Computer Science

Computers are a very prominent part of modern business and society. Many of the most important and exciting technological developments today involve computers and computer systems. The expanding role of computer-based systems has caused a high demand for computer professionals, a situation that is expected to continue well into the future.

Computer science is an extremely exciting, challenging and rewarding area of study. It incorporates an excellent combination of theoretical and intellectual content on the one hand, and practical application and societal importance on the other. By some standards, it is the strongest discipline in academia today, and has been for the past three decades.

Computer science is a broad and multidisciplinary field. Its general focus is on the design, analysis and use of computer hardware and software. As an academic discipline, it does not focus on just one technology, programming language, or computer architecture. Rather, it seeks to ground the student in fundamental concepts that are applicable to many environments.

Our curriculum prepares graduates for positions in the computer industry, as well as for advanced studies and research. We offer an undergraduate major leading to the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees, an undergraduate minor, and graduate programs leading to the Master of Science degree and Doctor of Philosophy degree in computer science.

The bachelor’s degree programs in computer science provide students with the technical background necessary to use, design, analyze and implement computer software and systems. All students must complete the required University Core Curriculum and satisfy the College of Science requirements. Computer science majors are required to take a core set of courses dealing with programming, data structures and algorithms, computer organization, operating systems, social issues of computing, and a senior project.

Along with taking the core courses, computer science majors may choose from a broad selection of computer-based courses in order to complete their departmental requirements. This broad selection of courses covers all principal areas of computer science: languages, networks, databases, architecture, graphics, software engineering, artificial intelligence, bioinformatics, web development, computer security, robotics and parallel computing. The curriculum for the Bachelor of Science degree is more traditional and somewhat more flexible than that for the Bachelor of Arts degree. It prepares students for a wide range of technical careers as software developers, systems administrators, database administrators, network administrators, etc. It also prepares students for entry into graduate degree programs in computer science. The Bachelor of Arts degree program is more specifically oriented toward the interdisciplinary aspect of computer science in which students select a secondary concentration such as: business, engineering, science, education, liberal arts, or mass communication. One possible secondary concentration in the area of business applications is designed to enable students to pursue a fifth year of studies leading to an MBA degree.

Our department also offers a minor in computer science. Students can choose from a variety of specializations. Service courses are also available for students who wish to acquire some computer literacy but are not pursuing a career as a computer professional. Computer science majors can enrich their computer science degree with a secondary concentration, minor, or double major in areas such as mathematics, engineering, business, communications, etc.

Students interested in computer science will be advised with respect to computer science courses by the department so they may profitably pursue their academic and professional interests.
The department enforces the following retention policy: a computer science major will not be permitted to enter any of the courses CS 220, CS 306, CS 311, CS 320, CS 330 and CS 335, unless that student has achieved a grade point average of at least 2.00 for all required precedent computer science courses. Any exceptions to this policy will require the written approval of the department.

Permission to enroll in departmental courses is subject to the restriction that a student who receives a grade of F or WF two times in the same course cannot take the course again. An exception to this policy may be granted by written approval of the department, but such exceptions will be rare.

The department also enforces the following restriction on students repeating its courses: a student cannot repeat a course or its equivalent, in which a grade of B or better was earned, without the consent of the department.

**Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science**

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¹ Note: The following courses are required for the University Core Curriculum: ENG 101, ENG 102, ENG 190, PSY 101, PSY 102, MATH 150, MATH 250, MATH 221, and MATH 222.

² Note: Computer Science Electives must include at least 12 credits of 400-level courses.

³ Note: Computer Science Core courses are required for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science.

⁴ Note: Computer Science Electives must include at least 12 credits of 400-level courses.

⁵ Note: MATH 150, MATH 250, and MATH 221 are required for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science.

Laboratory Science Sequence - PHYS 205A, PHYS 205B and PHYS 255A, PHYS 255B are required for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science.
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5 The supportive skills are also required for a major. Prerequisite is MATH 111 or MATH 108 and MATH 109. The elective hours are reduced by 3-6 hours for students who place into a course lower than calculus.

### Bachelor of Arts Degree in Computer Science

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partially satisfy this requirement depending on credit hours.

