COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science is the area of study that encompasses all of the theory and practice of computing. The mission of the Department of Computer Science at New Mexico State University is to provide formal education in the core disciplines of computer science, as well as to prepare our graduates for research, development and academic careers. For more information on the Department of Computer Science, please visit the website www.cs.nmsu.edu (https://www.cs.nmsu.edu/wp13).

Undergraduate Program Information

The undergraduate computer science programs prepare students for graduate study in computer science and for employment in positions involving the design, construction and application of computer systems. Undergraduate degree programs include a Bachelor of Science (ABET accredited), Bachelor of Arts, and four minor degree tracks. The B.S. degree is the traditional computer science degree program, while the B.A. degree offers a more open, flexible degree plan that is easier to combine with studies in other disciplines. The minors offer specialized tracks in algorithm theory, bioinformatics, computer systems and software development. With technology underpinning almost every area of human endeavor today, students across NMSU should consider pursuing a minor or at least taking some computer science courses. Computer science majors should review their programs of study in consultation with their advisors each semester, preferably using the most recent Undergraduate Catalog.

Graduate Program Information

The department offers both Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy graduate degrees in computer science, along with a Master of Science in Bioinformatics. We also encourage students in other disciplines to do a graduate minor in computer science. Graduate students typically work closely with a faculty member in a specific area of research. The department offers expertise in several research areas, such as: artificial intelligence and knowledge representation; computer and wireless networks; data mining and machine learning; game design and human-computer interaction; bioinformatics; high performance computing; software engineering and programming languages; theory of computing; and assistive technologies.

A number of laboratories have been established to coordinate research activities, including

• the Knowledge representation, Logic and Advanced Programming (KRAP) lab,
• the Play and Interactive Experiences for Learning (PiXL) lab,
• the Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD) lab,
• the Data Storage Lab (DSL),
• the Programming Languages, Environments, and Automated Software Engineering (PLEASE) lab,
• the Bioinformatics Research lab; and
• the Network and Systems Optimization Lab (NSOL).

Department members are also directing the iCREDITS interdisciplinary Center of Research Excellence in Design of Intelligent Technologies for Smartgrids, offering educational and research opportunities in smartgrids.

Entrance Requirements for Graduate Study in Computer Science

The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test is not required for admission; however, high GRE scores will strengthen a candidate’s application and are highly regarded in the awarding of Graduate Assistantships. To be admitted without undergraduate deficiencies, an entering student must have completed undergraduate preparation substantially equivalent to that required for the Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science at New Mexico State University; in particular, this includes courses equivalent to

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Deficiencies should be satisfied as early in the student graduate program as possible, through the regular undergraduate courses, C S 460 - C S 469 transition courses, or through tests administered by faculty members in the relevant areas. Students should consult with their Graduate Advisor to address issues related to deficiencies. Deficiencies are also assigned to applicants whose transcripts denote low grades in selected areas. Admission is often denied to candidates with little background in Computer Science. Instructions for prospective applicants can be found at http://www.cs.nmsu.edu.

Entrance Requirements for Graduate Study in Bioinformatics

The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test is not required for admission; however, high GRE scores will strengthen a candidate's application and are highly regarded in the awarding of Graduate Assistantships. Students wishing to enroll in the Master program in Bioinformatics must meet the following criteria:

1. Hold a BS degree, from an accredited institution of higher learning, in either a computational field (e.g., Computer Science) or in life sciences (preferably Biology, Biochemistry, or Environmental Sciences)
2. Hold a minimum grade point average of 3.2

Applicants will be expected to provide a Career statement, motivating the interest in bioinformatics and a minimum of three letters of reference.

Graduate Assistantships

Graduate assistantships (in the form of Teaching and Research assistantships) are expected to be available during the academic year. Inquiries should be addressed to the departmental Graduate Committee. Research assistantships are available at the discretion of individual research project leaders in the Department or elsewhere on campus. Submitting detailed vitae, letters of reference, and GRE test scores are encouraged when applying for any assistantship.
Degrees for the Department

Computer Science - Bachelor of Arts (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/computer-science/computer-science-bachelor-arts)

Computer Science - Bachelor of Science (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/computer-science/computer-science-bachelor-science)

Computer Science - Bachelor of Science/Master of Science (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/computer-science/computer-science-bachelor-science-master-science)

Bioinformatics - Master of Science (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/computer-science/bioinformatics-master-science)

Computer Science - Master of Science (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/computer-science/computer-science-master-science)

Computer Science - Doctor of Philosophy (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/computer-science/computer-science-doctor-philosophy)

Minors for the Department

A student cannot earn more than one of the undergraduate minors unless they pass at least 6 credits in the second minor beyond the requirements of the first minor. The maximum number of undergraduate minors that a student may earn is two. Most courses for the minors listed below have prerequisites. Please check the undergraduate catalog for individual course prerequisites. Students interested in pursuing a computer science minor are encouraged to pick up more information at the departmental office.

