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THE UNIVERSITY AND PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The University and Community

Howard University is a comprehensive, private, historically Black university classified among Research 1 (R1) institutions, reflecting the highest level of research activity in the United States. Founded in 1867, the University is committed to providing an educational experience of exceptional quality to students of high academic potential. Central to its mission is the cultivation of faculty excellence in teaching, research, and service, with a focus on developing graduates who are both intellectually distinguished and socially conscious.

Howard's mission—formally articulated in a 1989 resolution of its Board of Trustees—emphasizes leadership in addressing critical human and social challenges in the United States and globally. The University continues to be recognized for its strong academic programs, leadership in producing Black professionals (particularly in medicine, law, engineering, and the sciences), and its role in advancing equity in higher education.

Howard enrolls approximately 13,000 students, including undergraduate, graduate, and professional students across 14 schools and colleges. The University maintains a competitive academic profile while continuing its legacy of access and opportunity.

Washington, DC, the capital of the United States, serves as a global center for government, policy, research, and international affairs. The Washington, DC region offers a rich ecosystem for academic, professional, and cultural engagement. Students and faculty benefit from proximity to federal agencies, research institutions, think tanks, and leading industries. The city is home to world-renowned museums (many within the Smithsonian Institution), national monuments, performing arts venues, and a vibrant culinary and cultural scene.

This dynamic environment provides Howard University students with unparalleled opportunities for internships, research collaborations, public service, and global engagement.

Our Program

The Computer Science Program in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Howard is one of the first to be created in a Historically Black College and University (HBCU). The Program's primary mission is to expand and diversify the pool of qualified individuals in the computing profession and to advance knowledge in computer science by providing high-quality instruction and conducting research that addresses technical challenges and societal problems.

The Computer Science Program will continue to be the program of choice for students seeking high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs in computer science. The program will be recognized across the nation and the global community for research and education that produces diverse and versatile professionals. Within a few years of graduating from the Computer Science

Program, graduates will be able to attain the Program Educational Objectives. Graduates will be able to:

- 1. Utilize their knowledge, problem-solving, and communication skills in professional careers in government agencies and the private sector;*
- 2. Conceptualize, analyze, design, implement, and evaluate a computational solution to a real-life problem using appropriate tools independently and as members or leaders of multidisciplinary teams;*
- 3. Conduct research and/or create innovative and impactful solutions to solve societal and technical challenges.*

The program offers a traditional B.S. degree in computer science, a computer science minor option for non-engineering disciplines at Howard, a graduate certificate course in cybersecurity, a traditional M.S. degree in computer science, and an accelerated 1-year M.S. degree in computer science, and a Ph.D. program in Computer Science. The B.S. program is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET, 111 Market Place, Suite 1050, Baltimore, MD21202-4012-telephone: (410)347-7700. The Program Educational Objectives embrace outcomes-based learning. Students are prepared to achieve the following six Student Outcomes:

- 1. Analyze a complex computing problem and apply principles of computing and other relevant disciplines to identify solutions.*
- 2. Design, implement, and evaluate a computing-based solution to meet a given set of computing requirements in the context of the program's discipline.*
- 3. Communicate effectively in a variety of professional contexts.*
- 4. Recognize professional responsibilities and make informed judgments in computing practice based on legal and ethical principles.*
- 5. Function effectively as a member or leader of a team engaged in activities appropriate to the program's discipline.*
- 6. Apply computer science theory and software development fundamentals to produce computing-based solutions.*

Currently, our faculty includes 12 tenured and tenure-track faculty, 4 faculty lecturers, and 4 adjunct faculty. We also have 2 shared technical support staff and 2 administrative support staff (4 people). Most of our undergraduate students are full-time. Students contribute to nearly every aspect of the department's operation. In addition to taking a wide variety of courses, they have the opportunity to participate in undergraduate research, internships and co-op opportunities with our Industry Affiliates. The local chapter of the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM), and the Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE) Honor Society sponsors both professional and social events. Students are strongly encouraged to seek membership of these organizations; however, membership of UPE is by invitation only.

THE FACULTY AND THEIR RESEARCH

Our Faculty

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Legend L. Burge III, Professor; Ph.D., Oklahoma State University, 1998. Parallel and distributed computing, operating systems, computer networking, CS Education, Tech Innovation, Applied AI/ML.

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John Trimble, Professor Emeritus; Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology, 1992. System dynamics, expert systems, software engineering, modeling and simulation, knowledge management, appropriate technology.

Research Areas

Our faculty conducts research in a broad range of research areas. Following is a quick reference index to their interests.

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Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning / Data Science

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Bioinformatics and Computational Biology

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Computer Architecture

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Databases and Data Visualization and Analysis

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Computer Networks

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Distributed/Parallel Computation and Operating Systems

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Information Assurance and Computer Security

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Mobile Computing

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Multimedia Systems, Gaming, and WWW Applications

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Human-Computer Interaction, Human-Centered Computing

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Wireless Networking and Security

Vijay Chaudhary, Jiang Li, Danda B. Rawat

Internet of Things, Cyber Physical Systems and Resiliency

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Robotics

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Performance Modeling and Simulation

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Software Engineering

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OVERVIEW OF DEGREE AND REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science provides an undergraduate program leading to the award of the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, and a computer science minor option for non-engineering disciplines at Howard University, and instruction and research leading to the Master's degree and Ph.D. Degree in Computer Science.

About Computer Science

Computer Science, generally defined, is the study of problem-solving procedures, computability and computation systems. Computer engineers and computer science professionals are proficient in several programming languages and are familiar with advanced mathematical concepts in subjects such as linear algebra, matrix theory, topology and Boolean algebra. Often, they work with individuals from other disciplines to coordinate new developments in hardware and software. Computer utilization has made the solutions to complex problems, once considered intractable, feasible because of the speed, accuracy and versatility of the modern computer.

Undergraduate Program

The Department offers a program of study geared to students who wish to pursue careers in the emerging field of software engineering. The undergraduate curriculum provides students with a comprehensive knowledge of the theory, design and application of digital computers, information processing technologies and systems engineering. The program is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET, 111 Market Place, Suite 1050, Baltimore, MD 21202-4012 – telephone: (410) 347-7700.

There is an emphasis on the engineering of computer software, as well as engineering with computers, with particular stress on software and the software/hardware interface. The first two years of instruction prepare

students in the engineering fundamentals, while the last two years of instruction focus on systems engineering and computer science and a concentration area of their own interest. In addition to formal course work, students are encouraged to serve an informal internship of at least one summer in a computer-oriented laboratory within the University or at another computing facility.

Students seeking the Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours including core courses in Computer Science, and Liberal Arts. Elective courses in Computer Science, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Humanities/Social Science, and African American Studies are also required. The curriculum breakdown is listed below.

Concentration	Credit Hours
Computer Science Core	55
Technical Electives	16
Free Electives (Can be Technical, Liberal Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities Electives)	6
Liberal Arts Core Curriculum	34 (36)
Social Sciences and Humanities Elective Courses (African American Cluster Core)	9
Total	120 (122)

Computer Science Core (55 credit hours)

CSCI-120 Exploring Computer Science, 2
 CSCI-135 Computer Science I, 4
 CSCI-136 Computer Science II, 3
 CSCI-177 Systems Programming, 4
 CSCI-354 Computer Science III, 3
 CSCI-201 Computer Organization I, 3
 CSCI-341 Theory of Computation, 3
 CSCI-364 Object Oriented Analysis and Design, 3
 CSCI-470 Fundamentals of Algorithms, 3
 CSCI-375 Software Engineering, 3
 CSCI-350 Structures of Programming Languages, 3
 CSCI-432 Database Systems, 3
 CSCI-401 Operating Systems, 3
 CSCI-449 Intro to Computer Networks, 3
 CSCI-453 Intro to Cybersecurity I, 3
 CSCI-473 Applied Data Science, 3
 CSCI-491 Senior Design Project I, 3
 CSCI-492 Senior Design Project II, 3

University Requirements

University-Wide Requirements for graduation include a minimum GPA: 2.0 for all undergraduate coursework. In addition, students must complete last 30 credits at Howard University. In addition, all students must satisfy the Howard University General Education: Essential Learning Outcomes.

Students must complete courses covering all seven outcome areas. These can overlap with other requirements. Note: ELO courses are tagged in Bison Hub under the course description

HU ELOs	Computer Science
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<i>ELO 1: U.S. and Global African Diasporic Developments</i>	<i>African American (Humanities) Elective</i>
<i>ELO 2: Human Cultures and Creative Expression</i>	<i>Humanities Electives</i>
<i>ELO 3: The Physical and Natural World</i>	<i>Science Electives</i>
<i>ELO 4: Intellectual and Practical Skills</i>	<i>CS Core and Tech Electives</i>
<i>ELO 5: Social Responsibility and Political Institutions</i>	<i>Non-Technical Electives - Humanities/Social Science</i>
<i>ELO 6: Leadership and Applied Learning</i>	<i>CSCI 491 Senior Project I CSCI 492 Senior Project II</i>
<i>ELO 7: Comprehensive Wellness Practices</i>	<i>CSCI 120 Exploring Computer Science CSCI 172 Interview Prep CSCI 375 Software Engineering CSCI 491 Senior Project I CSCI 492 Senior Project II</i>

In addition to formal course work, students are encouraged to serve an informal internship of at least one summer in a computer-oriented laboratory within the University or at other computing facilities when deemed appropriate by the departmental advisor.

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4-YEAR PLAN OF STUDY

Students seeking the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours comprised of core courses in computer science (58 credits), technical electives (16 credits), Free electives (6 credits), liberal arts core curriculum (33 credits), and non-technical electives (9 credits): African American Cluster Core (3 credits), and choice of - social science elective (3 credits), and/or humanities elective (3 credits).

