

Residency requirement for coterminal programs

Goal: Ease the ability of students with three-year degrees to complete bachelor+master's programs at Illinois Tech by modifying the residency requirement for undergraduate degrees here at IIT, without compromising educational quality.

The handbook currently states that:

There is no maximum number of hours of transfer credit from a four-year college; however, the final 45 semester hours of any degree program must be completed at Illinois Institute of Technology.

Proposal: The proposal is to implement a two-year pilot program for a CS coterminal program involving:

- a CS or ITM BS/BAC degree and
- the professional Master of Computer Science (MCS) degree,
- with modified residency requirements.

Specifically, under this program:

- All IIT core curriculum requirements will be satisfied;
- "In residency" courses taken at IIT will include 30 credit-hours of undergraduate coursework as follows
 - 12 credit hours of 300 level H/S credit
 - 6 credit hours IPRO or I-course
 - 2 credit hours ITP equivalent (professionalism and ethics relevant to the major)
 - 10 credit hours of other major-specific course work
- Then, up to 15 credit hours of master's degree coursework will apply toward the 45 credit hours residency requirement, **for this pilot coterminal program only.**

This proposal will maintain educational quality while easing entry to our programs, as students still will need to complete all regular requirements of both bachelor's and master's degrees, and will complete at least 30 credit hours of undergraduate coursework at Illinois Tech and **at least 60 credit hours total** (i.e. 30 undergraduate and 30 master's)

Note that students would be admitted initially to the bachelor's degree, and then to the coterminal/AMP program after one semester, based on existing criteria which this proposal would not change. Students who do not end up completing a coterminal program would need to complete a full 45 credit hours of undergraduate credits at Illinois Tech to receive their bachelor's degree, as is currently the case.