Algorithm Theory - Undergraduate Minor (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/computer-science/algorithm-theory-undergraduate-minor)

Bioinformatics - Undergraduate Minor (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/computer-science/bioinformatics-undergraduate-minor)

Computer Systems - Undergraduate Minor (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/computer-science/computer-systems-undergraduate-minor)

Software Development - Undergraduate Minor (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/computer-science/software-development-undergraduate-minor)

Computer Science - Graduate Minor (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/computer-science/computer-science-graduate-minor)

Faculty

Professor Jonathan Cook, Interim Department Head

Professors Cook, Leung, Pontelli, Tran; Associate Professors Misra, Pivkina, Song; Assistant Professors Cao, Toups, Yeoh, Zheng; College Professors Cooper, Steiner

J. Cook, Interim Department Head, Ph.D. (Colorado) – software engineering, component-based systems; H. Cao, Ph.D. (Hong-Kong) – data mining, databases, data integration; H. Leung, Ph.D. (Penn State) – automata theory; S. Misra, Ph.D. (Arizona State) – communication networks, social networks, high performance computing, security and privacy; I. Pivkina, Ph.D. (Kentucky) – artificial intelligence, computer science education, data mining;

E. Pontelli, Ph.D. (New Mexico State) – parallel processing, logic programming, knowledge representation, bioinformatics, assistive technologies; M. Song, Ph.D. (Washington) – statistical computing, systems biology, bioinformatics, computer vision; Z. Toups, Ph.D. (Texas A&M) – digital games, human-computer interaction, mixed reality; C. Tran, Ph.D. (Texas-El Paso) – artificial intelligence, knowledge representation, planning, logic programming, non-monotonic reasoning; W. Yeoh, Ph.D. (Southern California) – artificial intelligence, heuristic search, distributed constraint reasoning; M. Zheng, Ph.D. (Ohio State) – computer systems, storage and file systems, parallel and distributed systems

Support Faculty:

S. Cooper, Ph.D. (New Mexico State) – computer networks; E. Steiner, Ph.D. (Oklahoma State) – computer science education

Computer Science

Courses

C S 110. Computer Literacy
3 Credits
This course provides a broad introduction to computing, including computer and information technology concepts, economic and social implications of technology; database management, spreadsheet, word processing, and presentation applications.

C S 111. Computer Science Principles
4 Credits (3+2P)
This course provides a broad and exciting introduction to the field of computer science and the impact that computation has today on every aspect of life. It focuses on exploring computing as a creative activity and investigates the key foundations of computing: abstraction, data, algorithms, and programming. It looks into how connectivity and the Internet have revolutionized computing and demonstrates the global impact that computing has achieved, and it reveals how a new student in computer science might become part of the computing future.

Prerequisite(s): MATH 120 or higher.

C S 117. Introduction to Computer Animation
3 Credits
Introductory course for learning to program with computer animation as well as learning basic concepts in computer science. Students create interactive animation projects such as computer games and learn to use software packages for creating animations in small virtual worlds using 3D models. Recommended for students considering a minor/major in computer science or simply interested in beginning computer animation or programming.

C S 150. C Programming
3 Credits (2+2P)
Programming in the C language. May be repeated up to 3 credits.

Prerequisite(s): MATH 120 or higher.

C S 151. C++ Programming
3 Credits (2+2P)
Introduction to object-oriented programming in the C++ language. May be repeated up to 3 credits.

Prerequisite(s): MATH 120 or higher.

C S 152. Java Programming
3 Credits (2+2P)
Programming in the Java language. May be repeated up to 3 credits.

Prerequisite(s): MATH 120 or higher.
C S 153. Python Programming I  
3 Credits  
This course is an introduction to programming in the Python language, covering fundamental scripts, data types and variables, functions, and simple object creation and usage. The focus will be on preparing students to use Python in their own areas. No prior programming experience is required.  
Prerequisite(s): MATH 120 or higher.

