Computer Science (CSE)

Major and Minor in Computer Science

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Faculty

Lionel Barbosa, Professor, Ph.D., University of California, Davis: Logic; automated reasoning; artificial intelligence.

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Michael J. Franklin, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley: Data mining; data management; database systems; parallel and distributed systems.

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C.R. Ramakrishnan, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Stony Brook University: Logic programming; programming languages; verification.

I.V. Ramakrishnan, Professor, Ph.D., University of Texas, Austin: Computer architecture; algorithms; rewrite systems.

Dimitris Samaras, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania: Computer vision; computer graphics; medical imaging; animation and simulation; image-based rendering; physics-based modeling.

Anthony Scarpalos, Lecturer, M.A., Adelphi University: Multimedia; interface design; computer-based training; distance learning.

R. Sekar, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Stony Brook University: Computer and network security; software/distributed systems; programming languages; software engineering.

Radu Sion, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Purdue University: Computer security.

Steven Skiena, Professor, Ph.D., University of Rochester, Urbana-Champaign: Algorithms; computational biology; computational geometry.

David R. Smith, Professor Emeritus, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, Madison: Hardware description languages and synthesis; VLSI design tools; experimental chip architectures.

Scott A. Smolka, Professor, Ph.D., Brown University: Model checking; semantics of concurrency; CASE tools for safety-critical systems; distributed languages and algorithms.

Eugene W. Stark, Professor, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Programming language semantics; distributed algorithms; formal specifications; verification; theory of concurrency.

Amanda Stent, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., University of Rochester: Spoken and multimodal dialogue systems, natural language generation, theories of discourse, information extraction.

Scott Stoller, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Cornell University: Distributed systems; fault-tolerance and security; software testing and verification; program analysis and optimization.

Michael Tashkoff, Lecturer, M.C.S., University of Virginia: Computer science education; software engineering.

David S. Warren, Professor, Ph.D., University of Michigan: Logic programming; database systems; knowledge representation; natural language processing.

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Anita Wasilewska, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Warsaw University, Poland: Data base mining; knowledge discovery in data bases; machine learning; uncertainty in expert systems; automated theorem proving.

Larry D. Wittie, Professor, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, Madison: Superconducting computers and networks; massively parallel computation; computer architecture; distributed operating systems.

Erez Zadok, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Columbia University: Operating systems; storage and file systems; software portability; networking; security.

Rong Zhao, Research Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Wayne State University: Content-based and semantic-based multimedia information retrieval; Web retrieval and mining; digital library; computer vision; medical imaging.

Affiliated Faculty
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Susan Brennan, Psychology
Jerome Liang, Radiology
Joseph Mitchell, Applied Mathematics and Statistics
Yuanyuan Yang, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Teaching Assistants
Estimated number: 65

Computer science is the study of computer systems, including the architecture of computers, development of computer software, information processing, computer applications, algorithmic problem-solving, and the mathematical foundations of the discipline.

The Computer Science major provides professional education in computer science to prepare the student for graduate study or for a career in the computing field. Students learn concepts and skills needed for designing, programming, and applying computer systems while also learning the theoretical and mathematical foundations of computer science. They have sufficient freedom in the program to pursue other academic interests in the liberal arts, sciences, and engineering to complement their study of computer science.

Many students prepare for their professional careers through internships at local companies. Computer science graduates are recruited heavily, and career opportunities include developing software systems for a diverse range of applications such as: user interfaces; networks; databases; forecasting; World Wide Web support; and medical, communications, satellite, and embedded systems. Many are employed in the telecommunication and financial industries, and some are self-employed as heads of software consulting companies.

The Department of Computer Science offers two undergraduate majors: Computer Science and Information Systems. Requirements and courses for the latter appear under the program title in the alphabetical listings of Approved Majors, Minors, and Programs. The two programs of study share a number of courses, particularly in the first two years, so that it is possible to follow a program that permits a student to select either major by the start of the junior year. The Department also offers a minor in computer science. The current Program Educational Objectives for the Computer Science program are available at http://www.cs.sunysb.edu/undergrad/csprogram.