FALL SEMESTER 1

Number	Course Title	Credits
CSCI 135	Computer Science I	4
CSCI 120	Exploring in Computer Science	2
--	Non-Technical Elective	3
--	Science Lecture (1)	4
--	Science Lab (1)	0/1
ENGW --	English First-Year Writing (1)	3
Total Credits		16/17

SPRING SEMESTER 1

Number	Course Title	Credits
MATH 156	Calculus I	4
CSCI 177	Systems Programming	4
ENGW --	English First-Year Writing (2)	3
COMM 101	Principles of Speech	3
CSCI 136	Computer Science II	3
Total Credits		17

FALL SEMESTER 2

Number	Course Title	Credits
MATH 181	Discrete Structures	3
CSCI 203	Object-Oriented Programming Using Java	3
CSCI 354	Computer Science III	3
CSCI 201	Computer Organization I	3
--	Technical Elective ■	1
--	Free Elective	3
Total Credits		16

SPRING SEMESTER 2

Number	Course Title	Credits
MATH 157	Calculus II	4
ENGL 009	Technical Writing	3
CSCI 375	Software Engineering	3
--	Non-Technical Elective	3
--	Science Lecture (2)	4
--	Science Lab (2)	0/1
Total Credits		17/18

FALL SEMESTER 3

Number	Course Title	Credits
CSCI 341	Theory of Computation	3
CSCI 401	Operating Systems	3
CSCI 470	Fundamentals of Algorithms	3
CSCI 449	Intro to Computer Networks	3
MATH 180/ CSCI 342	Linear Alg (or Robotics Linear Alg)	3
Total Credits		15

SPRING SEMESTER 3

Number	Course Title	Credits
CSCI 350	Structure of Programming Languages	3
--	Free Elective	3
CSCI 432	Database Systems	3
CSCI 473	Applied Data Science	3
CSCI 453	Intro to Cybersecurity I	3
Total Credits		15

FALL SEMESTER 4

Number	Course Title	Credits
--	Technical Elective	3
--	Technical Elective	3
--	Technical Elective	3
CSCI 491	Senior Project I	3
Total Credits		12

SPRING SEMESTER 4

Number	Course Title	Credits
--	Technical Elective	3
--	Technical Elective	3
CSCI 492	Senior Project II	3
--	Non-Technical Elective	3
Total Credits		12

Total Credits: 120

■ CSCI 172 Interview Prep

More Information :

The 4-Year Plan of Study is a guide for students to successfully complete the program in four years of study. It is not a substitution for academic advising. Students are expected to download and maintain their own CHECKLIST, and check-in with their academic advisor every semester.

The prerequisite structure for courses and technical elective options are available in the program handbook.

Courses may not be offered in semesters in which they do not appear listed on the scheme.



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Computer Science Option for Minors

The Computer Science option for all students is intended for use by departments that use it as a minor. Students must take the following two courses:

CSCI-135	Computer Science I	4
CSCI-136	Computer Science II	3

At least three additional courses (more if required by the student's own departments) must be taken from the following list, or courses from the department approved by the chair and course instructor:

CSCI-201	Computer Organization I	3
CSCI-177	Systems Programming	4
CSCI-202	Computer Organization II	3
CSCI-200	Introduction to Mobile Applications	3
CSCI-203	Object Oriented Programming using Java	3
CSCI-263	Web Makers	3
CSCI-165	Scientific Computing for Eng.	3
EECE 212	Fundamentals of Digital Systems	4
CSCI-432	Database Systems	3
MATH 181	Discrete Structures	3
CSCI-354	Computer Science III	3
CSCI-375	Software Engineering	3
CSCI-363	Large Scale Programming	3
CSCI-421	Computer and Video Game Development	3
CSCI-402	Mobile Application Development	3
CSCI-410	Modeling and Simulation	3
CSCI-453	Introduction to Cybersecurity I	3
CSCI-473	Applied Data Science	3

Any other selection must be approved in advance by the CS Program Director or Department Chairperson.

Fundamentals of Digital Systems (EECE-212) should not be taken until the student has completed Computer Science II (CSCI-136) and Computer Organization I (CSCI-201).

Discrete Structures (MATH 181) should not be taken until the student has completed Computer Science II (CSCI-136). Calculus is also a prerequisite for MATH 181. Minors based on this option may choose to count a calculus course taken from the department of Mathematics as part of the minor.

Large Scale Programming (CSCI-363), Computer and Video Game Development (CSCI-421), Mobile Application Development (CSCI-402) should not be taken until the student has completed Computer Science II (CSCI-136).

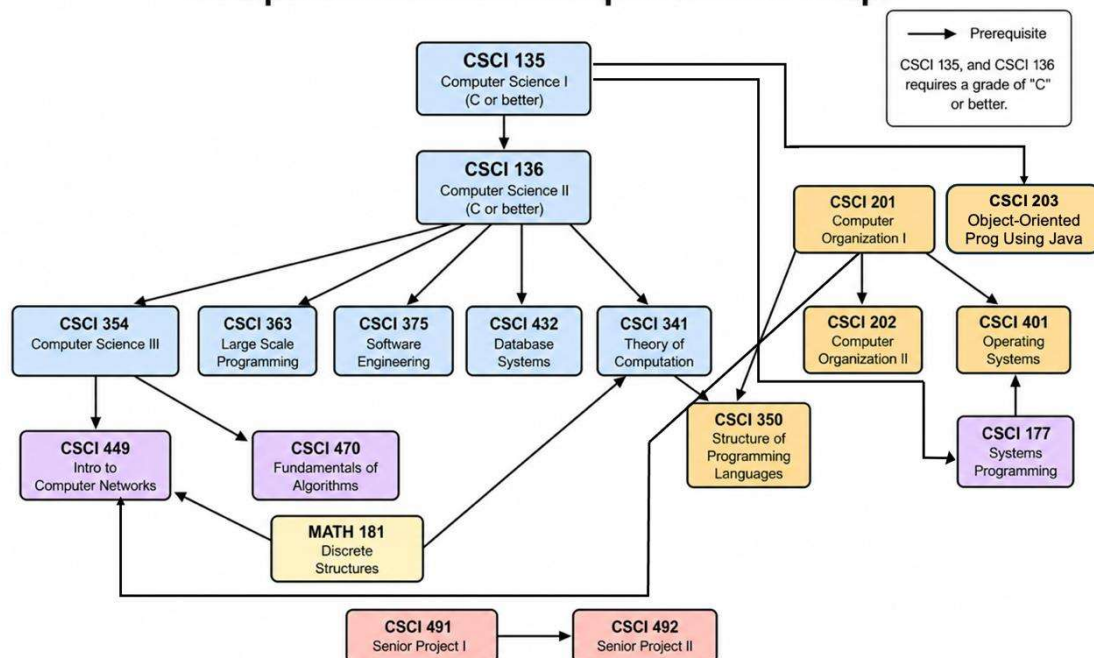
Computer and Video Game Development (CSCI-421) should not be taken until the student has completed Computer Science II (CSCI-136).

Prerequisite Structure for Core Computer Science Courses

For simplicity, only the most direct prerequisite is shown in both a table and flow graph below.

Course	Prerequisite(s)
CSCI-136 Computer Science II	'C' or better in CSCI-135 Computer Science I
CSCI-354 Computer Science III	'C' or better in CSCI-136 Computer Science II
CSCI-201 Computer Organization I	'C' or better in CSCI-135 Computer Science I
CSCI-203 Object-Oriented Programming Using Java	'C' or better in CSCI-135 Computer Science I
CSCI-177 Systems Programming	'C' or better in CSCI-135 Computer Science I
CSCI-375 Software Engineering	'C' or better in CSCI-136 Computer Science II
CSCI-350 Structure of Programming Languages	CSCI-201 Computer Organization I and CSCI-341 Theory of Computation
CSCI-449 Intro to Computer Networks	CSCI-354 Computer Science III, CSCI-201 Computer Organization I, MATH 181 Discrete Structures
CSCI-341 Theory of Computation	CSCI-136 Computer Science II and MATH 181 Discrete Structures
CSCI-432 Database Systems	CSCI-136 Computer Science II
CSCI-401 Operating Systems	CSCI-201 Computer Organization I, CSCI-177 Systems Programming
CSCI-470 Fundamentals of Algorithms	CSCI-354 Computer Science III
CSCI-491 Senior Project I	Senior Standing
CSCI-492 Senior Project II	CSCI-491 Senior Project I

Computer Science Prerequisite Flow Graph



Undergraduate Course Catalog

CSCI-100 – Introduction to Comp. Science – 3 Credits

This course introduces the fundamentals of computer science. A brief examination of critical, creative, scientific thinking, is followed by more details on computational thinking. The focus is hands on computing exercises and group exercises that stress the importance of algorithms and problem solving. Students are exposed to the research agenda of the department, the different track options and career opportunities along the different tracks. Satisfies ELO 4.

EGPP-101 – Introduction to Engineering* – 2 Credits

Provides information on engineering education, the engineering profession, engineering basic concepts and engineering tools. Introduces the engineering design process and provides the opportunity for students to complete engineering design projects. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-120 – Exploring Computer Science – 2 Credits

Provides an overview of the field of computer science, introducing students to key concepts in computing and "computational thinking." This is a required freshman course introducing CS fundamentals. Course explores CS sub-domains such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data science, machine learning, interactive media (games), human computer Interface (HCI) usability testing, and robotics. In addition, students will be exposed to design thinking for innovation. Class will include presentations from leading experts from academia, government and industry allowing students to ask questions directly. Topical assignments will expose students to introductory topics through individual exercises and team projects. Satisfies ELO 4, ELO 7.