C S 154. Python Programming II  
3 Credits  
This course covers advanced Python programming, including classes, objects, and inheritance, embedded programming in domain applications, database interaction, and advanced data and text processing. The focus will be on preparing students to use Python in their own areas.  
Prerequisite(s): C S 153 or C S 453.

C S 155. Internet Programming I  
3 Credits  
This course is an introduction to programming for the Web in PHP and Javascript, covering fundamental web scripting ideas, CSS, data types and variables, functions, simple object creation and usage. Javascript usage will focus on dynamic page content. No prior programming experience is required, though a basic understanding of HTML will be assumed.  
Prerequisite(s): MATH 120 and a basic understanding of HTML.

C S 156. Internet Programming II  
3 Credits  
This course covers advanced web scripting, including Javascript with AJAX, PHP integration with databases, object oriented features of PHP and Javascript, advanced CSS usage, and using web application frameworks.  
Prerequisite(s): C S 155 or C S 455.

C S 157. Topics in Software Programming and Applications  
3 Credits (2+2P)  
Current topics in computer programming and software applications. Topic announced in the Schedule of Classes. May be repeated if subtitle is different.

C S 158. R Programming I  
3 Credits  
This course is an introduction to data processing in the R language, covering fundamental script configuration, data types and data collections, R control structures, and basic creation of graphs and data visualizations. This course will not focus on the statistical capabilities of R, though some basic statistical computations will be used.  
Prerequisite(s): MATH 121G.

C S 159. R Programming II  
3 Credits  
This course covers advanced R programming, including advanced data collection processing, advanced data visualizations, object oriented features of R, and file processing. It is recommended that students have one statistics course before taking this course.  
Prerequisite(s): C S 158 or C S 458.

C S 171G. Introduction to Computer Science  
4 Credits (3+2P)  
Computers are now used widely in all area of modern life. This course provides understanding of the theoretical and practical foundations for how computers work, and provides practical application and programming experience in using computers to solve problems efficiently and effectively. The course covers broad aspects of the hardware, software, and mathematical basis of computers. Weekly labs stress using computers to investigate and report on data-intensive scientific problems. Practical experience in major software applications includes an introduction to programming, word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentations, and Internet applications.  
Prerequisite(s): MATH 210G or MATH 120 or higher.

C S 172. Computer Science I  
4 Credits (3+2P)  
Computational problem solving; problem analysis; implementation of algorithms. Recursive structures and algorithms. Crosslisted with: C S 460.  
Prerequisite(s): MATH 121G or higher; C S 111 or successful placement.

C S 209. Special Topics.  
1-3 Credits  
May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits.

C S 271. Object Oriented Programming  
4 Credits (3+2P)  
Introduction to problem analysis and problem solving in the object-oriented paradigm. Practical introduction to implementing solutions in the C++ language. Hands-on experience with useful development tools.  
Prerequisite(s): C- or better in C S 172 or E E 161.

C S 272. Introduction to Data Structures  
4 Credits (3+2P)  
Design, implementation, use of fundamental abstract data types and their algorithms: lists, stacks, queues, deques, trees; imperative and declarative programming. Internal sorting; time and space efficiency of algorithms.  
Prerequisite(s): At least a C- in C S 172, or placement.

C S 273. Machine Programming and Organization  
4 Credits (3+2P)  
Computer structure, instruction execution, addressing techniques; programming in machine and assembly languages.  
Prerequisite(s): At least a C- in C S 172 or E E 161.

C S 278. Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science  
4 Credits (3+2P)  
Discrete mathematics required for Computer Science, including the basics of logic, number theory, methods of proof, sequences, mathematical induction, set theory, counting, and functions. Crosslisted with: MATH 278.  
Prerequisite(s): At least C- in C S 172.

C S 343. Algorithm Design & Implementation  
3 Credits  
Prerequisite(s): At least a C- in C S 272, or consent of instructor.
C S 451. C++ Programming
3 Credits
Programming in the C language. More advanced than C S 151. Recommended for nonmajors only. May be repeated up to 3 credits.
Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing.

C S 452. Java Programming
3 Credits (2+2P)
Programming in the Java language. More advanced than C S 152. Recommended for nonmajors only. May be repeated up to 3 credits.
Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing.

