

#	Question	Answer
1	how do we enroll for Unpaid TA in 1st sem?	live answered
2	Does this selection for providing 2 courses is based on first come first serve purpose?	live answered
3	Do we have to compulsorily give 5 choices when the form is opened? I was checking the courses offered in fall sem and found that I am interested in only 4 of them, so can i just enter 4 courses in that form and get 2 of them?	live answered
4	How are 2/5 courses preferences given?	live answered
5	When is the offline orientation for MSCS FALL23 Folks going to be conducted, so by when are we expected to be present in the Stony Brook Campus.	Classes start on Aug 28. Orientations are held the week before classes.
6	How can we take diff department course?	live answered
7	Do we have to include our proficiency courses in the 5 choices we provide? And will there be a separate orientation for students with Proficiency requirements.	Students with proficiency courses NEED NOT put them on the preference list. You will have a separate orientation for students with proficiency requirements in the week before classes start.
8	There is a course evaluation platform on SBU's website that provides info, feedback for all courses. I tried to login using NetID but couldn't. When can we get access to that platform?	we already have access that afaik. I have accessed it
8	There is a course evaluation platform on SBU's website that provides info, feedback for all courses. I tried to login using NetID but couldn't. When can we get access to that platform?	Just checked again. Can't access it. Is this the link: <a href="https://www.stonybrook.edu/celt/teaching-resources/academic-assessment/couse_evals_students.php">https://www.stonybrook.edu/celt/teaching-resources/academic-assessment/couse_evals_students.php</a>
8	There is a course evaluation platform on SBU's website that provides info, feedback for all courses. I tried to login using NetID but couldn't. When can we get access to that platform?	if your netid doesn't work yet, send a ticket to DoIT (the campus IT folks) to look into it.
9	Is independent study recommended for the first semeseter or three lecture courses?	live answered
10	Can we change our SBU email address to something shorter? My current SBU email address is arsalananwar.arsalananwar@stonybrook.edu.	Same question. Smaller email addresses are easier to contact and remember for people, hence the requirement.

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11	For students who were offered TA position already in the acceptance mail, what is the process?	live answered
12	Will there be any physical orientation when students arrive in US and if yes, when it will be? Can we arrive in US by 23/24 August and not miss anything?	Answered earlier. Orientations will be the week before classes start (Aug 21-25). CS program orientation will most likely be on Thu Aug 24 and/or Fri Aug 25.
13	what is the ideal date to reach the university?	live answered
14	What sort of involvement will the CS department have in the NY Climate Exchange ? Will it open more internship and research opportunities ?	This is very new. I hope to have more information on this for the formal orientation before the semester starts.
15	Where can I find stats of previous year placements at the university and the roles that they were hired for?	live answered
16	Do you offer credits for half-TAship?	live answered
17	At what point in the course should a student be sure of opting for Thesis/ Advance project option? Any pointers on how to decide for students who are unsure? Do you recommend taking 593 (Independent Study) in sem1 for deciding this?	live answered
18	how do we enroll in independent study course in the first semester?	Email the professors whose research you're interested in.
19	In the prerecorded session, you mentioned that underload is risky(getting it approved). Is it still recommended by the department? What are the different scenarios in which underload can be rejected ?	live answered
20	Can we enroll in courses from other departments to lengthen our masters duration to full 2 years?	The default program is already "2 years" — 4 semesters + one summer. You can't just take any class in a different dept. See the piazza post on that topic for more details.

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21	Can we do 9 9 1 12 credits ?	Not recommended: last semester will be busy with job search (which is like another 6-9 credits of load). Keep your last term easy/light please.
22	Have the course registrations started? If not, when will we receive the google form?	You will receive the form later today. If you don't receive it by tomorrow AM, contact <a href="mailto:graduate@cs.stonybrook.edu">graduate@cs.stonybrook.edu</a> A link to the form will also be posted on Piazza
23	For Independent Study - how do we approach professors with the intent to do this and what do they look in potential students to get them on board?	live answered
24	The "Good Standing" policy does not allow us to hold multiple internship/job offers and reject some of them. But with the recession and layoffs, companies are rescinding offers. What support will be offered in such a scenario?	live answered
25	I have a query regarding Late arrival request. I have an important family obligation on August 26th for which i have to be in India. I plan to travel to US by August 29th and I want to understand if there would be any complication if I miss the first day of the classes and have my orientation done online if possible? I have talked to VIS regarding the same and they suggested a way to work around this( updation of I20 date) but that I also need to confirm with the CS graduate department. Kindly suggest	live answered
26	How do we register for proficiency courses? Do we need to mention them in the google form that will be sent out for registration	This question was already answered. Look through the answered questions.
26	How do we register for proficiency courses? Do we need to mention them in the google form that will be sent out for registration	Will it be possible to know which proficiency courses will be offered this fall, so we know not to pick graduate courses which clash with them.

