Checklist for an ABM application, Department of Computer Science

Please use this checklist to help you decide whether to apply to an ABM program, and to prepare for submission of your ABM application.

Qualifying for an ABM program

- do you have a 3.5 overall GPA?
- do you have a 3.5 GPA in your core CS courses?
- have you taken (or are presently taking) all courses in your major except for 4xx courses?
- have you completed the additional 1xx/2xx/3xx coursework necessary for your desired graduate program (see Pairing of Programs)?

Preparing your ABM application

Before you plan a meeting with Prof. Johnstone, please check off the following elements.

- have you completed a draft of the ABM application form (but not submitted)?
- in choosing the 4 MS courses on this form that you wish to share between the degree programs, have you taken into account what is offered in the next two semesters? (you may use previous years to anticipate what future semester course offerings may look like)
- have you planned two extra MS course options for flexibility?
- have you prepared a plan of study, through the end of your graduate program, with at most 2 MS courses per semester while you are an undergraduate?
- have you had a meeting with the graduate program director of your proposed graduate program to discuss your plans and coursework (Prof. Chengcui Zhang for MSCS and MSDS, Prof. Nitesh Saxena for MSSec)?

Once these steps are complete, please arrange a meeting with Prof. Johnstone to discuss, bringing your plan of study and ABM form to the meeting as context.

Before you submit your ABM application

- have you met with your undergraduate advisor to discuss how this will affect graduation?

- have you met with a financial aid/scholarship advisor to determine the impact of ABM on your scholarships and/or financial aid?