C S 453. PYTHON PROGRAMMING I
3 Credits
This course is an introduction to programming in the Python language, covering fundamental scripts, data types and variables, functions, and simple object creation and usage. The focus will be on preparing students to use Python in their own areas. More advanced than C S 153.
Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing.

C S 454. Python Programming II
3 Credits
This course covers advanced Python programming, including classes, objects, and inheritance, embedded programming in domain applications, database interaction, and advanced data and text processing. The focus will be on preparing students to use Python in their own areas. For graduate students only. Has more advanced work than C S 154, and does not count towards CS major requirements.
Prerequisite(s): C S 150 or C S 453.

C S 455. Internet Programming I
3 Credits
This course is an introduction to programming for the Web in PHP and Javascript, covering fundamental web scripting ideas, CSS, data types and variables, functions, simple object creation and usage. Javascript usage will focus on dynamic page content. No prior programming experience is required, though a basic understanding of HTML will be assumed. For graduate students only. Has more advanced work than C S 155. Does not count towards CS major requirements.
Prerequisite(s): MATH 120 and a basic understanding of HTML.

C S 456. Internet Programming II
3 Credits
This course covers advanced web scripting, including Javascript with AJAX, PHP integration with databases, object oriented features of PHP and Javascript, advanced CSS usage, and using web application frameworks. For graduate students only. Has more advanced work than C S 156. Does not count towards CS major requirements.
Prerequisite(s): C S 155 or C S 455.

C S 457. Topics in Software Programming and Applications
3 Credits (2+2P)
Current topics in computer programming and software applications. Topic announced in the Schedule of Classes. More advanced than C S 157, recommended for non-majors only. May be repeated if subtitle is different.
Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing.
C S 458. R Programming I
3 Credits
This course is an introduction to data processing in the R language, covering fundamental script configuration, data types and data collections, R control structures, and basic creation of graphs and data visualizations. This course will not focus on the statistical capabilities of R, though some basic statistical computations will be used. For graduate students only. Has more advanced work than C S 158. Does not count towards CS major requirements.
Prerequisite(s): MATH 121G.

C S 459. R Programming II
3 Credits
This course covers advanced R programming, including advanced data collection processing, advanced data visualizations, object oriented features of R, and file processing. It is recommended that students have one statistics course before taking this course. For graduate students only. Has more advanced work than C S 159, and does not count towards CS major requirements.
Prerequisite(s): C S 158 or C S 458.

C S 460. Computer Science I Transition
3 Credits
Computational problem solving; problem analysis; implementation of algorithms. Recursive structures and algorithms. For C S graduate students only; cannot be used to meet a C S student’s program of study. Taught with C S 172. Consent of Instructor required. Crosslisted with: C S 172.

C S 462. Object Oriented Programming Transition
3 Credits
Introduction to problem analysis and problem solving in the object-oriented paradigm. Practical introduction to implementing solutions in the C++ language. Hands-on experience with useful development tools. Cannot be used in a C S student’s program of study. Consent of Instructor required.
Prerequisite(s): At least a C- in C S 172 or C S 460 or consent of instructor.

C S 463. Introduction to Data Structures Transition
3 Credits
Design, implementation, use of fundamental abstract data types and their algorithms: lists, stacks, queues, dequeues, trees; imperative and declarative programming. Internal sorting; time and space efficiency of algorithms. Cannot be used in a C S student’s program of study. Consent of Instructor required.
Prerequisite(s): At least a C- in C S 172 or C S 460 or consent of instructor.

C S 464. Machine Programming and Organization Transition
3 Credits
Computer structure, instruction execution, addressing techniques; programming in machine and assembly languages. Cannot be used in a C S student’s program of study. Consent of Instructor required.
Prerequisite(s): At least a C- in C S 172 or C S 460 or consent of instructor.

C S 465. Discrete Math for Computer Science Transition
3 Credits
Logical connectives, sets, functions, relations, graphics, trees, proofs, induction, and application to computer science. Cannot be used in a C S student’s program of study. Consent of Instructor required.
Prerequisite(s): At least a C- in C S 172 or C S 460 or consent of instructor.

