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

2. Complete the Change of Program form with your **current** academic advisor. They will send the form to our office along with your academic record.

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 Rita McCarthy, rdmics@rit.edu; GOL 1770, by the last day of finals of the term prior to entry.

You will not be able to enroll in our courses until *after* our restrictions are lifted, please refer to the restriction dates in SIS. However, as long as you meet the pre-reqs you can add yourself to the waitlist, which will automatically enroll you after the restrictions come off (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?

The Academic Advisor you have been working with will notify you by email to inform you of the department chair decision as to whether or not they have been accepted into the program. 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.
- All of our programs include math and programming; 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	CSCI 141 & 142 or CSEC/SWEN123 & 124
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 further questions or concerns about a doing a Change of Program into our department, please call and schedule an appointment with our advisor at 585-475-2963.