CSCI-135 – Computer Science I – 4 Credits

This course provides an introduction to the discipline of computer programming. Closed laboratory to reinforce lecture topics and introduce new topics. Course is designed to expose students to basic programming concepts and to the use of a high-level language. This course is designed to enhance the student's ability to design, develop and test/debug programs. Each student will increase his or her skill in writing correct and maintainable programs. Emphasis will be placed on problem analysis and on the subsequent development of algorithms. Several standard data types will be discussed, and the student will gain an understanding of the issues relating to the use, design and implementation of each type in a high-level language. A major focus of the lectures will be to provide an overview of real-world problem-solving concepts and top-down software design. Prereq: CSCI-100 Intro. to Computer Science (with a grade of 'C' or better) or equivalent course. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-136 – Computer Science II – 3 Credits

Course exposes students to the software development life cycle with a focus on the concepts and use of the object-oriented paradigm in problem analysis, solution design, software development and implementation. This course is designed to enhance the student's ability to engineer software that is efficient, maintainable and cost efficient over its entire life cycle. Data abstraction is discussed in depth, and students gain experience in the use of classes, object and member functions. Students gain an understanding of the development of reusable abstract data types. Software reuse is emphasized and object-oriented concepts are used throughout the course. O-notation and the complexity of algorithms are discussed at relevant points in the course. Prereq.: CSCI-135 Computer Science I (with a grade of 'C' or better). Satisfies ELO 4.

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CSCI-140 – Programming Team – 1 Credit*

This course is for participants of the programming team. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-165 – Scientific Computing for Engineers – 3 Credits

Scientific computing consists of computing using computers to analyze and solve scientific problems which usually concerned with constructing mathematical models and quantitative analysis techniques. Scientists and engineers develop computer programs and software that model systems and run these programs with various sets of input. Typically, these models require intensive computing and are often executed on supercomputers or distributed computing platforms. In this course three software/programming tools (Excel, Maxima, and C) are studied to investigate how scientific problems are solved in their appropriate domain. All of the three tools would be running on a PC platform. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-172 – Interview Prep – 1 Credits

This course will provide students with workshops and mock interviews to prepare them for careers in tech; with a specific interest in technical coding interviews at companies like Google. Topics covered will include interview best practices, problem solving techniques, how to communicate your thought process, and how to diagram coding problems. In addition, this course will cover topics such as: work-life balance, company culture, salary negotiations, relocation, roles within tech companies, and management vs technical tracks. Satisfies ELO 7.

CSCI-177 – Systems Programming – 4 Credits

This course bridges high-level programming abstractions with underlying hardware realities. Students transition from Python to systems-level languages (C++ and/or Rust), gaining hands-on proficiency with the Linux CLI, pointer manipulation, and memory management. Several standard data types will be discussed, and the student will gain an understanding of the issues relating to the use, design and implementation of each type as well as exploring user defined data types and object-oriented programming practices. This course is also designed to enhance the student's ability to design, develop and test/debug programs. CSCI-135 Computer Science I (with a grade of 'C' or better). Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-200 – Introduction to Mobile App Dev* – 3 Credits

This course introduces non- and beginning programmers to mobile app development using JavaScript and a modern, widely used framework such as React Native. Students will learn how to design, build, and deploy cross-platform mobile applications without relying on native development tools. Through hands-on projects, the course emphasizes practical skills in user interface design, application logic, and real-world app development workflows. CSCI-135 Computer Science I (with a grade of 'C' or better) or equivalent course or experience. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-201 – Computer Organization I – 3 Credits

This course will cover the fundamentals required to understand the relationship between computer hardware and software. Topics include data representation on computers, computer arithmetic, Boolean algebra and digital logic, and assembly programming in MIPS. Prereq.: CSCI-135 Computer Science I (with a grade of 'C' or better). Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-202 – Computer Organization II – 3 Credits

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This course will present the relationship between computer hardware and software, and the fundamental knowledge essential for understanding and designing the operations of computer systems. Topics include performance evaluation, non-pipelined and pipelined datapath, memory hierarchies, and I/O devices. Prereq.: CSCI-201 Computer Organization I. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-203 – Object-Oriented Programming using Java* – 3 Credit

This course provides an introduction to Java programming and object-oriented programming concepts for students with previous programming experience in C/C++. The course provides a comprehensive overview of basic programming concepts in the Java programming language using an object-oriented approach. Prereq.: CSCI-135 Computer Science I (with a grade of 'C' or better). Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-211/213 – Linux Lab (formerly Unix Lab) – 1 Credit

This course will present the basic concepts of LINUX operating systems. Topics that will be examined include Vi editor, Linux Command, directories, Disks and File systems, Users and Groups, File Permissions, Processes, file compression, basic network use, manage files, create and modify files, and Shell script. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-340 – Robotics: Computational Linear Algebra – 3 Credits

Robotics Computational Linear Algebra introduces problems at the “scale of life”. It operates on the premise that linear algebra is the fundamental language of autonomous robotics, computer vision, and machine learning. Students learn techniques and write code to solve large linear algebra problems with hundreds of equations and thousands of variables. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-341 – Theory of Computation – 3 Credits

Introduction to the classical theory of computer science. A study of the formal relationships between machines, languages and grammars; we will cover regular, context-free, context-sensitive, recursive and recursive enumerable languages. Sequential machines and their applications to devices, processes, and programming. Models of computation: finite state automata, push down automata, Turing machines. The role of non-determinism. Prereq.: CSCI-136 Computer Science II (with a grade of 'C' or better), and MATH 180 Discrete Structures. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-342 – Autonomous Navigation – 3 Credits

This course provides a comprehensive exploration of the algorithms and software architectures that enable mobile robots and autonomous vehicles to navigate complex, real-world environments without human intervention. Students will develop the computational skills required to synthesize a real-time autonomous software stack by mastering the full perception-planning-action pipeline. Students will learn to process raw sensor data from LiDAR and cameras to track movement and detect obstacles, apply probabilistic models to implement robust localization algorithms, and develop dynamic mapping systems to construct 2D and 3D representations of unknown spaces. Building upon this spatial awareness, students will design both global and local path-planning algorithms to formulate optimal, collision-free routes, ultimately applying kinematic control principles to translate these mathematical trajectories into smooth, physical steering and acceleration commands. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-343 – Robot Operating Systems Concepts – 3 Credits

This course introduces students to the computational and software foundations of modern robotics systems by studying operating system principles, robot middleware, and autonomous manipulation. Students learn Unix-based development environments, multiprocessing, multithreading, concurrency, interprocess communication, and publish-subscribe messaging while implementing core components of a custom robot operating system. The course also covers robotic kinematics, coordinate transformations, Jacobian-based

motion analysis, optimization methods, and collision-free motion planning for articulated robots. Through hands-on programming projects and labs, students gain practical experience designing full-stack robotic software systems that integrate systems programming with autonomous navigation and manipulation capabilities. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-350 – Structure of Programming Languages – 3 Credits

The course will teach students the basic components of the design and analysis of computer programming languages as well as the fundamental computation theory that is required to understand those concepts. The course will also cover several non-imperative languages (unlike C, such as LISP and Prolog) to expose students to the diversity of programming languages. Prereq.: CSCI-201 Computer Organization I, CSCI-341 Theory of Computation. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-354 – Computer Science III – 3 Credits

The course continues the study of data structures and algorithms, focusing on algorithmic design and problem analysis and the relationships between data representation, algorithm design, and program efficiency. Topics include advanced data structures, key algorithm design techniques, analysis of the time and space requirements of algorithms, and the subsequent development of solution of systems. Concrete examples will be drawn from a variety of domains, such as algorithms for trees and graphs, indexing and search, and real-world problems. Prereq.: CSCI-136 Computer Science II (with a grade of 'C' or better). Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-363 – Large Scale Programming – 3 Credits

This course will introduce students to the Java Programming language, and to applications and systems in the large scale. Students will be introduced to the object-oriented method to software design using UML and will apply the object-oriented design/analysis techniques of UML to a realistic Java application. Students will gain familiarity with managing larger projects and OOA/D. Prereq: CSCI-136 Computer Science II (with a grade of 'C' or better). Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-365 – Cloud Computing – 3 Credits

Cloud Computing provides the modern on-demand services for management and usage of large and shared computing resources including storage, computations, and communications. This course will cover in-depth knowledge for Cloud Computing and the practical experience in designing and implementing large-scale and composite business web applications on Cloud Computing platform. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-375 – Software Engineering – 3 Credits

This course is an introduction to the basic concepts of software engineering including the software lifecycle, requirements analysis, design, coding, testing and documentation. Professional ethics in computer science and the social impact of computing are discussed. Additional topics may include tools for software development, software metrics, and software maintenance. The objectives of the course are met using classroom lecturers, in-class labs, and a semester-long project developed in a team setting. Prereq: CSCI-136 Computer Science II (with a grade of 'C' or better). Satisfies ELO 4, ELO 7.

