

COMPUTER SCIENCE

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 College: Arts and Sciences

The Computer Science Department offers two graduate specializations: Computer Science (CS) and Software Engineering (SE). The CS specialization provides instruction in applied and theoretical computer science topics such as networks and communication devices, theory of computation, analysis of algorithms, programming languages, and operating systems. The SE specialization concentrates on software engineering concepts such as specification, design, and verification and validation. Both specializations prepare the student for either employment or doctoral level research work. Numerous local and regional companies and governmental agencies employ computer science students in cooperative education programs (co-op).

The Department annually awards several scholarships, fellowships, and out-of-state tuition waivers to new and returning students. The department also has limited opportunities for teaching/research assistantships and graders for new and returning students. Contact the Department Chair for information.

Course descriptions are listed alphabetically by prefix in the back of this catalog.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution and have achieved a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants for either specialization should hold a degree in computer or information science or a related technical field. Candidates with undergraduate degrees in other disciplines may also be considered for admission, especially if they have significant work experience related to one of the graduate programs.

Applicants must provide a completed University application, GRE scores that are not more than 5 years old, three letters of recommendation, and a letter of intent stating the goals of the applicant. Applicants are required to achieve a minimum score of 500 on both the verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE and an aggregate score of at least 1100. International applicants must also satisfy the University TOEFL requirement (see the International Student admission section of the catalog).

Completed applications for admission for the fall semester are due by the preceding March 1; spring semester by October 1. Applications for academic year financial aid are due by the preceding March 1. The department does not ordinarily admit new students in the summer term.

Non-degree students may be given a tentative degree plan by the graduate director, and may petition the Department Chair, upon admission as a graduate student, to count up to 12 semester hours of graduate level coursework taken while enrolled as a non-degree student towards their graduate degree. Non-degree students cannot enroll in 6000 level courses.

Graduate students develop a degree plan with the graduate director before or during their first semester of graduate work.

All students must complete University requirements and a planned degree program with a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and a minimum grade of "C" in all core courses. Students electing to write a thesis for either specialization take 24 semester hours of graduate courses, 6 semester hours of thesis, and must pass an oral examination concerning the contents of their thesis. Students electing the project specialization must take: for the CS specialization, 33 semester hours of coursework and a 3 semester hour project course; for the SE specialization, 30 semester hours of coursework and a 6 semester hour project course.

4000-6000 level courses (CAP, CDA, CEN, CIS, COP and COT) are acceptable electives. Project courses in the non-program specialization of a student are not acceptable electives. Up to 6 semester hours of 4000-6000 level electives that further the objectives of an individual program may also be chosen from the offerings of other departments with the approval of the graduate director and the Chairperson of the Computer Science Department.

COMPUTER SCIENCE SPECIALIZATION

FOUNDATIONAL PROFICIENCIES

CDA 3100	Microprocessor Systems	3
CDA 3101	Introduction to Computer Organization	3
CEN 3031	Introduction to Software Engineering	3
CEN 4516	Computer Networks	3
COP 2334	Programming Using C++	3
COP 3xx1	Intermediate Computer Programming	3
COP 3530	Data Structures & Algorithms	3
COP 4020	Programming Languages	3
COP 4600	Operating Systems	3
COP 4601	Software Systems	3
COT 3100	Applications of Discrete Structures	3
COT 4400	Analysis of Algorithms	3
COT 4420	Theory of Computation	3
ENC 3240	Technical Writing	3
MAC 2313	Analytic Geometry and Calculus III	4
MAD 3107	Discrete Mathematics & Applications	3
STA 4321	Introduction to Mathematical Statistics I	3

The graduate director will construct an initial degree plan and recommend an appropriate sequencing of prerequisites, or additional courses, if needed.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Required Core Courses:

(Choose five of the following)

CDA 6158	Advanced Computer Architecture	3
CEN 6064	Software Design	3
CEN 6520	Advanced Computer Networks	3
COP 5025	Advanced Programming Languages	3
COP 6611	Advanced Computer Operating Systems	3
COT 6415	Computation and Complexity	3

Approved electives (chosen in consultation with advisor)

With thesis option	9
With project option	18

Choose one:

CIS 6971	Thesis	6
<i>(course offered as 1-6 sh per semester)</i>		
COT 6931	Computer Science Project	3

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING SPECIALIZATION

FOUNDATIONAL PROFICIENCIES

CDA 3100	Microprocessor Systems	3
CDA 3101	Introduction to Computer Organization	3
CEN 3031	Introduction to Software Engineering	3
CEN 4516	Computer Networks	3
COP 2334	Programming Using C++	3
COP 3xx1	Intermediate Computer Programming	3
COP 3530	Data Structures & Algorithms	3
COP 4020	Programming Languages	3
COP 4600	Operating Systems	3
COP 4601	Software Systems	3
COT 3100	Applications of Discrete Structures	3
COT 4400	Analysis of Algorithms	3
COT 4420	Theory of Computation	3
ENC 3240	Technical Writing	3
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Required Courses:

CEN 6070	Software Testing & Verification	3
CEN 6075	Software Specification & Implementation	3

Approved electives (chosen in consultation with advisor)

With thesis option	3
With project option	9

Choose one:

CEN 6015	Software Engineering Project	6
CIS 6971	Thesis	6

(course offered as 1-6 sh per semester)