C S 466. Compilers and Automata Transition
3 Credits
Methods, principles, and tools for programming language processor design; basics of formal language theory (finite automata, regular expressions, context-free grammars); development of compiler components. For C S graduate students only; cannot be used in a students program of study. Consent of instructor required.
Prerequisite(s): At least a C in C S 271 or C S 462, in C S 272 or C S 463, in C S 273 or C S 464, in C S 278 or C S 465, or consent of instructor.

C S 468. Software Development Transition
3 Credits
Software specification, design, testing, maintenance, documentation; informal proof methods; team implementation of a large project. Cannot be used in a C S student’s program of study. Consent of Instructor required.
Prerequisite(s): At least a C- in C S 271 or C S 462, in C S 272 or C S 463, or consent of instructor.

C S 469. Data Structure and Algorithms Transition
3 Credits
Prerequisite(s): At least a C- in C S 272 or C S 463, in C S 278 or C S 465, or consent of instructor.

C S 470. Computer Science II Transition
3 Credits
Software specification, design, testing, maintenance, documentation; informal proof methods; team implementation of a large project. Cannot be used in a C S student’s program of study. Consent of Instructor required. Restricted to: C S majors.
Prerequisite(s): At least a C in C S 272 or C S 463, in C S 278 or C S 465, or consent of instructor.

C S 471. Programming Language Structure I
3 Credits
Syntax, semantics, implementation, and application of programming languages; abstract data types; concurrency. Not for C S graduate students.
Prerequisite(s): C- or better in C S 370 and C S 371.

C S 472. Topics in Programming Languages
3 Credits
Advanced topics in programming languages. Not for C S graduate students.
Prerequisite(s): C S 370 and C S 371.

C S 473. Architectural Concepts I
3 Credits
Comparison of architectures to illustrate concepts of computer organization; relationships between architectural and software features. Not for C S graduate students.
Prerequisite(s): At least a C- in C S 273, C S 371, and C S 372.

C S 474. Operating Systems I
3 Credits
Operating system principles and structures, and interactions with architectures. Not for C S graduate students.
Prerequisite(s): At least a C- in C S 273, C S 371, and C S 372.

C S 475. Artificial Intelligence I
3 Credits
Fundamental principles and techniques in artificial intelligence systems. Intelligent Agents; solving problems by searching; local search techniques; game-playing agents; constraint satisfaction problems; knowledge representation and reasoning. Further selected topics may also be covered. Not for C S graduate students.
Prerequisite(s): At least a C- in C S 272 and C S 278.

C S 476. Computer Graphics I
3 Credits
Languages, programming, devices, and data structures for representation and interactive display of complex objects. Not for C S graduate students.
Prerequisite(s): At least C- in C S 370 or C S 371.
C S 477. Digital Game Design  
3 Credits  
An introductory to digital game design. Topics include design, develop, and playtest games. The course is structured to use team-based learning. Not for C S graduate students.  
**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** C S 371 or consent of instructor.

C S 478. Computer Security  
3 Credits  
Introduction to the art and science of computer security. Fundamentals of computer security including elementary cryptography, authentication and access control, security threats, attacks, detection and prevention in application software, operating systems, networks and databases.  
**Prerequisite(s):** At least a C- in C S 273 or consent of instructor.

C S 479. Special Topics  
1-6 Credits  
Topic announced in the Schedule of Classes. May be repeated if subtitle is different. Not for C S graduate students. May be repeated up to 6 credits.

C S 480. Linux System Administration  
3 Credits  
Basic system administration for Linux environments. Topics include user managements, file systems, security, backups, system monitoring, kernel configuration and other relevant aspects of system administration. Not for Computer Science graduate students.

C S 481. Visual Programming  
3 Credits  
Design and implementation of programs using visual (i.e. dataflow or diagrammatic) programming techniques, with an emphasis on real-time data processing. Students will learn how to design visual programs, including how to handle cycles and state maintenance, and will learn to process audio, video, and other data using visual programs. Not for C S graduate students.  
**Prerequisite(s):** C- or better in C S 272 and C S 278.

C S 482. Database Management Systems I  
3 Credits  
Database design and implementation; models of database management systems; privacy, security, protection, recovery. Not for C S graduate students.  
**Prerequisite(s):** At least a C- in C S 272 and C S 278.

C S 483. Introduction to Robotics  
3 Credits  
Basic AI-based robotic architecture and concepts, with an emphasis on building and programming mobile robots. Not for C S graduate students. Consent of Instructor required.  
**Prerequisite(s):** At least a C- in C S 272 and C S 273.