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2 At least half of the computer science credit hours must be taken at SIU. Students must take either CS 304 or CS 305.

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4 MATH 111 could be replaced by MATH 108 and MATH 109, or by MATH 150.

5 MBA Foundation: MATH 150 (instead of MATH 111), ACCT 220, FIN 270 and FIN 330, MGMT 304 or MGMT 318, MKTG 304, and ECON 240 and ECON 241. MGMT 304 allows a student to earn a minor in Business Administration. MGMT 318 is required for entry into the Master in Business Administration degree program. Six credit hours must be at 300-level or above.

For your individualized curricular guide, see your Student Education Planner in DegreeWorks.

**Concentrations for BS and BA programs:**

Computer science majors can use their electives to form an optional concentration in four different computer science areas: computer networks and security; database and systems; software engineering and application development; or artificial intelligence and robotics. Computer science majors must take three courses (out of their 400-level electives) from a particular topic to receive a concentration in that area. Concentrations will not appear on the diploma but will be stated on a certificate issued by the department. Computer science is a very dynamic field; therefore see cs.siu.edu for current concentration areas and their relevant courses.

**Computer Science Minor**

A minor consists of CS 202, CS 215, CS 220 and at least nine hours of 300-level computer science coursework. At least nine of these hours must be taken at SIU.

**Computer Science Courses**

**CS105 - Intro to Application Software** 105-3 Introduction to Application Software. This course is designed to provide a detailed exposure to various computer applications software including word processing, database management, spreadsheet, presentation, Web design software, and programming concepts. The course is designed to help students to better use the computer as a tool in their own fields and to help prepare students for Microsoft Office Specialist Certification examinations.

**CS200B - Computer Concepts** 200B-3 Computer Concepts. [IAI Course: BUS 902] The course is designed to provide participants with a broad overview of computer concepts including key terminology and components of computer hardware, software, and operating systems. Topics will include, but are not limited to computer architecture, peripheral devices, networking components, system software, information system analysis, application software including word processing, database management,
spreadsheet, and presentation software. Discussion will also include the Internet and Web page development.

**CS201 - Problem Solving with Computers** 201-3 Problem Solving with Computers. This course provides an introduction to problem solving using computers. It goes beyond basic computer literacy and application software experiences, but is less intensive than a first course devoted solely to programming. The course focuses on problem solving in the context of an introduction to computer programming and includes coverage of topics from computer literacy, word processing, spreadsheet and database packages. A preliminary treatment of the Internet and World Wide Web is also included. Students cannot get credit for both CS 201 and CS 201B. Course fee: $60.

**CS201B - Beauty and Joy of Computing** 201B-3 The Beauty and Joy of Computing. This course serves as an introductory course to the beauty and joy of computing for non-CS majors as well as first year CS majors. The history, social implications, principles, and applications of computing in addition to programming basics will be discussed. The joy of programming a computer will be delivered to the students using a friendly, visual programming language that does not require keyboard instead a simple drag-and-drop window interface. There will be many fun programming assignments and one team project related to student's interests. Students cannot get credit for both CS 201 and CS 201B.

**CS202 - Intro to Computer Science** 202-4 Introduction to Computer Science. [IAI Course: CS 911] An introduction to computers and programming using a high-level structured language including a discussion of programming constructs and data representation. Primary emphasis will be given to problem solving, algorithm design, and program development. Three one-hour lectures and one two-hour lab per week. Prerequisite: Mathematics 111 or equivalent with a grade of C or better. Course fee: $60.

**CS215 - Discrete Mathematics** 215-4 Discrete Mathematics. (University Core Curriculum) [IAI Course: M1 905] Introduction to topics relevant to the study of computer science including: number systems, sets, sequences, summations, logic and truth tables, proofs, functions, relations, matrix operations, combinations, permutations, counting techniques, discrete probability, algorithmic complexity, recurrence relations, Boolean algebra, simple combinational circuits, simplification techniques. Prerequisites: MATH 111 or equivalent with grade of C or better. Course fee: $60.

