GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY | Department of Computer Science

Please e-mail this form to csgrad@gmu.edu or submit it to the CS office in ENGR 4300

To ensure that students have adequate preparation, students admitted to the MS CS program are required to take CS 530, *Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science,* and CS 531, *Computer Systems and Fundamentals of Systems Programming*. Students with a strong academic background in computer science may request to substitute other elective courses instead of CS 530 and CS 531.

- Submit this form only if you have classroom knowledge equivalent to material taught in CS 530 or CS 531. Refer to the official University Catalog and syllabi on the department website for information about the courses. Professional development courses or unaccredited online coursework/certifications will not be considered.
- If your request is approved, you will need to take substitution courses to fulfill the 30-credit degree requirements.
- If your request is denied, you will be required to take CS 530, CS 531, or both.
- If your request is denied, but you learned the material outside of a formal classroom, you may take the test out exams corresponding to CS 530 and CS 531. The exams are given before classes begin in January and August and can only be taken once.
- **The deadline to submit this request is the day of the scheduled test out exams before you begin your first semester.** Exceptions will be made only for those admitted to the program late. If the deadline has passed, please indicate the date of your admission letter here: _____.

_____   _____   _____
Last Name, First Name   G#   GMU E-mail

Did you receive your undergraduate degree from George Mason University?

☐ **Yes** – Bachelor's Degree Program: _____
- Indicate your GPA and your grades in the following courses (to be verified against your transcripts):

  GPA: _____   CS 310: _____   CS 330: _____   CS 367: _____

☐ **No** – Institution: _____ Bachelor's Degree Program: _____
- Indicate your GPA and list your classes and grades where you learned the knowledge taught in CS 530 and CS 531 (eg, CS 330, A-):

  GPA: _____

  CS 530 - Course 1: _____   Course 2: _____   Course 3: _____

  CS 531 - Course 1: _____   Course 2: _____   Course 3: _____
- Submit an unofficial copy of your transcripts, course descriptions, and syllabi for the classes you listed.

_____   _____
Student Signature   Date

Department Use Only			
Course	**Approved**	**Denied**	**Comments**
CS 530 Mathematical Foundations of CS			
CS 531 Comp Systems and Sys Programming			

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Program Director   Signature   Date

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Department or Associate Chair   Signature   Date

Effective October 2022