C S 484. Computer Networks I  
3 Credits  
Fundamental concepts of computer communication networks: layered network architecture, network components, protocol stack and service. Example of application, transport, network and data link layers, protocols primarily drawn from the Internet (TCP, UDP, and IP) protocol multimedia networks; network management and security. Not for C S graduate students. Consent of Instructor required.  
**Prerequisite(s):** At least a C- in C S 272 and CS 273.

C S 485. User Interface Design  
3 Credits  
Interface design, conceptual models formed by users, computer aided instruction, natural and query languages, graphical representations. Not for C S graduate students.  
**Prerequisite(s):** At least C- in C S 371.

C S 486. Bioinformatics  
3 Credits  
Introduction to bioinformatics and computational biology. Computational approaches to sequences analysis, protein structure prediction and analysis, and selected topics from current advances in bioinformatics. Not for C S graduate students.  
**Prerequisite(s):** At least a C- in C S 272 and C S 278.

C S 488. Introduction to Data Mining  
3 Credits  
Techniques for exploring large data sets and discovering patterns in them. Data mining concepts, metrics to measure its effectiveness. Methods in classification, clustering, frequent pattern analysis. Selected topics from current advances in data mining. Taught with C S 508.  
**Prerequisite(s):** At least a C- in C S 272 and C S 278.

C S 489. Bioinformatics Programming  
3 Credits  
Application of computer programming languages to address data processing and analysis problems in modern molecular biology. R/Perl/Python programming; Web API programming. Automatic manipulation of next generation sequence data, analysis of large gene expression tables, access to online biological databases, performing statistical analysis, and visualization of data and results. Taught with C S 509.  
**Prerequisite(s):** At least a C- in C S 272 and C S 278.

C S 491. Parallel Programming  
3 Credits  
Programming of shared memory and distributed memory machines; tools and languages for parallel programming; techniques for parallel programming; parallel programming environments. Not for C S graduate students.  
**Prerequisite(s):** C- or better in C S 370 or consent of instructor.

C S 493. Algorithm Design and Implementation  
3 Credits  
This course introduces the basic knowledge of designing classical algorithms and implementing these algorithms using a programming language. In particular, the course teaches various data structures, including graphs and balanced binary search trees, and efficient schemes to implement these data structures. This course also teaches basic algorithm design techniques including divide-and-conquer, greedy scheme, and dynamic programming. This course covers graph algorithms, including graph traversals (depth-first search and breadth-first search), connectivity, shortest paths, and minimum spanning trees. Restricted to: exclude C S majors.  
**Prerequisite(s):** At least a C- in C S 272, or Consent of Instructor.
C S 494. Introduction to Smart Grids  
3 Credits  
This course is an introduction to the technologies and design strategies associated with the Smart Grid. The emphasis will be on the development of communications, energy delivery, coordination mechanisms, and management tools to monitor transmission and distribution networks. Topics include: Smart grid introduction and evolution; Power systems; Networking and transport control; Artificial intelligence & agent coordination; Data mining for smart grids.  
Prerequisite(s): At least a C- in C S 272 and a C- in E E 201 or 280; or Consent of instructor.

C S 502. Database Management Systems I  
3 Credits  
Database design and implementation; models of database management systems; privacy, security, protection, recovery; requires more advanced graduate work than C S 482. Students are expected to have solid knowledge of data structures and discrete mathematics.

C S 503. Introduction to Robotics  
3 Credits  
Basic AI-based robotic architectures and concepts, with an emphasis on building and programming mobile robots; requires more advanced graduate work than C S 483. Students are expected to have solid knowledge of data structures and machine-level programming.

C S 504. Computer Networks I  
3 Credits  
Fundamental concepts of computer communication networks: layered network architecture, network components, protocol stack and service. Example of application, transport, network and data link layers, protocols primarily drawn from the Internet (TCP, UDP, and IP) protocol suite, local and wide area networks, wireless and mobile networks, multimedia networks; network management and security; requires more advanced graduate work than C S 484. Students are expected to have solid knowledge of data structures, machine-level programming. Knowledge of statistics (at the level of STAT 371 or 470) is recommended.