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27	I don't have 5 preferences for the first semester. If I don't want to take any of the 2 courses assigned to me (because they are not my top preferences), can I enrol in other courses if they are still open or is it mandatory to enrol in the department assigned courses ?	It is not necessary that you enroll in the 2 courses allocated to you.
28	If we take advance project in first sem only that too with 3 subjects, will that be heavy ?	12 credits in 1st term is too much we think. Don't chance it. Take 9 credits first: if you do well, you can consider taking more credits in 2nd term.
29	If I am allocated paid TA, can I take unpaid TA too in first sem for 3 credits to reduce study load and take 2 subjects.	live answered
30	If I filled out the course selection for the first round, can i change the order for the courses for the second round?	live answered
31	Is there a possibility to talk to a graduate advisor/professors for figuring out the right courses?	live answered
32	If I take 4 courses in the first semester, Can i drop or swap any course in the middle of a semester?	live answered
33	Is it possible to complete my masters in 3 semesters If I opt for thesis option ?	It's going to be hard b/c thesis needs 3 semesters of project work typically. But an instructor likely won't commit to a thesis unless you've taken courses and proved yourself for 1-2 terms. Again, DO NOT overload yourself and rush to graduate: that leads to more trouble than it's worth.
34	How will we select third subject?	live answered
35	Are Co-ops allowed if we get any opportunity during our studies?	Our program doesn't have a "co-op" component that's required. You *can* take summer internships and even p/t internships during the fall/spring semesters. There are restrictions for that. There's a full piazza post on how to go about taking fall/spring internships.
36	I am a ms/bs student and have an internship this upcoming Summer. Can I fill out the form for this internship to count for the single credit?	yes. But if you're a domestic student, then contact gradadvising@cs directly.
37	Where can we check detailed course curriculum, completion requirements and the course instructor ?	CS web site, graduate bulletin, individual course pages. Solar lists instructors.

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38	Are there any Research Assistantship positions? Can we reach out to Professors of Interest regarding the same?	RAs are typically available to PhD students, not MS. Some MS students MAY get a paid RAship, if a prof. has funds and willing to support you. Often, you have to prove yourself before you'd get funding (e.g., do well in classes, take indep. study, etc.).
38	Are there any Research Assistantship positions? Can we reach out to Professors of Interest regarding the same?	Alright, thank you!
39	Are there credits for paid TA?	Typically no: you either get \$\$\$ or you get CSE698 credits, not both.
40	Does pre-allocated TA-ship offer count for credits ?	Paid TAship does not also give you CSE698 credits.
41	Independent course + 2 breadth courses = 9 credits ?	Yes, if you take 3 credits of Indep.study (it can be taken for 1-3 credits each term).
42	can we skip offline orientation if we are arriving a little late to US (before 28 but after the orientation day date)?	live answered
43	We already have a tentative list of courses for Fall 2023. Where can we find the info about the professors offering them?	live answered
44	Is there a student advisor allotted to each student? If so when will they be allotted?	There are no specific advisers assigned to MS students. But we here advise all grad students. You can start with kenna (GPC), then speak with me (Prof. Zadok) or Prof. CR. Typically I advise MS students and CR advises PhDs.
45	how are you going to differentiate two students with same 5 course preferences(which is quite possible)?	live answered
46	Do we have the ability to Audit some courses, I.e courses that aren't counted towards our 31 credits? Like in our final, 'Underload' semester, can we Audit a few courses? If so, is their fee charged separately?	You have to ask instructors for permission to audit their courses: no tuition, no credits, doesn't show up on your tx, and other restrictions based on the instructor. Note that many think they'd have time to audit many courses, then find out that they don't have the time.
46	Do we have the ability to Audit some courses, I.e courses that aren't counted towards our 31 credits? Like in our final, 'Underload' semester, can we Audit a few courses? If so, is their fee charged separately?	Thanks, Prof!! Haha, I definitely agree with the last part.