CSCI-376 – Operations Research* – 3 Credits

Methodology for planning, analyzing and evaluating optimal systems: identifying and structuring objectives and defining performance requirements that influence the design of the system. Synthesizing and analyzing alternative solutions and applying optimization techniques for the optimum queuing system. Applications to

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real world systems with open and closed queues with emphasis on computer systems using microcomputer software packages. Prereq.: CSCI-375 Systems Engineering I. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-379 – Introduction to Human Computer Interaction – 3 Credits

Students will learn the fundamental concepts of human-computer interaction and user-centered design thinking, through working in teams on an interaction design project, supported by lectures, readings, and discussions. They will learn to evaluate and design usable and appropriate software based on psychological, social, and technical analysis. They will become familiar with the variety of design and evaluation methods used in interaction design and will get experience with these methods in their project. Prereq: CSCI-354 Computer Science III (with a grade of 'C' or better). Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-380 – Foundations of User Experience Design – 3 Credits

User Experience (UX) designers focus on the interaction that users have with products, like websites, apps, and physical objects. They make those everyday interactions useful, enjoyable, and accessible. This course includes instruction and practice-based activities and assessments that simulate real-world UX design scenarios and are critical for success in the workplace. You'll learn how to complete the design process from beginning to end, including: Empathizing with users; Defining user pain points; Coming up with ideas for design solutions; Creating wireframes, mockups, and prototypes; Testing designs through usability studies; Iterating on designs based on feedback. Coreq: CSCI-379 Introduction to Human Computer Interaction. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-383 – Affective Computing – 3 Credits

Affective computing represents a broad, interdisciplinary research and practice area focusing on a range of topics, including computational models of emotion, cognitive-affective architectures, affective user modeling; emotion sensing and recognition; emotion expression; and the use of emotions to improve human-computer interaction across a range of contexts including health informatics and immersive environments. This course will provide an introduction to affective computing and human-computer interaction through a combination of lectures, student presentations of selected literature, projects and class discussions. The course content and format will be appropriate for computer science, cognitive science, psychology, human factors, and industrial engineering students (advanced undergraduate/graduate). Students in this course will design an experimental study to examine how emotional states like stress, anxiety, frustration, anger, and/or depression can be measured through the use of mobile applications. At the end of the course, students will be paired with a student from the Architecture Department class called Immersive Environments to perform a study on how to design immersive environments to reduce stress, anxiety, frustration, anger, and/or depression. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-390 – Ethical and Social Impact of Computing* – 3 Credits

This course will present the foundations of ethics in the context of computing. The broader social impact of computing and technology in general will also be reviewed. Areas of specific focus will include technology and human values, costs and benefits of technology, the character of technological change, and the social context of work in computer science and information technology. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-400 – Computer & Network Forensics I* – 3 Credits

Computer and Network Forensics I is the first course in the two-semester series on computer and network forensics and focuses on computer system forensics (while the second course on network forensics). It consists of three major components: assembly level reverse engineering (to understand the logic of a program given only machine code), file system forensics (to find traces of past activities on data stored in

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nonvolatile storage) and memory forensics (to find traces of past stalactites on data stored in volatile storage). It will also briefly discuss the law aspect of digital forensics. In order to understand the materials, students are expected to have the following prerequisites: good programming skills in both high level (preferably C/C++) and assembly level, operating systems and basic familiarity with Linux and Windows. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-401 – Operating Systems – 3 Credits

This course will present the basic concepts of operating systems. Topics that will be examined include processes and interprocess communication/synchronization, virtual memory, program loading and linking system calls and system programs; interrupt handling, device and memory management, process scheduling, deadlock and the trade-offs in the design of large-scale multitasking operating systems. Prereq.: CSCI-201 Computer Organization I. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-402 – Mobile Application Development – 3 Credits

This course will introduce students to developing applications which target mobile devices. Students will be introduced to many issues unique to mobile applications, including synchronization, remote data access, security and sometimes-connected networks. They will research topics in these areas and develop a significant project which demonstrates their knowledge and understanding of these issues. Prereq: CSCI-136 Computer Science II (with a grade of 'C' or better). Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-403 – Introduction to Big Data Analysis* – 3 Credits

The primary goal of big data analytics is to analyze large volume of data. The analysis of big data requires the organization, storage, and processing of data at a scalable and efficient way which goes beyond the capabilities of traditional information technologies. In this course, we will cover modern massive data analysis technologies including different platforms, models, and languages, we will also look at real world applications and how they can be implemented on big data platforms. Topics in this course include Map reduce/Hadoop, NoSQL stores, languages such as Pig Latin and JAQL, large-scale data mining and visualization. It will include programming projects that will provide students with hands-on experience on building data-intensive applications using existing big data tools and platforms. Satisfies ELO 4.

EGPP-405 – CS Undergraduate Research – 3 Credits

This course offers undergraduate students the opportunity to engage in faculty-mentored research. Participants will work on real-world, hands-on projects that develop practical skills and deepen their understanding of computer science research. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-410 – Modeling and Simulation* – 3 Credits

Introduces the fundamentals of system design and modeling. Emphasizes advantages and limitations of various modeling techniques for different applications. Introduces probability distributions typical of queuing models and presents in-depth discussions and experiments with existing simulation packages. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-421 – Computer and Video Game Development – 3 Credits

The course will span the software domains embedded in computer and video games. Topics such as game computational infrastructure, design, engines, and motion will be presented through discussion and assignments. Game industry guest speakers will discuss software challenges and opportunities. Students completing this course will understand the software development process required to create a successful

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game and possess the programming expertise to create a simple game. Prereq: CSCI-354 Computer Science III (with a grade of 'C' or better), Software Engineering. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-422 – Game Engine Programming – 3 Credits

Game engine programming is introduced as a critical element in compelling game creation. Programming activity will feature input capture, world integration, object motion, collision detection and audio scoring. Game performance metrics, code optimization and quality assurance testing procedures will be emphasized. Code examples will be presented from XNA game studio and Torque. Course game project may be completed using a 2D or 3D game engine of choice including Torque, Gamestudio, Panda3D, or OGRE 3D rendering engine. Prereq: CSCI-421 Computer and Video Game Development. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-432 – Database Systems – 3 Credits

This course will present the basic concepts of database systems. Topics that will be covered include basic relational database theory, relational database modeling, relational database design and implementation, normalization, transaction management, the SQL language and other languages and facilities provided by database management systems. Prereq: CSCI-136 Computer Science II (with a grade of 'C' or better). Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-433 – Introduction to Database Security – 3 Credits*

An overview of both the theory of and applications for providing effective security in database management systems. Topics include conceptual frameworks for discretionary and mandatory access control, data integrity, availability and performance, secure database design, data aggregation, data inference, secure concurrency control, and secure transactions processing. Models for multilevel secure databases for both relational and object-relational databases are analyzed. Assignments focus on database security concepts. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-449 – Introduction to Computer Networks (formerly CSCI-450) – 3 Credits

This is an introductory course on computer networking. It will cover the layering model of the Internet. The upper four layers (application, transport, network and data link) will be discussed in detail with dominant networking protocols and algorithms introduced. Students will also learn how to do basic programming on the Internet. Prereq: CSCI-354 Computer Science III (with a grade of 'C' or better), CSCI-201 Computer Organization I, MATH 181 Discrete Structures. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-451 – Applied Wireless Networking* – 3 Credits

From both the conceptual and practical standpoints, this course will present the basics of wireless networking. Topics that will be examined include the connection between wireless networks and the Internet, radio signal transmission fundamentals, wireless LAN/WAN industrial stands, and wireless network administration such as network design, installation, configuration, maintenance and trouble shooting. Prereq: CSCI-449 Intro to Computer Networks. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-452 – Network and Web Programming – 3 Credits

This class will introduce (1) network programming, writing applications that communicate with each other via TCP/UDP sockets, and (2) Web programming, writing applications that are accessible through a Web Browser over the Hypertext Transport Protocol (HTTP). For web programming, both client side and server-side programming will be covered. The LAMP stack (Linux, Apache, MySQL, and PHP) will be used for server side, Javascript and CSS will be covered for client side. HTML will be taught before studying programming.

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As prerequisites, programming skills are needed. Light database experience is preferred but not required. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-453 – Introduction to Cybersecurity I – 3 Credits

Computer Security Overview. Malware and Cyberwarfare. Passwords. Biometrics. Access Controls. Multilevel Security. Multilateral Security. Firewalls. Intrusion Detection . Cryptography Before 1970. Symmetric Key Cryptography. The Data Encryption Standard (DES). The Public Key Paradigm. Knapsacks. The RSA Approach to Public Key Cryptology. Elliptic Curve Cryptography. The Advanced Encryption Standard (Rijndael). Hash Functions. The Digital Signature Standard. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-454 – Introduction to Cybersecurity II – 3 Credits

Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS). Hash Functions. SHA-3 and Keccak. Network Security. Network attack and defense. Steganography . Software security I. Software flaws. Malware. Miscellaneous software-based attacks. Software security II. Software reverse engineering. Software tamper resistance. Digital rights management. Software development. Stuxnet and Cyberwarfare. Advanced encryption techniques. Elliptic Curves and Elliptic Curve Cryptography. Electronic voting. Quantum cryptography. Prereq: Intro to Cybersecurity I. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-460 – Advanced Systems Administration* – 3 Credits

Advanced system administration course provides a strong practical experience to Linux and Solaris operating systems. The course includes topics such as Samba (Windows file and print sharing), Email, Web serving with Apache, remote access, networking setup, Internet proxy services, fire wall and security administration, deploy LDAP in a Linux, Solaris and windows environment and also compile, configure and patch a Kernel module. Prereq: CSCI-213 Linux Lab. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-461 – Network and Web Programming II – 3 Credits

This project-based course is the second course in a two-course web development sequence within the Computer Science program. This project-based course emphasizes the design and implementation of dynamic, data-driven web applications using modern full-stack technologies. Students build interactive front-end applications with React while integrating external APIs, web services, and database-backed systems to create scalable, real-world solutions. The course focuses on client-server architecture, RESTful APIs, asynchronous programming, state management, authentication workflows, and deployment pipelines. Students gain hands-on experience consuming and manipulating live data, managing application state across components, and deploying production-ready applications to cloud platforms. Emphasis is placed on professional software engineering practices, including version control, debugging, documentation, and collaborative development. By the end of the semester, students will produce a portfolio-quality capstone project that demonstrates technical proficiency in full-stack development, effective use of web services, and the ability to design and deploy applications that meet real user needs. This course prepares students for internships and entry-level roles in software engineering, web development, and product engineering. Prerequisites: Sophomore level required. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-468 – Engineering Economic System Design* – 3 Credits