**CS220 - Programming w/Data Structures** 220-4 Programming with Data Structures. [IAI Course: CS 912] Advanced programming, data structures and algorithm design. Topics included advanced language features, data abstraction and object-oriented programming, recursion, stacks, queues, linked lists, trees and graphs, sorting and searching. The course meets for three lecture hours and two laboratory hours per week. Prerequisites: CS 202 and CS 215 each with a grade of C or better. Course fee: $60.

**CS221 - Internet & Mobile Computing** 221-4 Introduction to Internet and Mobile Computing. Introduction to components, architecture and infrastructure of systems and services to support internet computing and mobile platforms. Linux/Unix systems and server-side infrastructure: tools, commands and scripting. Client-side interfaces and application development (Android and web), IDEs, debugging, utilizing resources and services. This course will have a strong hands-on component. Prerequisite: CS 202 with a grade of C or better. CS fee: $100.

**CS280 - Computational Statistics I** 280-3 Computational Statistics I. This course provides a basic introduction to probability and statistics as well as related computational approaches. Topics include basic probability models, combinatorics, random variables, discrete and continuous probability distributions, statistical estimation and hypotheses testing, confidence intervals and linear regression. Some selected computational approaches for statistical problems such as simulation of random variables from probability distributions, the visualization of multivariate data, Monte Carlo integration and methods in inference will also be discussed. The R language will be used for programming assignments. Prerequisite: MATH 108 with a grade of C or better.

**CS290 - Comm Skills & Ethics for CS** 290-3 Communication Skills and Ethics for Computer Science. Effective writing, reading, presentation and oral communication skills for computer science professionals. Evaluation and analysis of technical material. Communicating with stakeholders and team members. Professional ethics and responsibilities in society and industry. Legal and sustainability impact. Discussions and assignments utilizing technical materials and case studies pertaining to history,
research, practice and ethics in the discipline. Prerequisites: CS 201 or CS 202 with a grade of C or better or consent of the instructor.

**CS300 - Introduction to Linux** 300-3 Introduction to Linux. A gentle introduction to the Linux operating system. Computer programming experience is not required. Students will gain the knowledge and hands-on experience needed to install, configure, and use Linux. Emphasis will be placed on administration skills and security. Software for Linux will be surveyed, particularly to identify replacements for standard Windows applications. Prior experience with Windows or Macintosh operating systems is assumed.

**CS304 - Advnc Object-Oriented Progrmmg** 304-3 Advanced Object-Oriented Programming. Advanced features of object-oriented programming are covered in depth. The topics covered include, but are not limited to, the following: polymorphism, inheritance, overloading, generic programming, exception handling, file I/O, GUI development. A group project is an integral part of the course. Prerequisite: CS 220 with a grade of C or better.

**CS305 - Software Development** 305-3 Software Development Practices. Practices, tools and methodologies for development of software within the context of a team. Agile software practices and modern development tools are used to build an enhanced understanding of object-oriented design principles, implementation, and testing to meet customer requirements. A team project is an integral part of this course. Prerequisite: CS 220 with C or better.

**CS306 - Linux/UNIX Programming** 306-3 Linux/UNIX Programming. This course will prepare students to develop software in and for Linux/UNIX environments. Topics to be covered include basic operating system concepts, effective command line usage, shell programming, the C language, programming development tools, system programming, network programming (client-server model and sockets), and GUI programming. Prerequisites: CS 220 and CS 221 with a grade of C or better. CS fee: $60.

**CS311 - Theory Programming Languages** 311-3 The Theory and Implementation of Programming Languages. Introduction to the theory and implementation of programming languages including finite automata, regular grammars, lexical analysis, parsing, syntax-directed translation, semantic analysis, binding variables, data types, static and dynamic scope, subprograms, abstraction, and concurrency. Study of object-oriented, functional, and logic programming languages. Lab work is essential. Prerequisite: CS 220 with a grade of C or better.


**CS320 - Computer Organiztn & Architect** 320-3 Computer Organization and Architecture. Overview of the basic logic circuits needed in constructing a computer. Fundamental computer operations: machine and assembly language instructions, stacks, procedures and macros. The translation process: assembly, linking and loading. Hardware elements for processing, transferring, and storing information. Data path and control unit for a simple processor. Prerequisite: CS 220 with grade of C or better.

