



To ensure that students have uniform preparation for the core courses, all 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 as their first two courses in the program. Students with a strong academic background in computer science may have CS 530 and CS 531 substituted for other elective courses at the discretion of the program director.

- This form should only be used if you have the pre-requisite knowledge equivalent to that which you would gain in CS 530 and/or CS 531.
- An appeal will not be considered if you have not already registered for your first term courses.
- Appeal results will be based off of performance in corresponding coursework from accredited institutions. We will not consider professional development courses or unaccredited online coursework/certifications.
- If your appeal is approved, you will not gain credit for CS 530 and/or CS 531 and will need to fulfill the credit requirement with other coursework.
- If your appeal is denied, you will be required to take CS 530 and/or CS 531 in your first semester.
- In addition to submitting this appeal, or alternatively, you are encouraged to 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 appeal 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: \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Return this form and your supporting documents to [csgrad@gmu.edu](mailto:csgrad@gmu.edu) or ENGR 4300 for review.**

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Last Name, First Name

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**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:  
GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ CS 310: \_\_\_\_\_ CS 330: \_\_\_\_\_ CS 367: \_\_\_\_\_
- Note: Your transcripts will be reviewed to verify the information provided.

**No** – Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Bachelor’s Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

- Indicate your GPA and the classes that you believe provided you with the prerequisite knowledge needed to exempt you from having to take CS 530 and/or CS 531:  
GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Classes: \_\_\_\_\_
- Along with this form, you are required to submit an unofficial copy of your transcripts along with course descriptions and syllabi for the classes you listed above.

**Please use the space provided on the second page to write a short explanation of the classes you have taken and the knowledge you have gained that you believe exempts you from the requirement to take CS 530 and/or CS 531.**

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Department Use Only			
Course	Approved	Denied	Comments
CS 530 Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science			
CS 531 Computer Systems and Fundamentals of Systems Programming			

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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