Presents methodology for system design. Methodology begins with identification and definition of private sector problems to which solutions are justified by economics. Discusses selection of appropriate economic measures for comparing alternative solutions such as present worth, equivalent annual cost, cost/benefit ratio, life cycle cost, return on investment payback period. Presents different techniques for modeling

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alternative solutions to the problems and predicting cost. Other topics discussed include decision-making, system implementation, operations and retirement. Prereq.: Operations Research. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-470 – Fundamentals of Algorithms – 3 Credits

Techniques for designing efficient algorithms, analyzing their complexity and applying these algorithms to a broad range of application settings. Methods for recognizing and dealing with hard problems are studied. Prereq: CSCI-354: Computer Science III (with a grade of 'C' or better). Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-471 – Applied Data Structures – 3 Credits

This course will teach students the skills needed for technical coding interviews at companies like Google. It will focus on understanding how to choose optimal algorithms and data structures for different problems, how to apply them, and how to explain their reasoning. Topics covered will include hash tables, recursion, linked lists, trees, and graphs. CSCI-136 Computer Science II (with a grade of 'C' or better). Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-472 – Systems Management Analysis* – 3 Credits

This course presents methodology for large-scale system design and analysis using modern semantic analysis techniques. Identification and definition of large-scale (community/industrial-based) problems. Discusses how to select and quantify measures of the severity of the problem. Presents different techniques for modeling alternative solutions to problems. Prereq: CSCI-375 Software Engineering. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-473 – Applied Data Science – 3 Credits

This first half of the course introduces students to the application of probability and statistics for data science. This course covers the fundamentals of probability theory and statistical inference used in data science; Probabilistic models, random variables, useful distributions, expectations, law of large numbers, central limit theorem; Statistical inference; point and confidence interval estimation, hypothesis tests, linear regression. This second half of the class is about learning from data, in order to gain useful predictions and insights. Separating signal from noise presents many computational and inferential challenges, which we approach from a perspective at the interface of computer science and statistics. Through real-world examples of wide interest, we introduce methods for five key facets of an investigation: data munging /scraping /sampling /cleaning in order to get an informative, manageable data set; data storage and management in order to be able to access data - especially big data - quickly and reliably during - subsequent analysis; exploratory data analysis to generate hypotheses and intuition about the data; prediction based on statistical tools such as regression, classification, and clustering; communication of results through visualization, stories, and interpretable summaries. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-474 – Computational Biology* – 3 Credits

Introduces computational methods for understanding biological systems at the molecular level. Problem areas such as mapping and sequencing, sequence analysis, structure prediction, phylogenetic inference, regulatory analysis. Techniques such as dynamic programming, Markov models, expectation-maximization, local search. Prereq: CSCI-470: Fundamentals of Algorithms, MATH 189: Probability and Statistics. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-475 – Introduction to Machine Learning – 3 Credits

Techniques for learning from data and applying these algorithms to application settings. Topics covered include Bayesian methods, linear classifiers such as the perceptron, regression, and non-parametric methods

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such as *k*-nearest neighbors. Prereq: CSCI-470: Fundamentals of Algorithms. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-476 – Introduction to Artificial Intelligence – 3 Credits

This course will introduce students to contemporary topics in artificial intelligence. Topics that will be examined include basic AI concepts, representations, and techniques used in building practical computational systems (agents) that appear to display artificial intelligence, through the use of adaptive information processing algorithms. During the semester students will learn general knowledge representation techniques and problem-solving strategies. Topics will include search, intelligent agents, game playing and rule-based systems. Pre-req: CSCI-350 Structures of Programming Languages. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-477 Securing AI and Security with AI

This course provides an in-depth study of securing AI systems and leveraging AI for cybersecurity operations. Students will explore adversarial machine learning, AI-driven threats, secure model development and deployment, AI-enabled detection and response, governance, compliance, and privacy-preserving AI. The course emphasizes both technical and strategic perspectives in modern AI security challenges. Graduate students will do research paper while undergraduate students will do the project implementation.

CSCI-478 – Advanced AI Open-Source Capstone – 3 Credits

Advanced AI Open-Source Capstone is a hands-on, project-based course in which students contribute to live, production-level open-source software projects using modern AI-assisted engineering workflows. Designed as an advanced practicum experience, the course immerses students in large, real-world codebases where they identify issues, propose solutions, implement features or fixes, and submit professional pull requests for review. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-479 – Cybersecurity Network CPS/IoT – 3 Credits

This course is designed to introduce emerging topics related to cybersecurity challenges and practical cyber-defense/countermeasures in networked Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) and Internet-of-Things (IoT). The course will cover fundamental concepts, technologies, theoretical understanding and practical basis for cybersecurity of networked CPS/IoT. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-480 – Digital Media and Multimedia Applications* – 3 Credits

This course provides an introduction to digital media fundamentals including audio, video formats, storage and delivery. Windows Media and other technology will be extensively utilized as a method for digital content manipulation, rights management and internet transfer. Students will be exposed to basic internet architecture, operations and useful world wide web (WWW) resources. In addition, a practical understanding of digital computational devices, communication ports and connection cables will be acquired. Prereq: Junior Standing. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-481 – Product Management – 3 Credits

This course introduces students to the role and responsibilities of a product manager (PM) and the skills required to lead successful product development. Students will gain hands-on experience in core product management competencies, including customer discovery, product pitching, requirements definition, user interface design, and data-driven decision-making using metrics. The course also emphasizes essential management skills such as influencing without authority, negotiation, and navigating difficult conversations. In addition, students will build confidence in product management interviews through targeted preparation

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and practice. Throughout the course, students will apply their learning by developing a comprehensive, end-to-end product plan that integrates strategy, design, and execution. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-482 – Natural Language Processing – 3 Credits

This is an introductory course to the field of Natural Language Processing (NLP). This course offers an introduction to NLP for computer science majors (graduate and undergraduate students) and graduate students in biological or biomedical sciences, focusing on the computational techniques used to analyze and generate human language. In addition to NLP techniques, this course integrates cognitive neuroscience principles, exploring the brain's role in language and visual processing, learning, and memory plasticity. Neuroimaging techniques and the ethical implications of AI in cognitive neuroscience will also be examined. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-484 – Applications of AI Engineering – 3 Credits

This course is a practical, hands-on introduction to leveraging contemporary AI tools and techniques for students across all disciplines, regardless of prior computer science experience. Students will master AI-assisted workflows—including Prompt Engineering, RAG, and agentic systems—that are critical for accelerating research, analysis, and creative output. The curriculum covers fundamental concepts, practical data handling, key applications in Machine Learning (ML), Natural Language Processing (NLP), and Computer Vision (CV), and the mechanics of Generative AI (GenAI). The course emphasizes integrated learning and iterative practice, requiring students to critically evaluate, refine, and document AI-generated outputs for real-world problem-solving. Prerequisites: Junior/Senior status required. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-490 – Software Developer Studio – 3 Credits

Software Developer Studio 3 Credits This course is an integrative experience that brings together all components of the undergraduate computer science curriculum in an applied, hands-on real-world setting. The course is a bridge between the academic experience and the professional workplace. The objectives of the Capstone course are to give the student the experience of 1) being involved in building a non-trivial, real-world, software development project; 2) working with other developers in a team environment; 3) building a web application and 4) integrating knowledge of topics such as programming, data structures, algorithms, database, and software engineering within a team-project framework. Students will present their final product at the end of the semester. Prereq: CSCI-136 Computer Science II. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-491 – Senior Project I – 3 Credits

Allows the senior student the opportunity to demonstrate his or her knowledge of computer science principles by application to a class project of his or her choosing, with the guidance and supervision of a faculty member. The student develops a proposal for the project, followed by an architectural design and detailed design, all of which must be presented in class. Prereq: Senior Standing. Satisfies ELO 6, ELO 7.

CSCI-492 – Senior Project II – 3 Credits

Senior Project II 3 Credits In part two, the senior student develops and implements the system solution to the proposed project. The system, most commonly comprising computer software, hardware, procedures, etc., is implemented and tested in the department's Systems Development Laboratory. The student is required to demonstrate the system solution to the faculty and the student body of the department. Prereq: Senior Project I. Satisfies ELO 6, ELO 7.

EGPP-493 – Bison Startup: Technology Entrepreneurship and Lean Startups – 3 Credits

This course provides real world, hands-on learning on what it's like to actually start a high-tech company. This class is not about how to write a business plan. It's not an exercise on how smart you are in a classroom, or how well you use the research library to size markets. And the end result is not a Power Point slide deck

for a VC presentation. And it is most definitely not an incubator where you come to build the—hot-idea that you have in mind. This is a practical class—essentially a lab, not a theory or—book class. Our goal, within the constraints of a classroom and a limited amount of time, is to create an entrepreneurial experience for you with all of the pressures and demands of the real world in an early-stage startup. You will be getting your hands dirty talking to customers, partners, competitors, as you encounter the chaos and uncertainty of how a startup actually works. You'll work in teams learning how to turn a great idea into a great company. You'll learn how to use a business model to brainstorm each part of a company and customer development to get out of the classroom to see whether anyone other than you would want/use your product. Finally, based on the customer and market feedback you gathered, you would use agile development to rapidly iterate your product to build something customers would actually use and buy. Each day will be new adventure outside the classroom as you test each part of your business model and then share the hard-earned knowledge with the rest of the class. Instructor Permission. Satisfies ELO 4.