Computing Facilities
Computing facilities for undergraduates are maintained by both the University Computing Center and the Department of Computer Science. For a description of the computing services provided by the University Computing Center, see page 44 in the Student Services section of this Bulletin.

The Department of Computer Science provides additional laboratories to support undergraduate instruction and research. The laboratory facilities are regularly upgraded to keep pace with advances in technology. Current computing facilities include the Computer Science Undergraduate Computing Laboratory; the Programming Techniques Teaching Laboratory with facilities for classroom instruction; the Computer Associates Transactions Laboratory, used primarily for upper-level courses on databases, transaction processes, and Web applications; the Computer Science Advanced Programming Laboratory, also donated by Computer Associates, Inc., which provides computing support for upper-level courses on such topics as operating systems and user interfaces; and the Computer Science Multimedia Laboratory, used for courses on multimedia design. Most of the laboratories are connected to the Internet via the campus network and are easily accessible by students from campus residences or from off-campus via modem.

The Departmental research laboratories are available to undergraduate students working on supervised projects with computer science faculty.

Transfer Credits
Students wishing to transfer credits for courses equivalent to CSE 113, 114, 213, or 214 in order to use them as prerequisites for other CSE courses or toward meeting the requirements for acceptance into the major must demonstrate proficiency in the course material by passing a proficiency examination, given during the first week of each semester.

Courses Offered in Computer Science
See the Course Descriptions listing in this Bulletin for complete information.

CSE 101 Introduction to Computers and Information Technologies
CSE 102 Introduction to Web Design and Programming
CSE 110 Introduction to Computer Science
CSE 113-C Foundations of Computer Science I
CSE 114 Computer Science I
CSE 125 Computer Science and Sculpture
CSE 130 Introduction to Programming in C
CSE 150 Foundations of Computer Science: Honors
CSE 160 Computer Science A: Honors
CSE 213 Foundations of Computer Science II
CSE 214, 219 Computer Science II, III
CSE 220 Computer Organization
CSE 230 Intermediate Programming in C and C++
CSE 260 Computer Science B: Honors
CSE 300 Writing in Computer Science
CSE 301-H History of Computing
### Sample Course Sequence for the Major in Computer Science

#### Freshman Fall
- D.E.C. A 3
- First Year Seminar 101 1
- CSE 110 3
- AMS 151 3
- Natural science course 4
- Total 14

#### Sophomore Fall
- CSE 213 3
- CSE 214 3
- AMS 210 3
- Natural science course 4-5
- D.E.C. 3
- Total 16-17

#### Junior Fall
- CSE Software course 3
- CSE Hardware course 3
- AMS 310 3
- D.E.C. 3
- Elective 3
- Total 15

#### Senior Fall
- CSE 300 1
- CSE 308 3
- CSE Elective 3
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### Enrolling in CSE Courses

To enroll in CSE courses, students must:

1. Have completed all prerequisites with a grade of C or higher. (Pass/No Credit grades are not acceptable to meet prerequisites.) For transfer students, official transfer credit evaluations must have been completed and approved and the relevant proficiency examination for lower division courses, given during the first week of each semester, must have been taken and passed.

2. Attend the first class.

Failure to satisfy the prerequisites or to attend the first class may result in deregistration. The Pass/No Credit option is not available to CSE majors for CSE and ISE courses.

### Acceptance into the Computer Science Major

Qualified freshman and transfer applicants may be accepted directly into the Computer Science major upon admission to the University. [Effective Fall 2005] Currently enrolled students may apply for acceptance to the major after completing the following two courses with grades of C or higher and a grade point average of 2.80 or higher:

1. CSE 113 Foundations of Computer Science I
2. CSE 114 Computer Science I
Requirements for the Major in Computer Science (CSE)

The major in Computer Science leads to the Bachelor of Science degree. At least five upper-division courses from items 2 and 3 below must be completed at Stony Brook.

Completion of the major requires approximately 80 credits.