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47	For students who were offered TA position already in the acceptance mail, what is the process?	We will send you TA appointment (payroll) paperwork and TA preference form in June/July. There's nothing to do as of now.
48	When is it recommended that we start working on a thesis? Would it possible to begin work on a thesis in the summer?	It's best to discuss with an adviser before embarking on a thesis. Yes, you start in a summer. In fact in summers all project related courses are available.
49	What is the ideal time to arrive in US?	Week before classes start, by Aug 21.
50	You can share the exact date for the orientation date?	It'll be the week before classes. You'll receive emails about it later in the summer.
51	Does a preallocated TA ship count towards graduation credits?	Paid TA-ships will not count towards graduation credits.
52	Is there a provision to convert to a PhD during the program?	live answered
53	how to know more about what independent studies are already going right now and under which professor?	Every prof. offeres indep. study. Check CS web site to see who works on which topic, then you can contact some based on your own interests/experience.
54	Is CPT allowed during a semester, like fall '24	Already answered (co-ops). Generally you can do in-semester internship after 2 full semesters (fall/spring). There's a full piazza post on this.
55	Who can we talk to about graduate housing?	Speak directly to the Housing Office. I'm sure they've already reached out to you.
56	Where can we find the courses offered for current FALL23 semester.	Solar is best, also CS web site will give you an idea.
57	Any place where we can get the course details like availability, timings, curriculum, breakdown of grading (assignments/semester exams) etc etc for the upcoming Fall Semester?	Solar, graduate bulleting, CS web site, specific course web sites (incl. for last time the course was taught). This Q was answered already.
58	Another question is, can people with interest in Data science enroll for some STAT courses that are available to MSDS students?	live answered
59	is there some WhatsApp group for upcoming MSCS students?	We understand that there is one, but we don't know what it is nor have access. You'll have to check with other grad students directly.

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60	Are the courses from other departments which are accepted also part of the 5 course preference form? or will we have to enroll in them directly?	live answered
61	For students who were not offered TA but are interested for paid TA's, how can one approach?	We will field two forms in Aug: for paid TA-ships and for credit-based TA-ships.
62	Does Stony Brook has Co-Op program? or allow students to do semester long industry internship?	A similar Q had been answered.
63	Are MS students offered research assistantships?	A similar Q had been answered. See answered Qs.
64	In the old orientation video, it was mentioned that fall/spring internships are also allowed now. Does it mean that coops are allowed? Or is it only for people who did not get any internship in the summer?	Anyone can take fall/spring internships, after you've completed 2 full semesters here (counting only fall or spring semesters). See detailed piazza post on that.
65	Are MS students offered paid research assistantships?	A similar question had been answered, see answered questions.
66	Is working on a project under a professor from another US university related to our course/study is also considered as off-campus internship?	It depends if you get paid: then you should contact VIS to see if they even permit it. You can't get credits for another course at another univ. but there's a way to xfer credits. It's a tricky and special case. If you really need to do this, contact us directly with a lot more details of why you'd want to do this?
67	Is full time cpt allowed during a spring/fall semester?	No. See full piazza post on this.
68	may I know in state and out state students ratio ?	MS program is largely international.
69	will you provide recording for this session as i have attend late	yes
70	hi I know it's unnecessary question at this point of time but I do want to clear whether handwriting determines my marks in assignments or any other exam because I have four fingers on my right hand. I just wanted to know how faculty will react to that.	Talk to instrutors. There's a campus called Students Accessibility Service Cener (SASC) who may be able to provide assistance.
71	Are on-campus easy to get? Or it needs any edge over others?	Please refine this question.

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72	What are the requirements and criteria for eligibility for TA/RA positions, and please outline the application process?	live answered
73	if a student has completed 18 credits and in current semester is taking 9 more credits so while they are in the current semester they will be a G1 student or a G2 student?	G1/G2 status no longer matter for anything for MS students. That said, your status will show up as G2 once you've COMPLETED at least 24 credits.
74	May i know the approximate number of students admitted to MSCS for Fall 2023?	live answered
75	Except for the 3 breadth requirements, Can we take the rest of the courses as per our wish from both Cs/Non Cs departments?	You can take them from CS classes, but there's a limited no. of non-CS classes. There's multiple requirements NOT just breadth, and you have to satisfy all of them. e.g., no. of lecture courses.
76	Are on-campus jobs easy to get? Or it needs any edge over others?	Some on-campus jobs may be available but of course there will be lots more off-campus internships possible.
77	Except low GPA, what other reasons can the last semester for "underload students" be deemed invalid?	live answered
78	I received paid TA for the first year. Can it be extended to the second year as well?	live answered
79	How can we do internship in the spring sem? Are there co-op opportunities?	live answered
80	For students who were offered TA position already in the acceptance mail, when would it begin? Fall semester or spring?	live answered
81	Where can we find the jobs and internship orientation?	Piazza pinned messages: they'd show up on top, and then check all the links in those important posts.
82	If we are unable to get a summer internship, what other options do we have to get the 1 credit in summer?	live answered
83	Let's say I don't get my preferences during the course allocation - will I be given priority for those courses in the next semester? Because it might so happen I am never allocated what I want throughout	live answered
84	Can't find course list with prof on SOLAR	live answered
85	Is there an option to defer to the further semester?	live answered



