

The Department of Computing Sciences

Computer Science Major

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About

Computer science students explore a broad spectrum of computing technologies and concepts. Our courses provide a thorough foundation in the principles and practices of computing, paving the way for successful careers and ongoing graduate studies. Our students also learn skills in communication and the scientific, mathematical, and engineering principles that support the computing disciplines.

The Department of Computing Sciences seeks to provide outstanding education, to advance scholarship, and to engage in activities that benefit society as a whole, in accordance to the University mission. The Department aims to equip students with a solid foundation in computer science, and to prepare them for lifelong independent learning and innovative thinking in a constantly changing discipline. Its faculty members strive to maintain professional currency, and to involve students and colleagues in their research investigations. These endeavors support the University mission to transmit, pursue, and discover knowledge in an atmosphere of collegiality in the university community. Supported by a liberal arts education, the Department seeks to develop the total person, sensitive to social and ethical concerns affected by the computing discipline, and committed to addressing the needs of a diverse and interconnected modern society.

Required Major Courses (70 credits)

Program Notes:

- Combined BS/MS in Computer Science or Software Engineering: Five-year double degree program. See departmental website for details regarding admission, requirements, the program of study, etc.

Course	Title	Credits
CSC 1990	Enrichment Sem in Computing	1
CSC 1051	Algorithms & Data Struc I	4
CSC 1052	Algorithms & Data Struc II	4
CSC 1300	Discrete Structures	3
CSC 1700	Analysis of Algorithms	3
CSC 1800	Organ of Prog Languages	3
CSC 2053	Platform Based Computing	3
	CSC 2300 or STAT 4310	3
CSC 2400	Computer Systems I	3
CSC 2405	Computer Systems II	3
CSC 4170	Theory of Computation	3
CSC 4480	Principles of Database Systems	3
CSC 4700	Software Engineering	3
CSC 4790	Senior Projects	3
PHI 2180	Computer Ethics	3
MAT 1500	Calculus I	4
MAT 2400	Linear Algebra for Computing	4
	Natural Science with Lab	8
	Computer Science Electives	9

Core Curriculum Requirements (33 credits)

Computer Science Majors meet the following core requirements in the major and therefore are omitted from the summary below:

- Core Math (3 cr)
- Natural Science (8 cr)

Course	Title	Credits
ACS 1000	Ancients	3
ACS 1001	Moderns	3
THL 1000	Faith, Reason, and Culture	3
PHI 1000	Knowledge, Reality, Self	3
ETH 2050	The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob	3
	Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course)	3
	History (1 course)	3
	Social Sciences (2 courses)	6
	Fine Arts (1 course)	3
	Upper-Level Theology (1 course)	3
	Language Requirement	
	Diversity Requirement (2 courses)	

Free Elective Requirement (19 credits)

Students with a Computer Science primary major have nineteen (19) required free elective credits.

Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 70 credits
- **Core Credits:** 33 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 19 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 122 Credits

Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.

SECONDARY MAJOR

Students who declare Computer Science as a **secondary major** must complete the Required Major Courses to achieve this major. Students are able to count any eligible course taken in their primary major, the core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives toward these requirements.