College of Information and Computer Sciences

Permission to Bypass COMPSCI 230 (CSENG Majors)
Waiver Request

Student Information

Name: ______________________________________________

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Student Justification for Request

I request to bypass COMPSCI 230 based on the following UMass courses in another department as preparation (courses must be completed with a ‘C’ or better):

- ECE 232  Sem/Yr: _____ Grade: _____ Instructor: __________________________
- ECE 353  Sem/Yr: _____ Grade: _____ Instructor: __________________________
- ECE 373  Sem/Yr: _____ Grade: _____ Instructor: __________________________

Additional Background:

UPC Policy – 2/12/14

Approval allows student to bypass the 230 prerequisite (via override) and waive the 230 requirement for the CS Major/Minor in lieu of a ‘C’ or better in ECE 232, ECE 353, and ECE 373. Note for BA CS Majors: These three ECE courses cannot be used toward the Four-Course Outside Concentration.

Student Expectations

1. The CS Curriculum is designed to promote a successful path through the program in order for students to successfully satisfy CS major/minor requirements.

2. The option to bypass a CS course is only allowed in exceptional cases. If elected and approved, students will receive special permission by an override to enroll in CS course(s) requiring the bypassed prerequisite. If student’s preparation is insufficient without the prerequisite, success in CS courses is jeopardized. Therefore students must understand the following:
   - Waiver with no credit. Bypassing a CS course results in a waiver of the course and no credit is awarded.
   - Prerequisite grade. The CS prerequisite structure requires a C or better in most prerequisite courses.
   - University Repeat Policy. See Academic Regulations: http://www.umass.edu/registrar/sites/default/files/academicregs.pdf

3. During Add/Drop only, students who have opted to bypass a course may swap down to the bypassed course with permission of instructors and the waiver will be revoked. After Add/Drop ends, the waiver stands and students who do not get a C or better will need to re-enroll in the CS course in a future term, subject to available seats.

I understand how a bypass of this CS course affects me and my progress. If I do poorly in a subsequent CS course as a result, I understand the potential negative impact on my transcript. I also understand the University Repeat Policy as stated in the Academic Regulations.

Student Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ________________

CS Instructor Signature: ________________________________________ Date: ________________

Bypass of 230 approved and Waiver of 230 for the CS Major/Minor requirements (if applicable)

UPD Approval: ______________________________________________ Date: ________________

8/14/2017