C S 505. Artificial Intelligence I  
3 Credits  
Fundamental principles and techniques in artificial intelligence systems. Knowledge representation formalisms; heuristic problem solving techniques; automated logical deduction; robot planning methods; algorithmic techniques for natural language understanding, vision and learning; requires more advanced graduate work than C S 475. Students are expected to have strong knowledge of algorithms and data structures (at the level of C S 372).

C S 506. Computer Graphics I  
3 Credits  
Languages, programming, devices, and data structures for representation and interactive display of complex objects. Requires more advanced graduate work than C S 476. Students are expected to have knowledge of compilers design and software engineering equivalent to CS 370 and CS 371.

C S 508. Introduction to Data Mining  
3 Credits  
Techniques for exploring large data sets and discovering patterns in them. Data mining concepts, metrics to measure its effectiveness. Methods in classification, clustering, frequent pattern analysis. Selected topics from current advances in data mining. Students are expected to have a preparation in Discrete Mathematics and Data Structures equivalent to C S 272 and C S 278. Requires more advanced graduate work than C S 488. Crosslisted with: C S 488.

C S 509. Bioinformatics Programming  
3 Credits  
Application of computer programming languages to address data processing and analysis problems in modern molecular biology. R/Perl/Python programming; Web API programming. Automatic manipulation of next generation sequence data, analysis of large gene expression tables, access to online biological databases, performing statistical analysis, and visualization of data and results. Requires a preparation in discrete mathematics and data structures equivalent to C S 272 and C S 278. Taught with C S 489.

C S 510. Automata, Languages, Computability  
3 Credits  
Regular and context-free languages, pushdown and finite-slate automata, turing machines, models of computation, halting problems. Students are expected to have knowledge of compilers design and algorithms equivalent to C S 370 and C S 372.

C S 511. Logic and Constraint Logic Programming  
3 Credits  
Declarative programming techniques; foundations of logic programming; programming in Prolog; constraint logic programming; application of logic and constraint programming; requires more advanced graduate work than C S 472. Students are expected to have knowledge of data structures and discrete mathematics equivalent to C S 272 and C S 278.

C S 512. Computer Systems Modeling and Simulation  
3 Credits  
Basic concepts of modeling computer systems: continuous and discrete time models, states and transition, probabilistic models. Structures of simulation programs, time driven and event driven simulation, simulation on captured and synthetic traces, generation of random variables, queuing models, Markov chains, random walks, Poisson, Markov, renewal branching and Brownian motion processes, model validation and data analysis; requires more advanced graduate work than C S 492. Students are expected to have knowledge of algorithms and data structures equivalent to C S 372.

C S 513. Computer Security  
3 Credits  
Introduction to the art and science of computer security. Fundamentals of computer security including elementary cryptography, authentication and access control, security threats, attacks, detection and prevention in application software, operating systems, networks and databases.  
Prerequisite(s): At least a C in C S 273 or consent of instructor.

C S 514. Introduction to Smart Grids  
3 Credits  
This course is an introduction to the technologies and design strategies associated with the Smart Grid. The emphasis will be on the development of communications, energy delivery, coordination mechanisms, and management tools to monitor transmission and distribution networks. Topics include: Smart grid introduction and evolution; Power systems; Networking and transport control; Artificial intelligence & agent coordination; Data mining for smart grids. Requires more advanced work than C S 494.  
Prerequisite(s): At least a C- in C S 272 and a C- in E E 201 or 280; or Consent of instructor.
**C S 515. User Interface Design**
3 Credits
Interface design, conceptual models formed by users, computer-aided instruction, natural and query languages, graphical representations; requires more advanced graduate work than C S 481. Students are expected to have knowledge of software engineering equivalent to C S 371.

**C S 516. Bioinformatics**
3 Credits
Introduction to bioinformatics and computational biology. Computational approaches to sequences analysis, protein structure prediction and analysis, and selected topics from current advances in bioinformatics; requires more advanced graduate work than C S 486. Students are expected to have a knowledge of algorithms and data structures equivalent to C S 372 or exposure to Biology (equivalent to BIOL 221 or BIOL 311).

**C S 517. Digital Game Design**
3 Credits
An introductory to digital game design. Topics include design, develop, and playtest games. The course is structured to use team-based learning.

**C S 518. Visual Programming**
3 Credits
Design and implementation of languages using visual but nontextual means to specify programs. Required more advanced work than C S 481. **Prerequisite(s):** at least a C in C S 272 and C S 278.