**CS330 - Intro Des & Analysis of Alg** 330-3 Introduction to the Design and Analysis of Algorithms. A detailed treatment of the design, analysis, and complexity of algorithms, including greedy algorithms, divide and conquer, dynamic programming, and limitations of algorithms as problems get larger or more complex. Prerequisite: CS 220 with a grade of C or better.

**CS335 - Operating Systems** 335-3 Operating Systems. An extended treatment of the components of operating systems including process management, concurrency, memory management, device management, file management, and security. Prerequisites: CS 220 and CS 221 with a grade of C or better.

**CS350 - Web Application Development** 350-3 Web Application Development. A comprehensive introduction to languages and tools used to create client side and server side Web applications. Topics include, but are not limited to, markup languages, server-side and client-side scripting languages, web programming languages, web development architectures, frameworks and technologies, and database access. Prerequisites: CS 202 and CS 221 with a grade of C or better or consent of instructor.
CS391 - Current Topics in CS 391-1 to 3 Current Topics in Computer Science. Selected current topics from various fields of computer science. Only maximum of 6 credit hours can be counted toward degree. Special approval needed from the instructor.

CS393 - Internship in Comp Science 393-1 to 6 Internship in Computer Science. Credit for participation in a formalized internship program involving computer science related work. Hours do not count toward requirements for computer science major. Mandatory Pass/Fail. Prerequisite: prior approval of the sponsoring agency and the Department of Computer Science. Restricted to Computer Science major.


CS404 - Autonomous Mobile Robots 404-3 Autonomous Mobile Robots. This course is a comprehensive introduction to modern robotics with an emphasis on autonomous mobile robotics. Fundamentals of sensors and actuators as well as algorithms for top level control are discussed. Multirobotics and human-robot interaction issues are explored. A group project is an integral part of this course. Prerequisite: CS 330 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing. CS fee: $125.

CS406 - Basic Linux System Admin 406-3 Basic Linux System Administration. This course will be an introduction to the administration of Linux systems, with emphasis on security for networked systems. Topics to be covered include: installation and configuration of Linux distributions, typical maintenance activities, and security measures for networked systems. Students will have access to lab machines for hands on practice. Prerequisite: CS 306 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.

CS407 - Adv Linux/UNIX Programming 407-3 Advanced Linux/UNIX Programming. This course builds on the knowledge gained in CS 306, to prepare students to do advanced development on Linux/UNIX platforms. The topics studied are critical for achieving high performance in large-scale, high-load networked software systems. These topics include development techniques such as profiling, concurrent programming and synchronization, network programming for high-load servers, advanced I/O alternatives, and IPC such as shared memory. The course will involve the study of code from Open Source projects like Apache and Nginx. The focus will be on the C language, but other languages will also be considered. Students must complete a significant network software project. Prerequisites: CS 306 and CS 335, with grades of C or better, or graduate standing with C language and Linux system programming experience.

CS408 - Applied Cryptography 408-3 Applied Cryptography. This course is a comprehensive introduction to modern cryptography, with an emphasis on the application and implementation of various techniques for achieving message confidentiality, integrity, authentication and non-repudiation. Applications to Internet security and electronic commerce will be discussed. All background mathematics will be covered in the course. Prerequisite: CS 330 with a grade of C or better and MATH 221 or graduate standing.

CS410 - Computer Security 410-3 Computer Security. A broad overview of the principles, mechanisms, and implementations of computer security. Topics include cryptography, access control, software security and malicious code, trusted systems, network security and electronic commerce, audit and monitoring, risk management and disaster recovery, military security and information warfare, physical security, privacy and copyrights, and legal issues. Prerequisite: CS 306 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.

CS412 - Programming Distributed Apps 412-3 Programming Distributed Applications. This course uses advanced features of the Java programming language to develop networked, distributed, and web-based applications. Topics covered include, but are not limited to, sockets, datagrams, the Java security model, threads, multi-tier architectures, Java RMI, Java database connectivity, and Java-based mobile agents. Prerequisite: CS 306 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.
CS416 - Compiler Construction 416-3 Compiler Construction. Introduction to compiler construction. Design of a simple complete compiler, including lexical analysis, syntactical analysis, type checking, and code generation. Prerequisite: CS 306 and 311 each with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.