EGPP-494 – Bison Accelerate :Launch and Iterate – 3 Credits

This course is an immersive experience for students serious about launching a technology startup. Students will learn from invited guests and online material on specific activities that must take place in order to have a successful startup and execute them through a series of sprints to launch their own technology venture. Student teams will enter the build phase as quickly as possible and develop a Minimal Viable Product (MVP) that will allow them to test clear hypothesis they have about their product/service. Students will measure the impact of their product/service into the marketplace using actionable metrics to analyze customer behavior. Student teams will learn whether their original assumptions about the product/service, process, and customer needs were correct, or whether they need to change strategies and iterate their MVP. Instructor Permission. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-495 – CS Practicum Experience – 3 Credits

Students will be grouped into teams of 3-4 members and will join a corporate project team. They will participate in all corporate project team meetings and activities for two days each week. Each student team will be assigned a specific project, and each member will set individual, measurable goals to track throughout the semester. The team will present their work to the corporate project team at least once during the course. Instructor Permission. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-498 – Special Topics: Robotics Programming – 3 Credits

The primary focus of this course will be behavior-based robotics, which uses semi-autonomous artificial intelligence modules for planning. Behavior-based robots use sensor information to react to changes in an environment, instead of complicated internal models. Higher level concepts that will be covered include multi-robot communication, robot localization and path planning. Prereq: Junior Standing, MEEG, EECE, CSCI major. Satisfies ELO 4.

CSCI-991 – Co-Op Education* – 1 Credits

Description unavailable.

CSCI-999 – Co-Op Education* – 12 Credits

Description unavailable.

* Course has not been offered in over 5 years.

Science Requirements

Two science courses that develop and apply the scientific method must be **taken to satisfy ELO 3** with the following restrictions:

- <Science Lecture 1> and <Science Lab 1> -- 1/2 year of any science lecture course and its' corresponding laboratory course listed must be taken
- <Science Lecture 2> and <Science Lab 2> -- 1/2 year of any other science lecture course and its' corresponding laboratory course listed must be taken

Science courses include:

- BIOL 101 Biology I*
- BIOL 102 Biology II*
- CHEM 003 Chemistry I, and CHEM 005 Chemistry Lab
- CHEM 004 Chemistry II, and CHEM 006 Chemistry Lab II
- PHYS 013 Physics for Engineers I, and PHYS 023 Physics for Engineers Lab I
- PHYS 014 Physics for Engineers II, and PHYS 024 Physics for Engineers Lab II
- PHYS 001. General Physics I*
- PHYS 002. General Physics II*

NOTE: CHEM003/004, CHEM 005/006, and PHYS 001, PHYS 002 will each add an additional 1 credit increase in your total credits.

Technical Electives

The objective of this requirement is to expand the student's contact with advanced topics in the major field geared toward their own interest. Students can explore any of the following courses as technical electives.

- Any CSCI course numbered 300–499 (excluding required courses), with the exception of CSCI 172, and CSCI 200.
- Any CSCI graduate course open to seniors.
- EECE 212 Fundamentals of Digital Systems.
- EECE 406 Advanced Digital Systems.
- EECE 417 Computer Systems Architecture.
- EECE 416 Microcomputer Design.
- Any mathematics course not otherwise required and having Calculus I as a prerequisite.
- INFO 395 Information Assurance.
- INFO 393 Network/Internet Security Management.
- EGPP 493 Bison Startup: Technology Entrepreneurship and Lean Startups.
- EGPP 494 Bison Accelerate: Launch and Iterate.
- EGPP 405 Undergraduate CS Research.
- EGPP-421 Intro. to AI: Tools and Techniques
- EGPP-422 Ethical and Responsible AI

* Science course includes both Lecture and Lab.

- CHEM 184 Methods in Computational Chemistry
- PHYS 154 Computational Physics I.
- PHYS 155 Computational Physics II
- Any course approved by the Department Chair.

Students who want to explore technical elective courses based on a prescribed concentration pathway, should review the Suggested Concentration Pathways in **APPENDIX I** and reach out to a Concentration Advisor for any questions or assistance.

Non-Technical (Social/Humanities) Electives

Three courses (each 3 credits) must be taken from the Social/Humanities Electives to satisfy ELOs 1, 2, 5 and 7. Among these courses must be:

- One REQUIRED course from the University's African American Cluster (i.e. any course Underlined below), or any course from AFRO, or AFST to satisfy ELO 1.
- Any foreign language course.
- Any other course recommended by the student's academic advisor and approved by the CS Program Director or Department Chairperson.

ARTH 161 Art Appreciation CLAS 014 Intro to Humanities I CLAS 015 Intro to Humanities II CLAS 016 Ideas in Antiquity CLAS 050 Ancient Egypt and Near East CLAS 051 Greece and Rome CLAS 101 Greek Literature CLAS 102 Roman Literature CLAS 103 Classical Art CLAS 108 Greek Drama CLAS 109 Classical Mythology CLAS 111 Satire and Comedy in the Ancient World CLAS 109 Classical Mythology CLAS 111 Satire and Comedy in the Ancient World CLAS 113 Women in the Ancient World CLAS 114 Love in Antiquity ENGL 014 Intro to Humanities I ENGL 015 Intro to Humanities II <u>ENGL 054 Afro-Am Lit to 1940</u> <u>ENGL 055 Afro-Am Lit since 1940</u> ENGL 056 Modern Caribbean ENGL 180 Third World Lit Myth and Archetype FREN 014 Intro to Humanities FREN 015 Intro to Humanities II FREN 100 Francophone Literature in English <u>AFRO 005 Afro-American Studies I</u> AFRO 006 Afro-American Studies II	FREN 106 Africa Cinema FREN 107 Women in Literature GERM 014 Intro to Humanities I GERM 015 Intro to Humanities II GERM 100 Individual & Society GERM 101 Literature of Love GERM 107 Women in Literature GERM 109 Slavic Mythology GERM 111 Classic Films in English HUMA 107 Women in Literature MUSC 100 Introduction to Music RUSS 014 Intro to Humanities RUSS 100 Russian Short Stories in English RUSS 101 Literature in Revolution RUSS 103 Love and Hate in Literature RUSS 109 Slavic Mythology SPAN 014 Intro to Humanities I SPAN 015 Intro to Humanities II SPAN 100 Hispanic Literature in English SPAN 107 Women in Literature THFD 010 Introduction to the Theatre HIST 001 Intro to Study of Civilization HIST 005 Intro to Black Diaspora I
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<u>AFST 106 Intro to African Studies</u> CLAS 104 Greek Civilization CLAS 105 Roman Civilization CLAS 112 Ancient Law and Politics CLAS 115 Slavery in the Greco-Roman World GERM 145 Cultural Life of Germany I GERM 146 Cultural Life of Germany II	<u>HIST 006 Intro to Black Diaspora II</u> <u>HIST 101 World Geography</u> <u>HIST 102 Economic Geography</u> RUSS 145 Cultural Life of Russia RUSS 150 Dissident Soviet Writers
<u>AFRO 131 Black Philosophy I</u> <u>AFRO 133 19th Century Black Social-Political</u> <u>AFRO 191 Thought Contemporary Slavery</u> <u>AFST 101 Intro to Contemporary Africa</u> ANTH 120 Intro to Biological Anthropology <u>CLAS 110 Blacks in Antiquity</u> ECON 001 Principles of Economics I ECON 002 Principles of Economics II ECON 199 Intro to Urban Economics POLS 003 Intro to Comparative Politics <u>POLS 005 Intro to African Politics</u> POLS 011 State and Local Government <u>POLS 143 Black Electoral Politics</u> <u>POLS 006 Pan-Africanism</u> <u>FASH 102 Perspectives on African American Dress</u> <u>ARTH 193 Black Body Dress and Culture</u>	<u>HIST 030 Intro to African History I</u> <u>HIST 031 Intro to African History II</u> HIST 040 Intro the Hist of Latin Am and the Caribbean I HIST 041 Caribbean II HIST 050 Intro to European History I HIST 051 Intro to European History II HIST 054 Intro to England HIST 060 Intro to East Asian Civilization I HIST 061 Intro to East Asian Civilization II HIST 003 Europe and the Wider World I HIST 004 Europe and the Wider World II HIST 009 US History to 1877 HIST 010 US History since 1877 PSYC 050 Introduction to Psychology POLS 001 Intro to Political Science <u>MUTP 100 Blacks in the Arts</u> SOCI 001 Intro to Sociology

Free Electives

Two courses (each 3 credits) can be taken to satisfy ELOs 1,2,5 or 7. These courses can include additional technical courses within computer science or in Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM), social/humanities courses, or other non-technical courses available across the various Colleges within the university with the exception of remedial courses in Math, English, or Reading, or any course already taken.

PROGRAM POLICIES

Program Honor Code Policy for Programming Projects

Unless otherwise stated, at the time that an assignment or project is given, all work handed in for credit is to be the result of individual effort. (In some classes group work is encouraged; In some classes Generative AI is encouraged; if so, that will be made explicit when the assignment is given.)