**C S 521. Parallel Programming**
3 Credits
Programming of shared memory and distributed memory machines; tools and languages for parallel programming; parallelizing compilers; parallel programming environments; requires more advanced graduate work than C S 491. Students are expected to have knowledge of programming and machine organization equivalent to C S 271 and C S 273.

**C S 560. Graph Theory**
3 Credits
Graph theoretic models in all areas of computer science including computer architectures, computation geometry, fault tolerance, databases. Includes connectivity, colorability, factorization, topological embeddings in surfaces, reconstruction, groups and matrices associated with graphs. **Prerequisite:** consent of instructor.

**C S 570. Analysis of Algorithms**
3 Credits
Techniques for design and analysis of algorithms; time and space complexity; proving correctness of programs. Particular algorithms such as sorting, searching, dynamic programming. NP complete problems. Students are expected to have knowledge of algorithms and data structures equivalent to C S 372.

**C S 571. Programming Language Structure II**
3 Credits
Formal semantics of programming languages. Students are expected to have knowledge of algorithms and data structures equivalent to C S 372, and knowledge of principles of programming languages equivalent to C S 471.

**C S 572. Advanced Algorithms**
3 Credits
Design, analysis, and use of important algorithms and data structures. **Prerequisite:** C S 570 or consent of instructor.

**C S 573. Architectural Concepts II**
3 Credits
Advanced topics related to computer architecture, guided by the current literature. Students are expected to have knowledge of computer architectures equivalent to C S 473 and of operating systems equivalent to C S 474. Crosslisted with: E E564.

**C S 574. Operating Systems II**
3 Credits
Advanced topics related to operating system principles, guided by the current literature. Students are expected to have knowledge of computer architectures and operating systems equivalent to C S 473 and C S 474.

**C S 575. Artificial Intelligence II**
3 Credits
Covers advanced theory and application of artificial intelligence. Concentration on several specific research areas, such as knowledge representation, problem solving, common-sense reasoning, natural language understanding, automated tutoring systems, learning systems. Students are expected to have knowledge of artificial intelligence equivalent to C S 475.

**C S 579. Special Topics**
1-6 Credits
Topic announced in the Schedule of Classes.

**C S 581. Advanced Software Engineering**
3 Credits
Advanced tools and methods for developing large software systems. Topics include object-oriented modeling and design, component architectures, templates and generic programming, software configuration and revision control, static and dynamic analysis tools, model, checking, advanced testing, and verification. Students are expected to have knowledge of software engineering equivalent to C S 371.

**C S 582. Database Management Systems II**
3 Credits
Advanced data models and abstractions, dependencies, implementations, languages, database machines, and other advanced topics. Students are expected to have knowledge of data base management systems equivalent to CS 482.

**C S 584. Computer Networks II**
3 Credits
Advanced topics in computer networks. Covers advanced topics in networking, with emphasis on wireless, and IP networks. Students are expected to have knowledge of computer networks equivalent to C S 484, and of statistics equivalent to STAT 371 or STAT 470.

**C S 586. Algorithms in Systems Biology**
3 Credits
The course will introduce important algorithms and computational models used in systems biology to study molecular mechanisms for cellular dynamics, processes, and systems. Cellular processes, such as metabolism and signal transduction, are studied as systems and networks quantitatively from high throughput molecular measurements. The topics include molecular biological systems, network alignment, model simulation, network inference, model optimization, and hybrid models. Students will be able to construct models and analyze their properties in the context of molecular biological systems. Students are expected to have knowledge of algorithms and data structures equivalent to C S 372.
C S 589. Special Research Problems
1-6 Credits
Faculty-supervised investigation, to culminate in a written report. May be repeated; maximum of 6 credits may be applied toward M.S. degree. Restricted to majors.
Prerequisite: written agreement with faculty supervisor.

C S 598. Master's Project
1-6 Credits
Project-oriented capstone course to be completed by M.S. students under supervision of their advisor. Maximum of 6 credits may be applied toward M.S. degree. Restricted to C S majors.
Prerequisite: written agreement with instructor.

C S 599. Master's Thesis
1-6 Credits (1-6)
Thesis to be developed by M.S. Students under supervision of their advisor. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Restricted to majors.
Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

C S 600. Pre-dissertation Research
1-15 Credits
Pre-dissertation research.

C S 700. Doctoral Dissertation
15 Credits
Dissertation.

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