CS420 - Distributed Systems 420-3 Distributed Systems. A top-down approach addressing the issues to be resolved in the design of distributed systems. Concepts and existing approaches are described using a variety of methods including case studies, abstract models, algorithms and implementation exercises. Prerequisite: CS 335 or graduate standing.

CS425 - Prin Virtual & Cloud Computing 425-3 Principles of Virtualization and Cloud Computing. Cloud Computing (CC) represents a recent major strategic shift in computing and Information Technology. This course explores fundamental principles, foundational technologies, architecture, design, and business values of CC. Understanding will be reinforced through multiple angles including: analysis of real world case studies, hands-on projects and in-depth study of research developments. Prerequisites: CS 330 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.

CS430 - Database Systems 430-3 Database Systems. The course concentrates on the relational model, database design, and database programming. Topics include relational model, relational algebra, SQL, constraints and integrity, transaction support, concurrency control, database design, normalization, backup, recovery, and security. A comprehensive product-like project is an integral part of the course. Prerequisite: CS 330 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.

CS434 - Learning From Data 434-3 Learning From Data. An introduction to classical machine learning theory and practical techniques. Topics to be covered include computational learning theory (VC theory), linear classification and regression models, SVMs and kernel methods, decision trees, the bias-variance tradeoff, overfitting, and regularization. Prerequisites: CS 330 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.

CS435 - Software Engineering 435-3 Software Engineering. Principles, practices and methodology for development of large software systems. Object-oriented principles, design notations, design patterns and coping with changing requirements in the software process. Experiences with modern development tools and methodologies. A team project is an integral part of this course. Prerequisite: CS 330 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing; CS 306 with a grade of C or better recommended.

CS436 - Artificial Intelligence I 436-3 Artificial Intelligence I. Search and heuristics, problem reduction. Predicate calculus, automated theorem proving. Knowledge representation. Applications of artificial intelligence. Parallel processing in artificial intelligence. Prerequisite: CS 311 and 330 each with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.


CS438 - Bioinformatics Algorithms 438-3 Bioinformatics Algorithms. This course is an introductory course on bioinformatics algorithms and the computational ideas that have driven them. The course includes discussions of different techniques that can be used to solve a large number of practical problems in biology. Prerequisite: CS 330 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.

CS440 - Computer Networks 440-3 Computer Networks. Design and analysis of computer communication networks. Topics to be covered include queuing systems, data transmission, data link protocols, topological design, routing, flow control, security and privacy, and network performance evaluation. Prerequisite: CS 330 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing; CS 306 recommended.

CS441 - Mobile & Wireless Computing 441-3 Mobile and Wireless Computing. Concepts of mobile and wireless systems are presented. These concepts include, but are not limited to, Routing and Medium Access for Mobile Ad hoc and Wireless Sensor Networks, Mobile IP, Wireless LAN and IEEE 802.11. Hands-on group lab experience is an integral component in the course. Prerequisite: CS 330 with a grade of C or better, or graduate standing or consent of the instructor.
CS447 - Introduction to Graph Theory 447-3 Introduction to Graph Theory. (Same as MATH 447) Graph theory is an area of mathematics which is fundamental to future problems such as computer security, parallel processing, the structure of the World Wide Web, traffic flow and scheduling problems. It also plays an increasingly important role within computer science. Topics include: trees, coverings, planarity, colorability, digraphs, depth-first and breadth-first searches. Prerequisite: MATH 349 with C or better.

CS449 - Intro to Combinatorics 449-3 Introduction to Combinatorics. (Same as MATH 449) This course will introduce the student to various basic topics in combinatorics that are widely used throughout applicable mathematics. Possible topics include: elementary counting techniques, pigeonhole principle, multinomial principle, inclusion and exclusion, recurrence relations, generating functions, partitions, designs, graphs, finite geometry, codes and cryptography. Prerequisite: MATH 349 with C or better.

CS451 - Theory of Computing 451-3 Theory of Computing. The fundamental concepts of the theory of computation including finite state acceptors, formal grammars, Turing machines, and recursive functions. The relationship between grammars and machines with emphasis on regular expressions and context-free languages. Prerequisite: CS 311 and 330 each with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.

