

# MS in Computer Science Questions for Optional Practical Training (OPT) Letter

All International MSCS students who apply for OPT will need approval and a letter from the CECS Graduate Advisor. Please submit the following information in hardcopy version to the CECS Office:

- This OPT questionnaire completed and signed.
- A current copy of your unofficial transcript.
- A completed OPT *Model Letter from Advisor/Chair* (available from CIE in the OPT packet).

Please note that it may take up to five working days before you receive your letter.

1. Have you Advanced to Candidacy?  YES  NO

2. Have you completed (with a 'C' or better) all ten of the required courses for your MSCS degree as approved on your Advancement to Candidacy form?  YES  NO

If **NO**, in what semester will all ten of your courses be complete? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you filed to graduate?  YES  NO

If **YES**, for what semester? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Are you in good academic standing (i.e., not on probation)?  YES  NO

5. Is your GPA above 3.0?  YES  NO

6. What Exit Option have you selected?  COMPS  THESIS  PROJECT

If **COMPS**, in what semester did you (or will you) take them? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have already taken the COMPS, did you pass all three exams?  YES  NO

If **THESIS** or **PROJECT**, in what semester do you expect to finish? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your **THESIS** or **PROJECT** Advisor? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please initial that you have read and understand the guidelines for OPT (from CIE's website) below:**

You are eligible to apply for OPT if you meet all of the following criteria: •You are currently in lawful F-1 status. •You have been enrolled full-time for at least one year. •You are in good academic standing. •You have completed, or are in the process of completing your degree-required coursework. •You have not already participated in post-completion OPT at your current degree level or exceeded 12 months of full-time CPT.

INITIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

**The information I have provided is accurate and represents my current MSCS status.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ SID: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 20 \_\_\_\_

For CECS Department use only:

**Graduate Advisor Approval:**  Not approved  Approved  Letter

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 20 \_\_\_\_

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