# I have been admitted to the MS-ACS program…now what?

1. Self-assess your programming ability. Just because you took a programming course(s) as an undergraduate does not mean you have the skills we expect. Visit [codingbat.com](https://codingbat.com/) and see if you can do the problems in the Array-2 and Logic-2 categories. We assume incoming students can write code to solve these kinds of problems. If you can't, please contact the Graduate Program Director (adamsr@gvsu.edu) immediately.
2. Read the [academic catalog](https://www.gvsu.edu/catalog/) to see the program requirements. The MS-ACS program requires 33 credits comprising three core classes, completion of a badge, electives, and a "capstone" seminar, project, or thesis.
3. Decide on a [badge](https://www.gvsu.edu/catalog/). Unless you specified a particular area of concentration on your application, you were probably put in the Software Design and Development badge. If you want to change that, log into Banner then choose Student → Student Records → Add a Certificate or Badge.
4. Create a plan of study. Download and complete the [provided template](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WwL5HpZvwJ6niflV2pixgY6jb1zYaxAD/edit). Email your plan to the graduate program director for MS-ACS, Dr. Robert Adams (adamsr@gvsu.edu) by July 15 (for a Fall start) for review and approval.
5. After Dr. Adams has approved your plan, register for courses. At GVSU you do not pay for classes until a couple of weeks before classes start, so there is no drawback to registering. In fact, registering early ensures you have a seat in the classes that you want. Plus, for international students, proof of class registration is helpful at the time of your visa appointment. If you don't register early, you run the risk of classes filling up and having to choose alternative classes.

GVSU uses MyBanner (sometimes just called Banner) to register. Complete information on how to register can be found on the [Registrar's website](https://www.gvsu.edu/registrar/registration-information-12.htm).

If you see that a course is "closed" it means the course is already full and there are no seats left. Look for a different course from your plan of study.
6. GVSU takes academic misconduct very seriously. Be sure you read and are prepared to comply with both [GVSU's Student Code of Conduct](https://www.gvsu.edu/financialaid/code-of-conduct-143.htm) and the [School of Computing's Academic Integrity Policies](https://www.cis.gvsu.edu/academic-honesty/). Please review them as GVSU places the highest value on academic integrity.

# I have additional questions

**Try one of these websites first…**

**Domestic (US) Students**: <https://www.gvsu.edu/admissions/admitted-graduate-students-8.htm>

**International Students**: <https://www.gvsu.edu/admissions/admitted-international-students-13.htm>

**If you still have questions, please contact one of the following…**

Dr. Robert Adams, Graduate Program Director for Applied Computer Science (adamsr@gvsu.edu). He can answer questions regarding the Applied Computer Science program itself, course requirements, prerequisites, how to find a capstone project idea, internships, etc.

International Student Office (istudents@gvsu.edu). They can answer questions related to your I-20, visa, housing, etc. (things outside of the Applied Computer Science program itself).

Registrar's Office (regdept@gvsu.edu). The staff in the Registrar's office can answer questions regarding transcripts, how to graduate, technical problems with registration, etc.