements

Admission

Admission to the Master of Science in Cybersecurity Program requires:

1. Completion of the prerequisite coursework: Introduction to Computer Science and either Calculus or Statistics. The Introduction to Computer Science course prerequisite should show evidence of programming and database competencies. Students will be required to satisfy all program prerequisites prior to formal admission into the program.
2. An overall undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.
3. A completed bachelor's degree.

Curriculum

34 credits

Code	Title	Credits
Core		21
CYB 700	Fundamentals of Cybersecurity	
CYB 703	Network Security	
CYB 705	Sociological Aspects of Cybersecurity	
CYB 707	Cybersecurity Program Planning and Implementation	
CYB 710	Introduction to Cryptography	
CYB 715	Managing Security Risk	
CYB 720	Communication in Cybersecurity	
Choose one track		9
Digital forensics track		
CYB 725	Computer Forensics and Investigations	
CYB 730	Computer Criminology	
CYB 735	Network Forensics	
Cyber response track		
CYB 740	Incident Response and Remediation	
CYB 745	Secure Operating Systems	
CYB 750	Offensive Security and Threat Management	
Governance and leadership track		
CYB 755	Security Administration	
CYB 760	Cybersecurity Leadership and Team Dynamics	
CYB 765	Cybersecurity Management	
Security architecture track		
CYB 770	Security Architecture	
CYB 775	Applied Cryptography	
CYB 780	Software Security	
or CYB 785	Cyber Physical System Security	
Capstone		4
CYB 789	Cybersecurity Pre-Capstone	
CYB 790	Cybersecurity Capstone	
Total Credits		34

University requirements

University graduate degree requirements

After being admitted to the program of one's choice, candidates for a graduate degree must:

1. Complete any preliminary course work and deficiencies.
2. Complete all courses and other program requirements, including residence requirements prescribed for the degree desired in the respective school or college within a seven-year period from the date of initial enrollment, with the exception of students enrolled in the Student Affairs Administration and Leadership Ed.D. (SAA Ed.D.) graduate program. SAA Ed.D. students must complete all degree requirements within ten years from the time of initial enrollment in the graduate program.
3. Earn a minimum of 30 credits for a master's degree; 54 credits for a doctorate or post-master's degree. Earn at least one-half of the minimum number of credits required in the program in graduate-only level courses (700, 800, 900, and non-slash 600 level courses). Some UWL graduate programs require more than 30 graduate credits. Please review the individual program requirements (<http://catalog.uwlax.edu/graduate/programrequirements/>) listed in the catalog for the exact number of credits required.
4. Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00.
5. Satisfy dissertation, thesis, seminar paper, terminal/graduate projects and internships, or comprehensive examination, where applicable. A dissertation or thesis approved by the committee must be submitted to Graduate & Extended Learning for editorial review and approval by the Dean of Graduate & Extended Learning. The recommended initial submission date for review is two weeks before commencement. Ordinarily, a seminar paper or project report does not have to be approved by the Dean of Graduate & Extended Learning. However, if the seminar paper or project report is to be archived in Murphy Library, the student must follow the same rules as they apply to the dissertation/thesis requiring approval from the Dean of Graduate & Extended Learning. For further research/dissertation/thesis guidelines (<https://www.uwlax.edu/gel/graduate-education/thesis-and-dissertation/>), see Graduate & Extended Learning.
6. File a completed "Intent to Graduate" form online via the WINGS Student Center immediately following registration for the final semester or summer term in residence. December graduates and winter intersession should file by May 1. May and summer graduates should file by December 1.
7. Pay the graduation fee and remove all other indebtedness to the university. Payment of graduation fees does not imply readiness for graduation and does not take the place of applying for graduation.
8. Complete all requirements within 30 days after the official ending date of a term in order for a degree to be awarded for that term. (See #5 above for separate deadline for written capstone experience.)