I. You (or your group, if a group assignment) may:

- seek assistance in learning to use the computing facilities;*
- seek assistance in learning to use special features of a programming language's implementation;*
- seek assistance in determining the syntactic correctness of a particular programming language statement or construct;*
- seek an explanation of a particular syntactic error;*
- seek explanations of compilation or run-time error messages*

II. You (or your group, if a group assignment) may not seek assistance from anyone else, other than your instructor or teaching assistant:

- in designing the data structures used in your solution to a problem;*
- in designing the algorithm to solve a problem;*
- in modifying the design of an algorithm determined to be faulty;*
- in implementing your algorithm in a programming language;*
- in correcting a faulty implementation of your algorithm*
- in determining the semantic correctness of your algorithm.*

III. Unless permission to do so is granted by the instructor, you (or your group, if a group assignment) may not

- give a copy of your work in any form to another student;*
- receive a copy of someone else's work in any form;*
- attempt to gain access to any files other than your own or those authorized by the instructor or computer center;*
- inspect or retain in your possession another student's work, whether it was given to you by another student, it was found after other student has discarded his/her work, or it accidentally came into your possession;*
- in any way collaborate with someone else in the design or implementation or logical revision of an algorithm;*
- present as your own, any algorithmic procedure which is not of your own or of the instructor's design, or which is not part of the course's required reading (if you modify any procedure which is presented in the course's texts but which is not specifically mentioned in class or covered in reading assignments, then a citation with page number must be given);*
- incorporate code written by others (such as can be found on the Internet);*

IV. You must:

- report any violations of II and III that you become aware of;*
- if part of a group assignment, be an equal "partner" in your group's activities and productions, and represent accurately the level of your participation in your group's activities and productions.*

Intellectual Property (IP) Policy

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science encourages innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship, and research. Students frequently create software, algorithms, applications, datasets, reports, designs, inventions, and other intellectual property (IP) as part of coursework, research, and extracurricular activities.

Student Ownership of Intellectual Property

In general, students who are not employees of the University retain ownership of intellectual property they create as part of their academic coursework, independent projects, personal research, or entrepreneurial activities.

Examples include:

- *Programming assignments and course projects*
- *Capstone projects*
- *Mobile and web applications*
- *Software tools and utilities*
- *Games and simulations*
- *Independent research conducted without sponsored funding*
- *Personal entrepreneurial ventures*

University Interest in Intellectual Property

The University may claim ownership or certain rights to intellectual property created by students when one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. *The intellectual property is developed through a sponsored research project funded by a federal agency, private foundation, corporation, or other external sponsor.*
2. *The intellectual property is developed using substantial University resources beyond those normally available to students for instructional purposes.*
3. *The intellectual property is developed in University research facilities outside the scope of the student's enrolled academic program.*
4. *The student is employed by the University and creates the intellectual property within the scope of their employment responsibilities.*
5. *The intellectual property is subject to contractual obligations, grant requirements, sponsored research agreements, licensing agreements, or other University commitments.*

Research Projects and Sponsored Activities

Students participating in faculty-led research projects, grant-funded activities, research assistantships, innovation programs, incubators, or externally sponsored projects may be required to sign additional agreements governing intellectual property rights, confidentiality, publication, data access, and commercialization.

Students should consult with the faculty principal investigator and the appropriate University office before publicly disclosing, publishing, distributing, or commercializing intellectual property developed through such activities.

Course Projects

Unless otherwise specified in writing, intellectual property created solely for a course remains the property of the student or student team that created it.

Faculty members may retain limited rights to use student work for instructional, assessment, accreditation, recruitment, or program evaluation purposes, consistent with University policies and applicable law.

Team Projects

Students working on team projects are encouraged to discuss ownership, authorship, licensing, and commercialization expectations at the beginning of the project. In the absence of a written agreement, intellectual property created jointly by multiple students may be jointly owned by the contributing creators.

Questions Regarding Intellectual Property

Questions regarding ownership, licensing, patents, copyrights, software distribution, commercialization, or technology transfer should be directed to the Department Chair and the University's designated office responsible for intellectual property and technology commercialization. In all cases, University policy shall govern and take precedence over departmental guidelines.

Classroom Conduct and Attire Policy

Students are expected to maintain a professional and respectful learning environment. Clothing displaying lewd, obscene, or offensive language or imagery is not permitted in class. Head coverings such as hats, do-rags, and similar items may not be worn in class unless required for religious, cultural, or medical reasons. Cell phones and other personal electronic devices should be silenced and stored during class and may only be used when authorized by the instructor for instructional purposes or approved accommodations. Devices may be used as audio recorders only with the instructor's permission.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The curriculum in place at the time of the student's entrance into the university does, in effect, represent a contract between student and university. Therefore, all parties must agree to any amendment. (As the department understands it, the "contract" is null and void if the student drops out of school for a semester or more.)

Disciplines (and department capabilities) change over time. What the Computer Science program does is allow the student to graduate if he or she does any one of the following:

- 1. Meet ALL requirements from the curriculum in place when the student enters.*
- 2. Meet ALL requirements from the curriculum in place when the student wishes to graduate.*
- 3. Meet ALL requirements from any intermediate curriculum between date of entry and date of graduation.*

We feel we need all this flexibility because of changes in the discipline. Unfortunately, we have to exercise a great deal of care in order to track these options for students and make sure that no student graduates without fulfilling all requirements and that we have appropriate records for ABET review. Please utilize Check List on page 12 to track your progress through the CS curriculum.

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APPENDIX I: Suggested Concentration Pathways

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science does not offer formal concentrations that are recorded on a student's transcript or degree. However, students who wish to develop expertise in a particular area of computer science may choose to follow one of several suggested concentration pathways. Each pathway consists of a recommended set of technical electives and science courses designed to provide additional depth in a specific area of interest. These pathways serve as academic advising guides and do not constitute official degree concentrations.

The available concentration pathways faculty advisors are listed below:

- A. Computer Science – **Dr. Burge and Dr. Keeling**
- B. Artificial Intelligence – **Dr. Andy and Dr. Rawat**
- C. Human-Centered Computing – **Dr. Washington**
- D. Robotics – **Dr. Keeling and Dr. Blackstone**
- E. Cybersecurity – **Dr. Blackstone and Dr. Rawat**
- F. Gaming – **Dr. Shum**
- G. Computer Systems and Networks – **Dr. Li and Dr. Niu**
- H. Computational Biology – **Dr. Liu**
- I. Computational Chemistry – **Dr. Liu**
- J. Computational Mathematics – **Dr. Andy**
- K. Computational Physics – **Dr. Andy**

Students are not required to select a concentration pathway. By default, all students follow the Computer Science Pathway (A), which provides the greatest flexibility in selecting technical and science electives. Students interested in pursuing one of the specialized pathways are encouraged to consult with the corresponding pathway advisor regarding course availability and selection, and academic planning.

SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete three science courses that develop and apply the scientific method. The science courses selected should align with the concentration pathway being pursued and must satisfy the following requirements:

Science Course Recommendations by Concentration Pathway

- A. Computer Science
 - Any approved science course may satisfy Science Lecture / Lab 1, and Science Lecture / Lab 2.
- B. Artificial Intelligence
 - Same as Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science
- C. Human-Centered Computing
 - Same as Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science
- D. Robotics
 - Same as Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science
- E. Cybersecurity
 - Any Same as Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science
- F. Gaming

- Same as Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science
- G. Computer Systems and Networks
 - Same as Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science
- H. Computational Biology
 - BIOL 101 Biology I - (Science 1)
 - BIOL 102 Biology II - (Science 2)
- I. Computational Chemistry
 - CHEM 003 Chemistry I and CHEM 005 Chemistry Lab I - (Science 1)
 - CHEM 004 Chemistry II and CHEM 006 Chemistry Lab II - (Science 2)
- J. Computational Mathematics
 - Same as Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science
- K. Computational Physics
 - PHYS 013 Physics for Engineers I and PHYS 023 Physics for Engineers Lab I - (Science 1)
 - PHYS 014 Physics for Engineers II and PHYS 024 Physics for Engineers Lab II - (Science 2)

TECHNICAL ELECTIVES

The objective of the technical elective requirement is to provide students with advanced study in areas that complement their academic and professional interests. Students pursuing a concentration pathway are encouraged to select technical electives aligned with their chosen pathway. Students are not required to pursue a concentration pathway and may instead select technical electives from the broader Computer Science Pathway.

The Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science provides the greatest flexibility in technical elective selection.

- A. Computer Science
 - Any CSCI course numbered 300–499 (excluding required courses), with the exception of CSCI 172 and CSCI 200.
 - Any CSCI graduate course open to seniors.
 - EECE 212 Fundamentals of Digital Systems.
 - EECE 406 Advanced Digital Systems.
 - EECE 417 Computer Systems Architecture.
 - EECE 416 Microcomputer Design.
 - Any mathematics course not otherwise required and having Calculus I as a prerequisite.
 - INFO 395 Information Assurance.
 - INFO 393 Network/Internet Security Management.
 - EGPP 493 Bison Startup: Technology Entrepreneurship and Lean Startups.
 - EGPP 494 Bison Accelerate: Launch and Iterate.
 - EGPP 405 Undergraduate Research.
 - EGPP-421 Intro. to AI: Tools and Techniques
 - EGPP-422 Ethical and Responsible AI
 - CHEM 184 Methods in Computational Chemistry
 - PHYS 154 Computational Physics I.
 - PHYS 155 Computational Physics II
 - Any course approved by the Department Chair.

