How does "double counting" work in the Early Entry Program?

First Semester

As soon as you receive confirmation of your acceptance letter to the Early Entry Program, you must immediately do the following. The University will put a "Early Entry Program" hold on your registration until you do so.

Fill out an Early Entry Program form (see MS Forms) as follows:

1. Consult with your Undergraduate Adviser (you will need their signature)
2. On the form, list at least one grad. course that you want to take either (i) in your first Early Entry semester or (ii) in any up coming semester while an Early Entry student.
   - The listed grad. course can be taken either with double counting or without double counting.
   - To double count the course, you must list the both the grad. course and the double counted undergrad. course.
     - Standard Double Counted Courses: A list of standard double counted course pairs is 
     - Non-Standard Double Counted Courses:
       - Consult with your Undergraduate Adviser on any desired non-standard, double counted course pair.
       - Usually any cross-listed course (4xxx/5xxx) will be approved
       - Other double count pairs may be approved in some circumstances.
3. Get your Undergraduate Adviser's signature on the form.
4. Add your signature
   - Note, the Grad. School will reject any form without a hand written signature (see guidelines-accepting-digital-or-electronic-signatures)
5. Give the form to the Graduate Student Support Specialist
   She will get the CS MS Program Director's signature and forward the form to additional University administrative units.
6. You will receive email notification that you have been given permission to take the requested course.
7. You must register for the graduate section of the course in order for double counting to occur.

Later Semesters

It is very common to submit revised copies of the Early Entry Program form (see MS Forms) in later semesters. Note, the revised copy must be completed before the first day of classes of the semester in which you wish to take the listed course(s).

The procedure to follow for the Early Entry Program form is the same as discussed above in Section "First Semester".

Advice on Grad. Course Selection while an Early Entry Student

- Graduate courses (5xxx and 6xxx courses) generally have higher expectations than undergraduate courses. Typically, a grad. course will require more of your time per course than an undergrad. course. For this reason, regular (i.e., non Early Entry) CS MS students will usually only take 3 courses per semester. (The maximum allowed is 4 per semester). Early Entry students should take this into consideration when registering for grad. courses while they are still completing their BS degree.

See Also:
- Early Entry Program: Problems registering for 5xxx Sections
- How do I apply for Early Entry?