1. Required Introductory Courses
   CSE 113 Foundation of Computer Science
   CSE 114 Computer Science I
   CSE 213 Foundations of Computer Science II
   CSE 214 Computer Science II
   CSE 219 Computer Science III
   CSE 220 Computer Organization and Systems

2. Required Advanced Courses
   CSE 302 Professional Ethics for Computer Science [Effective Fall 2005]
   CSE 303 Introduction to the Theory of Computation or CSE 373 Analysis of Algorithms
   CSE 308 Software Engineering
   Three software-related courses chosen from: CSE 305; 306; 304 or 307; 328 or 333
   One hardware-related course chosen from: CSE 310, 329, 346, ESE 345

3. Computer Science Electives
   Three upper-division CSE or ISE courses, excluding CSE/ISE 475, 488, 495, and 496.

4. AMS 151, 161 Applied Calculus I, II
   Note: The following alternate calculus course sequences may be substituted for AMS 151, 161 in major requirements or prerequisites: MAT 125, 126, 127, or MAT 131, 132, or MAT 141, 142. Equivalency for MAT courses achieved through the Mathematics Placement Examination is accepted to meet MAT course requirements.

5. One of the following:
   MAT 211 Introduction to Linear Algebra
   AMS 210 Applied Linear Algebra
   AMS 326 Numerical Analysis

6. Both of the following:
   AMS 301 Finite Mathematical Structures
   AMS 310 Survey of Probability and Statistics

   or AMS 311 Probability Theory
   or AMS 312 Mathematical Statistics

7. One of the following natural science sequences:
   [Effective Fall 2005]
   Two courses from: BIO 201, 202, 203 Fundamentals of Biology
   or
   CHE 131, 132, 133 or CHE 141, 142, 143 General Chemistry
   or
   PHY 131/133, 132/134 or PHY 141, 142 or PHY 125, 126, 127 Classical Physics

8. Four additional credits from the above natural science courses
   [Effective Fall 2005]
   These courses can be in biology, chemistry, or physics. Advanced natural science courses may be substituted with the prior approval of the Department of Computer Science.

9. Upper-Division Writing Requirement: CSE 300 Writing in Computer Science
   All degree candidates must demonstrate writing skills in English at a level acceptable for Computer Science majors. To satisfy the requirement, the CSE student must submit a technical paper on an appropriate computer science topic that illustrates the student’s ability to write in a clear, concise, technical, and organized manner.

   Note: All students are encouraged to discuss their program with an undergraduate advisor. In Requirement 2 above, CSE/ISE double majors may substitute ESE 440, 441 Electrical Engineering Design I, II for CSE 308 Software Engineering provided that the design project contains a significant software component. Approval of the Department of Computer Science is required.

Grading

All courses taken to satisfy Requirements 1 through 8 must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher. A grade of C or higher is also required in prerequisite courses listed for all CSE and ISE courses.

Specialization in Computer-Human Interaction

The specialization in computer-human interaction requires four courses. The psychology aspect of the specialization deals with the design of effective computer-human interactions; the computer science aspect deals with the technical design and implementation of the systems for those interactions. A student is considered to be a participant in the specialization after successfully completing courses 1 and 2 below.

1. CSE/ISE 333 User Interface Development
2. PSY 260 Survey of Cognition and Perception
3. The concentration requires completion of at least two electives from the following list:
   CSE 328 Fundamentals of Computer Graphics
   CSE/ISE 332 Introduction to Scientific Visualization
   CSE 334 Introduction to Multimedia Systems
   CSE 364 Advanced Multimedia Techniques
   PSY 384 Research Lab: Human Factors