CS455 - Adv Alg Design & Analysis 455-3 Advanced Algorithm Design and Analysis. An in-depth treatment of the design, analysis and complexity of algorithms with an emphasis on problem analysis and design techniques. Prerequisites: CS 330 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.

CS471 - Optimization Techniques 471-3 Optimization Techniques. (Same as MATH 471) Introduction to algorithms for finding extreme values of nonlinear multivariable functions with or without constraints. Topics include: convex sets and functions; the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality; Taylor’s theorem for multivariable functions; positive definite, negative definite, and indefinite matrices; iterative methods for unconstrained optimization. Prerequisite: MATH 221 and MATH 250 with C or better.

CS472 - Linear Programming 472-3 Linear Programming. (Same as MATH 472) Introduction to finding extreme values of linear functionals subject to linear constraints. Topics include: recognition, formulation, and solution of real problems via the simplex algorithm; development of the simplex algorithm; artificial variables; the dual problem and duality theorem; complementary slackness; sensitivity analysis; and selected applications of linear programming. Prerequisite: MATH 221 with C or better.

CS475 - Numerical Analysis I 475-3 Numerical Analysis I. (Same as MATH 475) Introduction to theory & techniques for computation with digital computers. Topics include: solution of nonlinear equations; interpolation & approximation; solution of systems of linear equations; numerical integration. Students will use MATLAB to study the numerical performance of the algorithms introduced in the course. Prerequisites: MATH 221 and MATH 250 with C or better.

CS476 - Numerical Analysis II 476-3 Numerical Analysis II. (Same as MATH 476) Continuation of CS 475. Topics include: solution of ordinary differential equations; computation of eigenvalues and eigenvectors; and solution of partial differential equations. Students will use MATLAB to study the numerical performance of the algorithms introduced in the course. Prerequisites: MATH 305 and MATH 475 with C or better.

CS480 - Computational Statistics II 480-3 Computational Statistics II. This course utilizes computational and graphical approaches to solve statistical problems. A comprehensive coverage on modern and classical methods of statistical computing will be given. Case studies in various disciplines such as science, engineering and education will be discussed. Various topics such as numerical integration and simulation, optimization and maximum likelihood estimation, density estimation and smoothing as well as re-sampling will be presented. Students will be able to create graphical and numerical display based on their data analysis results using R programming language. Prerequisite: MATH 250 and CS 306 or CS 330 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.

CS484 - User Interface Design & Development. Problems and processes in the design of highly usable systems. Understanding stakeholders, requirements, tasks, prototyping, evaluation, guidelines and design process and heuristics. Interactive software concepts and implementation considerations. A group project is an integral part of this course. Prerequisite: CS 306 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.
CS485 - Computer Graphics 485-3 Computer Graphics. Principles and techniques of computer graphics. Interactive graphics software development using a modern graphics standard. Topics include: primitives, transforms, clipping, modeling, viewing, rendering, texture, animation and ray tracing. A group project is an integral part of this course. Prerequisite: CS 306 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing; MATH 150 and 221 are recommended.

CS487 - Software Game Development 487-3 Software Aspects of Game Development. This course focuses on software development and development aspects of game production including: software process, system architecture, frameworks, entity management and interaction design, game design, production and business issues as well as technical foundations in graphics modeling and rendering, collision detection, physics, artificial intelligence, and multiplayer techniques. Prerequisite: CS 330 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.

CS490 - Readings 490-1 to 6 (1 to 3 per semester) Readings. Supervised readings in selected subjects. Not for graduate credit. Mandatory Pass/Fail. Special approval needed from the instructor and department.

CS491 - Special Topics 491-1 to 6 (1 to 3 per topic) Special Topics. Selected advanced topics from the various fields of computer science. Special approval needed from the instructor.

CS492 - Special Problems 492-1 to 6 (1 to 3 per semester) Special Problems. Individual projects involving independent work. Special approval needed from the department.

