

MAJOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE WITH A TRACK IN COMPUTER SECURITY

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Code	Title	Units
Required Computer Science Courses		
COSC 236	INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SCIENCE I	4
COSC 237	INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SCIENCE II	4
COSC 290	PRINCIPLES OF COMPUTER ORGANIZATION	4
COSC 336	DATA STRUCTURES AND ALGORITHM ANALYSIS	4
COSC 350	DATA COMMUNICATIONS AND NETWORKING	3
COSC 412	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING	3
COSC 439	OPERATING SYSTEMS	3
COSC 455	PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES: DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION	3
COSC 457	DATABASE MNGT SYS	3
Required Math Courses		
MATH 263	DISCRETE MATHEMATICS	3
or MATH 267	INTRODUCTION TO ABSTRACT MATHEMATICS	
MATH 273	CALCULUS I	4
MATH 274	CALCULUS II	4
MATH 314	INTRODUCTION TO CRYPTOGRAPHY	3
MATH 330	INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICAL METHODS	4
Required Security Track Courses		
COSC 310	SPECIAL TOPICS: ADVANCED PROGRAMMING	3
COSC 440	OPERATING SYSTEMS SECURITY	3
COSC 450	NETWORK SECURITY	3
COSC 458	APPLICATION SOFTWARE SECURITY	3
COSC 481	CASE STUDIES IN COMPUTER SECURITY	3
COSC 485	REVERSE ENGINEERING AND MALWARE ANALYSIS	3
Science Requirement		
Two lab science courses taken from physics, biology or chemistry, which must be accepted in that major. A list of approved courses can be found on the department's website.		8
Elective Math/Science Courses		
Select either one 4-unit or two 3-unit math courses (from the following), or one math course and one science course accepted in that major, for a minimum of 4 units.		4-6
MATH 265	ELEMENTARY LINEAR ALGEBRA	4
MATH 275	CALCULUS III	4
MATH 374	DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS	3
MATH 377	MATHEMATICAL MODELS	3
MATH 378	SCIENTIFIC MODELING AND SIMULATION	3
MATH 435	NUMERICAL ANALYSIS I	3

MATH 437	OPERATIONS RESEARCH	3
MATH 451	GRAPH THEORY	3
MATH 467	ALGEBRAIC STRUCTURES	3

Core Curriculum Requirements

Must be completed with a grade equivalent of 2.00 or higher.

COMM 131	FUNDAMENTALS OF SPEECH COMMUNICATION (Core 5)	3
COSC 418	ETHICAL AND SOCIETAL CONCERNS OF COMPUTER SCIENTISTS (Core 14)	3

Total Units 85-87

Suggested Four-Year Plan

Freshman

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
COSC 236	4	COSC 237	4
MATH 273 (Core 3)	4	MATH 274	4
COMM 131	3	Lab-Science (from approved list)	4
Core	3	Core	3
14		15	

Sophomore

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
COSC 336	4	COSC 290	4
MATH 263	3	MATH 330	4
Lab-Science (from approved list)	4	COSC 412	3
Core	3	Core	3
14		17	

Junior

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
COSC 310	3	COSC 439	3
COSC 350	3	COSC 455	3
MATH 314	3	COSC 457	3
ENGL 317	3	COSC 418	3
Core 9	3	Core or Elective	3
15		15	

Senior

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
COSC 440	3	COSC 481	3
COSC 450	3	COSC 485	3
COSC 458	3	Science/Math Elective (from approved list)	3
Core or Elective	3	Core or Elective	3
Core or Elective	3	Core or Elective	3
15		15	

Total Units 120

1. Use their proficiency in theoretical and applied computing principles and practices to solve a variety of problems.
2. Explain the theoretical and applied principles that underlie computer science.

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3. Understand the ethical and societal concerns and dilemmas facing computer scientists, and formulate appropriate solutions and courses of action.
4. Work effectively in teams and communicate effectively.