

Postbaccalaureate and non-degree policies and practices in CISE

The University and College of Engineering generally discourage non-degree seeking admission/registration. Beyond the information listed in the Catalog, it is the discretion of colleges and, specifically, departments to determine whether and when they will allow non-degree seeking students to register for their courses.

Postbaccalaureate Admission

The Department of Computer and Information Science and Engineering does not allow non-degree students to take courses offered by the department, unless they gain *postbaccalaureate admission*. Postbaccalaureate admission is for students who have already completed a bachelors degree and hope to apply for the CISE masters program, but lack the prerequisite undergraduate courses. Postbaccalaureate status is granted only to these prospective masters program students for the sole purpose of taking the prerequisite undergraduate courses. Postbaccalaureate students are permitted to take only the prerequisite courses and no other courses. *To repeat, postbaccalaureate students may not take any courses other than the prerequisite courses.*

Non-degree Registration Requests

Occasionally, CISE receives a request for non-degree registration for our courses from a student who has not gained postbaccalaureate status. Our default policy is that we do not allow non-degree registration. The main reason we disallow non-degree registration is that, in addition to the fact that the University does not wish to encourage non-degree registration, we frequently have full classes due to our swelling enrollments, and even up to the last day of registration (drop/add) our own students are trying to obtain any seats that open up. With our consistently increasing enrollments, it is unfair to current students to allow non-degree students to compete for the same open seats. By disallowing non-degree students, we are simply trying to make as many seats available to our own degree-seeking students.