CS498 - Senior Seminar in CS 498-2 Senior Seminar in Computer Science. This course consists of diverse presentations by faculty, students, and invited speakers from industry, and prepares students for CS 499 (Senior Project in Computer Science) or CS 499B (Senior Thesis in Computer Science). Students in CS project track will select and plan a real world team project, while students in CS thesis track will select a research topic, under advisement of a Computer Science faculty, and will present a research proposal. Prerequisite: completion of or concurrent enrollment in at least two other 400-level Computer Science courses. Restricted to senior standing in Computer Science.

CS499 - Senior Project in CS 499-3 Senior Project in Computer Science. A continuation of CS 498, performing exercise in the design, implementation, documentation, and deployment of a group project culminating in a presentation to the Computer Science faculty. Prerequisite: CS 498.

CS499B - Senior Thesis in CS 499B-3 Senior Thesis in Computer Science. A continuation of CS 498, carrying out the approved research under the supervision of a Computer Science faculty culminating in a written thesis and presentation to the Computer Science faculty, evaluated by a committee consisting of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, the advisor, and the instructor of the course. Prerequisite: CS 498.


CS510 - Wireless and Network Security 510-3 Wireless and Network Security. Advanced security concepts of distributed systems and wireless networks are presented. Topics include IEEE 802.11 security, Wireless Encryption and Authentication, Key Management in Networks, Distributed Denial of Service Attacks, Routing Security, Intrusion Detection and Mobile Code Security. Prerequisite: CS 410 with a grade of C or better or consent of the instructor.
CS511 - Formal Specification of Programming Languages
511-3 Formal Specification of Programming Languages. A survey of modeling techniques and Meta languages for the formal specification of the syntax and semantics of high-level programming languages. Prerequisite: CS 311.

CS512 - Declarative Programming
512-3 Declarative Programming. An advanced level course on nonprocedural programming with emphasis on logic programming, pure functional programming, and the characteristics of the declarative style common to these two paradigms. Topics include logic programming, functional programming, implementation consideration for each along with current research topics in the areas. Prerequisite: CS 311.

CS514 - Advanced Operating Systems

CS516 - Advanced Compilers
516-3 Advanced Compilers. A continuation of 416 including advanced topics in lexical and syntax analysis, error recovery, semantic analysis, code optimization and compiler compilers. Prerequisite: CS 416.

CS520 - Adv Topic Parallel Distrb Comp
520-3 Advanced Topics in Parallel & Distributed Computing. An advanced treatment of parallel and distributed computing; review of hardware and software considerations for parallel computation; development and analysis of parallel algorithms (with particular attention to the communication and synchronization costs associated with parallel algorithms); effect of granularity on performance; a comparison of the parallel and distributed programming paradigms including a detailed study of the central features of each approach; software systems for distributed computing including exposure to one or more distributed programming environments; the direction of parallel computing as suggested by recent, high level parallel languages; parallelizing serial programs; parallelizing compilers; future directions of parallel and distributed computing systems. The course will include a student project. Prerequisite: CS 420.

CS530 - Advanced Database Systems
530-3 Advanced Database Systems. A detailed treatment of advanced topics in data base systems including, but not limited or restricted to, relational database theory, query optimization, recovery techniques, concurrency control, distributed database systems, security and integrity and database machines. Prerequisite: CS 430.

CS532 - Topics in Information Systems
532-3 to 6 Topics in Information Systems. A detailed study of two or three topics relevant to information systems. Topics may include but are not limited to sorting, searching, information retrieval and automatic text processing, database security and encryption, distributed databases and data communication. Prerequisite: CS 430. Special approval needed from the instructor.

CS533 - Data Mining/Big Data Analysis
533-3 Data Mining and Big Data Analysis. This course provides a series of comprehensive and in-depth lectures on the core techniques in data mining and knowledge discovery; addresses the unique issues of big data; and discusses potential applications of data mining particularly on big data analysis. Major topics include: data preparation, association mining, classification (and prediction), clustering, characteristics and challenges of big data, and strategies of big data mining and analysis. Prerequisites: CS 330 and CS 430 with grades of C or better or consent of instructor.

CS534 - Big Data Management/Analytics
534-3 Big Data Management and Analytics. This course provides comprehensive and in-depth discussions of big data management and analytics. Main subjects include computation and programming models, management and analytics algorithms, and platforms/frameworks especially designed for big data. The objective of this course is to equip students with the ability to understand, use, and build big data management and analytics systems or tools. Prerequisites: CS 430 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.