- B. *Artificial Intelligence*
 - EGPP-421 *Intro. to AI: Tools and Techniques*
 - EGPP-422 *Ethical and Responsible AI*
 - CSCI-475 *Introduction to Machine Learning*
 - CSCI-476 *Introduction to Artificial Intelligence*
 - CSCI-477 *Securing AI and Security with AI*
 - CSCI 478 *Advanced AI Open-Source*
 - CSCI-482 *Natural Language Processing*
 - CSCI-484 *Applications of AI Engineering*
 - Any technical elective approved for Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science
- C. *Human-Centered Computing*
 - CSCI 379 *Introduction to Human Computer Interaction.*
 - CSCI 380 *Foundations of User Experience.*
 - CSCI 381 *Affective Computing.*
 - Any technical elective approved for Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science
- D. *Robotics*
 - CSCI-342 *Robotics: Autonomous Navigation*
 - CSCI-343 *Robot Operating Systems Concepts*
 - CSCI-475 *Introduction to Machine Learning*
 - Any technical elective approved for Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science
- E. *Cybersecurity*
 - INFO 395 *Information Assurance.*
 - CSCI 454 *Introduction to Cybersecurity II.*
 - INFO 393 *Network/Internet Security Management.*
 - CSCI 479 *Cybersecurity Networks, CPS, and IoT.*
 - Any technical elective approved for Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science
- F. *Gaming*
 - CSCI 421 *Computer and Video Game Development.*
 - CSCI 422 *Game Engine Programming.*
 - Any technical elective approved for Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science
- G. *Computer Systems and Networks*
 - CSCI 202 *Computer Organization II*
 - CSCI 450 *Introduction to Computer Networks.*
 - CSCI 451 *Applied Wireless Networks.*
 - CSCI 452 *Internet/Web Programming.*
 - CSCI 479 *Cybersecurity Networks, CPS, and IoT.*
 - INFO 393 *Network/Internet Security Management.*
 - Any technical elective approved for Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science
- H. *Computational Biology*
 - BIOL 200 *Genetics*•.
 - BIOL 320 *Molecular Biology*•.
 - CSCI 474 *Computational Biology.*
 - Any technical elective approved for Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science

• Course must be registered with an override, as it is not listed on Approved List of Technical Electives

- I. *Computational Chemistry*
 - *CHEM 001 General and Applied Chemistry*•.
 - *CHEM 184 Methods in Computational Chemistry.*
 - *MATH 159 Differential Equations or MATH 164 Introduction to Numerical Analysis.*
 - *Any technical elective approved for Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science*
- J. *Computational Mathematics*
 - *MATH 159 Differential Equations.*
 - *MATH 164 Introduction to Numerical Analysis.*
 - *MATH 189 Probability and Statistics*
 - *Any technical elective approved for Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science*
- K. *Computational Physics*
 - *PHYS 154 Computational Physics I.*
 - *PHYS 155 Computational Physics II.*
 - *MATH 159 Differential Equations or MATH 164 Introduction to Numerical Analysis.*
 - *Any technical elective approved for Concentration Pathway – A. Computer Science*

• Course must be registered with an override, as it is not listed on Approved List of Technical Electives

APPENDIX II: Registration

Howard University utilizes the BisonHub student information system to support registration and academic records. Students should access BisonHub through AccessHU using their Howard University credentials.

<https://accesshu.howard.edu/>

Students should follow the four-step registration process outlined below to prepare for advising and register for courses each semester.

STEP 1: Complete the Registration Checklist

Students must complete the Registration Checklist prior to meeting with their academic advisor for registration approval.

Registration Checklist Link:

Students must be logged into their Howard University account (Bison account) to access the Registration Checklist. The checklist may be accessed using the link or QR code provided below.



You will be forced to copy the CheckList to create your own. Once you create your checklist, save it to your Google Drive for future use. You will be updating your CheckList every semester. The CheckList is used to help you manage and document meeting the graduation requirements for the program for the Catalog year specified.

Students will be prompted to create a personal copy of the checklist in a shared folder (i.e. OneDrive or Google Drive) before completing it. The checklist serves as a planning and advising tool and should be updated each semester.

Students should update their Registration Checklist with the GRADES (i.e., "A," "B," "C," "D," "F," and "T" for Transfer or Advanced Standing) and the semester/year completed for all courses taken during the previous semester. This ensures that the checklist remains accurate and up to date for advising.

For new first-time-in-college students, this may include adding “T” grades for approved AP, IB, CAPE, dual enrollment, transfer, or other advanced standing credits that have been accepted by the University.

Students are expected to maintain an updated version of the checklist and provide it to their advisor during advising appointments.

STEP 2: The Registration Process

Students should use the checklist to verify completed coursework and identify remaining degree requirements outlined in the CS Student Handbook for the applicable catalog year. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that all prerequisites, co-requisites, and graduation requirements are satisfied.

The graduation requirements include:

- *Computer Science core requirements*
- *Mathematics and Science requirements*
- *Available Technical Electives*
- *Available Non-Technical Electives*

Students should also use the checklist to develop a proposed schedule for the upcoming semester prior to meeting with their advisor. This can be done by entering the DATE, the course number (CRS#) (in science and elective courses), and GRADE -- select IP (In Process) into your CheckList.

STEP 3: Meet with your Academic Advisor

Advising is managed by the CEA Office of Student Success (OSS). The CS Program advisors are:

Mr. Ladan W. Johnson Room LKD 1114 Ladan_johnson1@howard.edu Last Names: A - K	Ms. Bobbi Harewood Room LKD 1012B Bobbi_harewood@howard.edu Last Names L - Z
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It is strongly recommended that students schedule and attend an advising appointment with their assigned academic advisor prior to registering for courses in BisonHub.

Each semester, the Office of Student Services (OSS) coordinates a Registration Campaign to support students during the registration process. During advising appointments held as part of the campaign, academic advisors will:

- *Review the student’s academic progress and degree requirements*
- *Discuss proposed course selections for the upcoming semester*
- *Verify completion of prerequisites and co-requisites*
- *Ensure the student is making satisfactory progress toward graduation*
- *Provide guidance on academic planning, course sequencing, and academic success strategies*

Students are expected to arrive prepared for advising appointments with an updated Registration Checklist and a proposed schedule of courses for the upcoming semester.

In addition to the official registration advising period, students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor throughout the academic year as needed. Advising appointments outside of the Registration Campaign may be scheduled at a mutually convenient time for both the student and the advisor.

*If you need to speak to someone regarding **career guidance**, or **Science and Technical Electives based on a Concentration Pathway**, you should schedule an appointment to meet with a Concentration Pathway Faculty Advisor located in APPENDIX I.*

STEP 4 (If needed): Handling Registration Errors

Students may occasionally encounter registration error messages when attempting to enroll in courses through BisonHub. The Registration Error Form is used by students in the College of Engineering and Architecture (CEA) to request review and possible overrides for specific registration restrictions.

The form may be obtained from your academic advisor, and can be used to request overrides for issues including, but not limited to:

- *Time conflicts*
- *Level restrictions*
- *Field of study or major restrictions*
- *Special approval requirements*
- *Prerequisite or co-requisite requirements*
- *Test score requirements*

Requests for time conflict overrides require approval from the instructor(s) of the affected course(s), typically documented through a signature or written authorization on the form.

Submission of the form does not guarantee approval. All requests are subject to departmental and university policies, course availability, and final approval by the appropriate academic unit.

APPENDIX III: Variances for Coursework

Variance for Coursework

The curriculum and graduation requirements outlined in this handbook are designed to ensure that all students achieve the Student Outcomes of the degree program. Under limited circumstances, a student may request a variance to a specific course requirement when unique academic circumstances warrant consideration of an alternative course or academic experience.

A variance request is not automatically approved and must demonstrate that the proposed alternative provides substantially equivalent academic content and supports the educational objectives of the degree program.

Approval Process

*All variance requests must be initiated by the student's academic advisor and submitted using the Department's **Variance in Graduation Requirements Form**. The completed form must be reviewed and approved through the following process:*

- 1. **Student Request** – The student discusses the request with their academic advisor and provides any supporting documentation using the **Variance in Graduation Requirements Form**.*
- 2. **Advisor Review and Recommendation** – The advisor evaluates the request and determines whether the proposed alternative is academically appropriate.*
- 3. **Program Director or Department Chair Review** – Following advisor approval, the request is forwarded to the Program Director or Department Chair for secondary review and final approval.*

No variance is considered approved until all required signatures have been obtained.

Required Documentation

*The **student must provide** documentation using the **Variance in Graduation Requirements Form** is a TAB within the CheckList spreadsheet. This that includes:*

- The student's name and student identification number.*
- A description of the standard graduation requirement.*
- The course number, title, and catalog description of the required course(s), when applicable.*
- A description of the proposed alternative course, academic experience, transfer credit, internship, research experience, or other substitute requirement.*
- The course number, title, and catalog description of the proposed alternative, when applicable.*
- Signatures from the student.*

*After receipt of the Variance Form, the **advisor must provide**:*

- A written recommendation explaining the academic rationale for the variance request.*
- Documentation demonstrating how the proposed alternative satisfies the learning objectives and educational intent of the original requirement.*
- Signatures of approval.*

*After receipt of a signed Variance Form, the **Program Director or Department Chair must provide**:*

- A written recommendation explaining the academic rationale for the variance request.*
- Signatures of approval.*

Circumstances for Consideration

Examples of circumstances that may warrant consideration of a variance include:

- *Course discontinuation or significant curriculum changes.*
- *Transfer credit evaluations.*
- *Study abroad experiences.*
- *Equivalent coursework completed at another accredited institution.*
- *Other exceptional circumstances approved by the Department.*

Record Retention

Once approved, please update the CheckList with the Required Course and Replacement Course information. Approved variances will be maintained in the student's departmental advising folder in OneDrive and will be used during graduation certification (i.e. degree audits) and accreditation reviews. Students should retain copies of all approved variance documentation for their records.

The Department reserves the right to deny requests that do not adequately demonstrate academic equivalency or that would compromise the integrity of the degree program.

Variance in Graduation Requirements Form
Computer Science Program
College of Engineering and Architecture
Howard University

Student Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Description of Standard Graduation Requirement

Provide the course number, title, catalog description, and graduation requirement being satisfied.

Description of Requested Alternative

Provide the proposed substitute course, transfer course, internship, research experience, or other alternative and explain how it satisfies the original requirement.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Advisor Recommendation

Provide the academic rationale for the variance request and explain why the proposed alternative is considered equivalent to the standard requirement.

Advisor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Program Director/Chair Recommendation

Program Director/Chair Signature: _____ **Date:** _____