Specialization in Information Assurance

The specialization in information assurance (IA) has been developed as part of the University’s establishment of a Center for Cybersecurity and designation by the National Security Agency as a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education. This is included in a multifaceted effort to expand and increase information assurance education and research. The specialization deals with the principles, design, development, and management of networks and software systems that provide high levels of assurance in the confidentiality, availability, and integrity of electronic information. It requires four core courses, two electives, and a project. Students may declare their participation in the specialization after completing the courses in 1a and 1b. All courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher.
1. Core Courses
   a. CSE 310 Data Communication and Networks or CSE 346 Computer Communications
   b. CSE 306 Operating Systems or CSE 376 Advanced Systems Programming in UNIX/C
   c. CSE 408 Network Security
   d. CSE 409 Computer System Security
2. Two electives from the following:
   - CSE 305 Principles of Database Systems
   - CSE 306 Operating Systems
   - CSE 315 Database Transaction Processing Systems
   - CSE 336 Internet Programming
   - CSE 375 Concurrency
   - CSE 376 Advanced Systems Programming in UNIX/C
   - AMS 310 Survey of Probability and Statistics
   - AMS 311 Probability Theory
   - AMS 312 Mathematical Statistics
   - AMS 315 Data Analysis
   - AMS 335 Game Theory
   - AMS 341 Operations Research I: Deterministic Models
   - AMS 342 Operations Research II: Stochastic Models
   - EST 412 Intelligence Organizations, Technology, and Democracy
3. Project
   - Completion of either CSE 487 Research in Computer Science or CSE 495, 496 Senior Honors Research Projects I, II, on a topic in information assurance.

The Honors Program in Computer Science

The Honors Program in Computer Science, a highly selective academic program within the major in Computer Science, offers a specially designed curriculum to a limited number of exceptional students. The program is open to freshmen and to continuing students. To be admitted as a freshman, students must demonstrate overall academic excellence by achieving a combined SAT score of 1300, an unweighted high school average of at least 93, and high grade averages in mathematics and the natural sciences. Continuing Computer Science majors who have completed at least three CSE courses and have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 and an average of 3.50 in CSE courses may apply for admission to the honors program in the sophomore or junior year. Continued participation in the program requires that students maintain a grade point average of 3.50, both cumulative and in all CSE courses.

Honors course offerings include introductory course sequences in programming and in the foundations of computing, advanced courses on selected topics that reflect active research areas within the Department, and a two-semester senior honors project. Students will be able to take at least one honors course each semester throughout a four-year program of study. Honors program students must complete the regular requirements of the Computer Science major, but up to two-thirds of the required computer science courses (see items 1 to 3 in the above list of Requirements for the Major) can be covered by honors courses. Final conferral of honors is contingent upon successful completion of all required courses in the Computer Science major including a minimum of three honors courses, plus the two-semester honors project, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 and an average of 3.50 in all CSE courses.

Honors students with a grade point average of 3.50 at the end of the junior year will be automatically approved for admission to the five-year joint B.S./M.S. program in Computer Science. Students who successfully complete the honors program and who decide to enroll in the B.S./M.S. program will be considered for a tuition waiver in the fifth year as well as for a graduate student assistantship. (It is recommended that these students complete an undergraduate teaching practicum in the junior or senior year.)

Requirements for the Minor in Computer Science (CSE)

The minor in Computer Science is open to all students not majoring in either Computer Science or Information Systems. To declare the minor in Computer Science, students must complete CSE 113 and 114 with grades of C or higher. The minor requires seven CSE or ISE courses totaling 22 to 24 credits as outlined below.

1. CSE 113 Foundations of Computer Science I
2. CSE 114 Computer Science I
3. CSE 214 Computer Science II
4. CSE 219 Computer Science III or CSE 220 Computer Organization and Systems Programming
5. Three upper-division CSE or ISE courses totaling at least nine credits (excluding CSE/ISE 300, 475, 487, and 488).

Note: All of these courses must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher.

Joint B.S./M.S. Program in Computer Science

Computer Science majors may apply for admission to a special program that leads to a Bachelor of Science degree at the end of the fourth year and a Master of Science degree at the end of the fifth year. Students usually apply to the program in their junior year.

Students must satisfy the respective requirements of both the B.S. degree and the M.S. degree, but the main advantage of the program is that six credits may be simultaneously applied to both the undergraduate and graduate requirements. The M.S. degree can therefore be earned in less time than that required by the traditional course of study.

For more details about the B.S./M.S. program, see the undergraduate or graduate program director in the Department of Computer Science.