CS536 - Artificial Intelligence II
536-3 Artificial Intelligence II. Theorem proving, the Resolution Principle, strategies, and achievements. Program verification. Natural language processing. Other selected topics. Prerequisite: CS 436.
CS537 - Adv Topics in Expert Systems 537-3 Advanced Topics in Expert Systems. This course is designed to provide students with advanced topics in expert systems theory. Topics covered include: knowledge representation, methods of inference, reasoning under uncertainty, and inexact reasoning (fuzzy logic). A practical introduction to expert systems programming serves to reinforce and clarify the theoretical concepts. Prerequisite: CS 330 or consent of instructor.

CS538 - Game Theory in Networks 538-3 Game Theory in Networks. Game theoretic concepts apply whenever actions of several players are interdependent. This course will provide an introduction to classic game theory and strategic thinking including dominance, Nash equilibrium, and stability. Social choice, social learning, and online mechanism design are then discussed. We will examine how game theoretic concepts can be used in developing reasoning strategies, i.e., algorithms. Application of game theoretic framework to telecommunication and human networks is an integral part of this course. Restricted to graduate standing or consent of instructor.

CS539 - Agents & Multiagent Systems 539-3 Agents and Multiagent Systems. This is an advanced treatment of fundamental concepts in the design of intelligent autonomous agents and agent systems. Classic agent theories, architectures, algorithms, and languages are discussed. An agent-based project is an integral part of this course. Restricted to graduate standing or consent of instructor.

CS540 - Adv Comp Networks 540-3 Advanced Computer Networks. Topics include routing protocols used in internet; data compression techniques; telecommunication systems - its services, architecture and protocols; high speed networks; routing protocols in mobile ad-hoc networks; and a detailed performance analysis of different window flow control and congestion control mechanisms using queuing theory. Prerequisite: CS 440 with a grade of C or better, or consent of the instructor.


CS572 - Adv Topics in Num Analysis 572-1 to 12 Advanced Topics in Numerical Analysis. (Same as MATH 572) Selected advanced topics in Numerical Analysis chosen from such areas as: approximation theory; spline theory; special functions; wavelets; numerical solution of initial value problems; numerical solution of boundary value problems; numerical linear algebra; numerical methods of optimization; and functional analytic methods. Special approval needed from the instructor.


CS586 - Pattern Recognition 586-3 Pattern Recognition. An introduction to the area of pattern recognition and data science. This course will cover basic and advanced theories, algorithms, and practical solutions of statistical pattern recognition. It covers bayesian learning, parametric and non-parametric learning, data clustering, component analysis, boosting techniques, sequential data, reinforcement learning, and deep learning with neural networks.

CS590 - Readings 590-1 to 6 Readings. Supervised readings in selected subjects. Graded S/U only. Special approval needed from the instructor and department.

CS591 - Special Topics 591-1 to 9 (1 to 3 per topic) Special Topics. Selected advanced topics from the various fields of computer science. Special approval needed from the instructor.
CS593 - Seminar 593-1 to 4 Seminar. Preparation and presentation of reports. Graded S/U only. Special approval needed from the instructor.

CS598 - Graduate Project 598-3 to 9 Graduate Project. A practical exercise in the design, implementation, documentation and deployment of a project. A project may be completed through internship, work/study, or a supervised project. For Ph.D. students only, an internship could include face-to-face or online teaching.

CS599 - Thesis 599-3 to 9 Thesis. Special approval needed from the instructor and department.

CS600 - Doctoral Dissertation 600-1 to 24 (1 to 9 per semester) Doctoral Dissertation. Dissertation research. Hours and credit to be arranged by the student's academic advisor. Graded S/U only. Restricted to admission to Ph.D. in computer science program.

CS601 - Continuing Enrollment 601-1 per semester Continuing Enrollment. For those graduate students who have not finished their degree programs and who are in the process of working on their dissertation, thesis, or graduate project. The student must have completed a minimum of 24 hours of dissertation research, or the minimum thesis or graduate project hours before being eligible to register for this course. Concurrent enrollment in any other course is not permitted. Graded S/U or DEF only.

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