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86	is there any toefl speaking score requirement to get TA/ RA	live answered
87	is there any student mentor ?	live answered
88	will the allocation take in account the general difficulty of the course? ( I dont want to end up with 2 project heavy courses)	live answered
89	In the slides, it is mentioned that we get OPT for 12 months. Am I right in assuming that, as CS students, we are also eligible for the 24 month OPT extension ?	live answered
90	How will we select third subject? If two we'll get from form as mentioned	live answered
91	If we are unable to get a summer internship, what other options do we have to get the 1 credit in summer?	live answered
92	can we take an independent study in more than one semester?	Yes, max 1-3 credits per term.
93	if we drop a course what will happen to the charged fee?	Check registrar's fee carefully. Depending when you drop courses, you will be liable to some tuition: there's a staggered tuition liability scheduled.
93	if we drop a course what will happen to the charged fee?	Thanks
94	How does the tuition paid for the dropped course work? Will it be refunded or adjusted to the following semester?	live answered
95	What is the maximum students taken in a course?	Depends on course, room availability, etc. Class sizes range from 10-250. Most classes are 50-80 students, very few are very large.
96	I have a list of courses that I definitely want to take. Is there a way I can make sure that I get to take them without leaving them to chance ?	live answered
97	Does independent study have 3 credits? If so, then would doing it in summer grant us 3 credits?	live answered
98	IF we take 4 courses under Ds, will we get Ds concentration added. Does this still stand for Fall2023?.	live answered

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99	I am a BS/MS student going through the MS transition and I filled out the initial course selection released in April, but was not given permission for the courses. I was informed that my initial course selection would roll over to the one released this month. I was wondering if I could change my 5 course preferences.	This is a special case. Fill out the second round of preferences and send email to me: <a href="mailto:cram@cs.stonybrook.edu">cram@cs.stonybrook.edu</a> .
100	Will the courses be offered this way for all terms?	live answered
101	How and when can we apply to on campus jobs in 1st semester?	live answered
102	Can we know the courses that will be held in the following semester after 23 Fall and the professors who are holding them?	live answered
103	I think I found the website wording ambiguous, but for the DS concentration does my thesis/advanced project also need to be in a DS concentration subject/field?	live answered
104	What on campus technical jobs are available in CS departments and what is the process for applying for them?	live answered
105	Do we have to send the official E-transcripts through University or the ones that we uploaded during the application process are enough?	Contact <a href="mailto:graduate@cs">graduate@cs</a> to ensure that all your official documents are received by the university.
105	Do we have to send the official E-transcripts through University or the ones that we uploaded during the application process are enough?	Thanks, Erez. I have already contacted them but have not received a response yet. It has been like a week since the mail. Just want to make sure to complete all the items under Enrollment Checklist.
106	Can you please provide details regarding the MS in CS programme with concentration in Data Science	live answered
107	What on campus jobs are available in general in Stony Brook University? Like non-technical or technical...	live answered
108	Will you provide recording for this session as I have attended late.	y
109	When can we start deposits for Housing?	Contact bursar/housing please: we don't know/control.

