Change of Program into Computing Security (BS)

Computing Security Department │585-475-2963

Current RIT students that are interested in a Change of Program (COP) into Computing Security must do the following to be considered for the program:

1. Prospective Change of Program students are required to meet with an academic advisor in the Computing Security Department.
   a. You can stop by GOL-1770 or call 585-475-2963 to schedule that meeting
   b. Students with Last Name A-K with meet with Lynn Wildman, L-Z with Liz Herrmann.

2. Complete the Change of Program form with your **<u>current</u>** academic advisor. They will send the form to our Sr. Staff Specialist, Britt Stanford (bmsvse@rit.edu) to include with your application materials.

3. Submit a personal statement via email addressing the following:
   a. Why are you applying?
   b. What are your academic strengths & weaknesses?
   c. What areas in computing are you passionate about?
   d. What are your future goals/career interests?
   e. Why do you feel your current major is not the right "fit" for your future goals?
   f. Why do you believe this major is the right "fit" for your future goals?

4. If you have not taken Calculus, contact examasst@rit.edu to take the Math Placement Exam.

5. Contact Financial Aid to understand any aid implications a change of major could have.

6. All application materials must be submitted to Britt Stanford (bmsvse@rit.edu) by the last day of final exams of the term prior to entry.

You will not be able to enroll in our courses until *after* our seat restrictions are lifted (please refer to the seat restriction date in SIS). Provided you meet the pre-requisites, you can add yourself to the waitlist which will automatically enroll you after the restrictions are removed (assuming there are open seats).

Students must meet with our academic advisor to discuss the program and how their previous courses will transfer to the new program. This discussion is important, as it will give you a better idea of what the program is about and if it will extend your stay at RIT. This meeting must take place prior to acceptance.

How will I be notified?

A CSEC academic advisor will notify you by email regarding the admission decision. If accepted, the advisor will assist you with enrollment any additional scheduling assistance still needed for the upcoming semester.

Admissions Criteria:

- A MINIMUM Cumulative GPA is a 2.8 is expected.
- Our program includes several math and programming course requirements; skills in these areas are very important.
- Admissions decisions are made case-by-case. **Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance.** Change of major applications may be denied based on the above criteria, academic standing or students' demonstrated ability to succeed in the major, and overall seats and availability in the program.

Recommended Coursework:

Programming	GCIS 123 & 124 or Equivalent
Calculus	MATH 181 & 182, or MATH 181A & 182A, or MATH 171, 172, & 173
Discrete Math	MATH 190
Intro Computing Security	CSEC 140

Once you meet with an advisor, they may make other recommendations based on courses you have already completed. This is why it is important to schedule a meeting with one of our advisors.

If you have additional questions, please contact us at 585-475-2963.