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110	Do seniors has more preference of getting a particular course than freshers. As 5 course preference for seniors was done last month and we have it in this month.	Yes,
111	Is there any tentative timeline as to when we would be expected to pay the tution and housing fees?	Check with bursar. Sorry, outside our domain.
112	If for any reason, I am unable to receive a visa, can I defer my admit to fal2024/spring 2024	live answered
113	For Independent Study - would the workload/project involvement directly relate to the number of credits we take it for?	live answered
114	I have learned that most of the students are interested in systems courses. Since I'm interested in ML, I couldn't find peers interested in the same field as me. Do students at SBU participate in research in ML-related fields? And how are the jobs specifically for Machine learning engineers and data scientists for SBU graduates?	live answered
115	If we're interested in a research based career, is there any form of guidance given so as to work towards this goal early on?	live answered
116	If the request for deferral gets rejected, will we still have the admit for this year?	If it happens, contact us and we'll see what can be done.
117	What's the graduate rate has been over the past year from this program?	most graduate with an MS. Very few don't make it.
118	How would be independent study evaluated?	live answered
119	How does the tuition paid for the dropped course work? Will it be refunded or adjusted to the following semester?	Sorry we don't know. Speak to registrar.
120	Do seniors has more preference of getting a particular course than freshers. As 5 course preference for seniors was done last month and we have it in this month.	Yes
121	Are there any paid internships or co-op programs available to help students gain work experience in their fields of study?	live answered

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122	Can you talk about average amount of on-campus opportunities for MS students? Also, the areas	We don't know, sorry, very hard to tell what goes on everywhere in a huge university.
123	Can we submit our official transcripts in person when we come to the campus?	Send email to <a href="mailto:graduate@cs.stonybrook.edu">graduate@cs.stonybrook.edu</a>
124	Considering that the most of the courses mentioned to complete the MS in DS and Engineering specialization aren't mentioned in the SOLAR system as of today, can we still opt for them considering that they are technically CS courses? Or would they not be considered as part of the 31 credits needed to finish the degree/	
125	what are some steps that the department is taking to counter AI assisted tools like chatGPT	live answered
126	What's the collaboration like with industries interms of research/grants	lots of collab w/ industry and other univ. it depends on the prof and their research agenda. so best to speak w/ them.
127	If I am working on Advanced Project, can that be converted into a paper/ thesis if the research for that project is very thorough and worth writing a paper for?	live answered
128	Do seniors has more preferance of getting a particular course than freshers. As 5 course preference for seniors was done last month and we have it in this month.	Yes.
129	When can we expect to get access to handshake, site prompts us to wait until we register for classes	live answered
130	can we do the advanced project in the last semester(3 credits only semester)	Yes, u can take CSE524 in last term.
130	can we do the advanced project in the last semester(3 credits only semester)	Thank You!
131	For the advanced project, will the professors have some project topics in mind that the students can work on or should students come up with their own topic ?	It can be both: speak to instructors directly.
132	does sbu allows to work on part-time internships (<20 hrs) offcampus related to our field?	Answered multiple times. See piazza.
133	does TA offered as a scholarship weights any credit?	Paid TAs do NOT count for credit.

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134	top of the hour, thanks a lot for the session, looking forward to meet you all on campus	ty
135	What is the email id to which our undergrad university has to send the official transcripts?	Send email to graduate@cs.stonybrook.edu
136	Can I take courses summing to more than 31 credits	yes but note that once u complete all graduation requirements, you MUST graduate.
136	Can I take courses summing to more than 31 credits	I will have to take one proficiency course so will I be graduating with 34 credits?
137	Dear hosts, thank you very much for the session. Can't wait to join SBU!	ty
138	What are typical example of an Advance Project Course? Is it Professor specific?	speak to prof directly. they define it.
139	Are there any mandatory courses that we need to do?	no
140	From when and how we can apply for on-campus jobs ?	Not sure. Check with the ones who offer the jobs, if any.
141	when to apply for on campus jobs in first semester?	Not sure. Check with the ones who offer the jobs, if any.
141	when to apply for on campus jobs in first semester?	okay thank you
142	do paid TA offered from 2nd sem onwards have GPA requirements?	typically no, but if fail all your courses, you'll have much bigger problems...
143	For some courses on SOLAR, it is showing "staff" as "professor" and OUTOFCOUNTRY for location of the course	do not pick courses offered in SUNY-Korea (SUNYK).
144	Will there be a registration priority for graduate students registering for their proficiency courses?	generally we try to give u priority. contact prof. zadok directly for proficiencies.
145	Can we do 3 credits of Advance Project / Thesis in summer semester?	yes
146	what if our TOEFL score gets expired at the time of starting TA. do we need to give again ?	probably not.
147	If possible, can you please export the QnA section too, and send it along with the recording? There are many questions answered here too	y
148	When is first sem tuition fee payable	check w/ bursar plz
149	What is the usual and maximum batch size of courses?	already answered.
150	Thank you! Have a good day!	

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151	Thankyou Hosts for this session !!	