COMPUTER SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

College of Engineering

The Major Program

The Department of Computer Science administers two majors: Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) and Computer Science (CS). It also administers two minors: Computer Science (https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/departments-programs-degrees/computer-science-engineering/computer-science-minor/) and Computational Biology (https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/departments-programs-degrees/computer-science-engineering/computational-biology-minor/). For information on the Computer Science & Engineering curriculum and the minor in Computational Biology, see Computer Science Engineering (https://www.ucdavis.edu/majors/computer-science-and-engineering/).

The primary differences between the CSE and CS majors are the extent of hardware coverage and curricular flexibility. The CSE major develops a solid understanding of the entire machine, including hands-on experience with its hardware components. The CS major teaches some hardware, at the digital-design level, on simulators. The CSE major has fewer free electives. The CS major's more generous electives make it easier to complete a minor or double major.

Students in the CS major receive a solid grounding in the fundamentals of computer languages, operating systems, computer architecture, and the mathematical abstractions underpinning computer science. Students are prepared for both industry and postgraduate study.

Major Advisors

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For information on how to speak to an advisor, see CS Undergraduate Advising (https://cs.ucdavis.edu/advising/).

Graduate Study

See Graduate Studies (http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/).

Before declaring a major in Computer Science, students must complete specific course requirements and meet GPA minimums. Visit the CS Advising webpage (https://cs.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate/changing-majors-double-majors/) for a full list of requirements to declare the major.

The major requirements below are in addition to meeting University Degree Requirements (https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate-education/university-degree-requirements/) & College Degree Requirements (https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate-education/college-degree-requirements/); unless otherwise noted. The minimum number of units required for the Computer Science Bachelor of Science is 104.

Code	Title	Units
Preparatory Subject Matter		
Mathematics		
MAT 021A	Calculus	4
MAT 021B	Calculus	4
MAT 021C	Calculus	4
Choose one:		3-4
MAT 022A	Linear Algebra	
MAT/BIS 027A	Linear Algebra with Applications to Biology	
MAT 067	Modern Linear Algebra	
Computer Science Engineering		*20*
ECS 020	Discrete Mathematics For Computer Science	
ECS 036A	Programming & Problem Solving	
ECS 036B	Software Development & Object-Oriented Programming in C++	
ECS 036C	Data Structures, Algorithms, & Programming	
ECS 050	Computer Organization & Machine-Dependent Programming	
Choose three:		15
BIS 002A	Introduction to Biology: Essentials of Life on Earth	
BIS 002B	Introduction to Biology: Principles of Ecology & Evolution	
BIS 002C	Introduction to Biology: Biodiversity & the Tree of Life	
CHE 002A	General Chemistry	
CHE 002B	General Chemistry	
CHE 002C	General Chemistry	
CHE 004A	General Chemistry for the Physical Sciences & Engineering	
CHE 004B	General Chemistry for the Physical Sciences & Engineering	
CHE 004C	General Chemistry for the Physical Sciences & Engineering	
PHY 009A	Classical Physics	
PHY 009B	Classical Physics	
PHY 009C	Classical Physics	
Preparatory Subject Matter Subtotal		50-51
Depth Subject Matter		
Computer Science Engineering		
ECS 122A	Algorithm Design & Analysis	4
ECS 120	Theory of Computation	4
or ECS 122B	Algorithm Design & Analysis	
ECS 140A	Programming Languages	4
ECS 150	Operating Systems & System Programming	4
ECS 154A	Computer Architecture	4
Choose one:		4
ECS 132	Probability & Statistical Modeling for Computer Science	
MAT 135A	Probability	
STA 131A	Introduction to Probability Theory	
Computer Science Electives		
Choose a minimum of seven courses, including at least one Mathematics (MAT) or Statistics (STA) course. A minimum of four electives must be (ECS) courses:[1]		26-31
No course can count as both a required course and a Computer Science elective.		
Upper Division Composition Requirement		
Choose one of the following:		4

UWP 101	Advanced Composition
or UWP 101V	Advanced Composition
or UWP 101Y	Advanced Composition
UWP 102A	Writing in the Disciplines: Special Topics
UWP 102B	Writing in the Disciplines: Biology
UWP 102C	Writing in the Disciplines: History
UWP 102D	Writing in the Disciplines: International Relations
UWP 102E	Writing in the Disciplines: Engineering
UWP 102F	Writing in the Disciplines: Food Science & Technology
UWP 102G	Writing in the Disciplines: Environmental Writing
UWP 102H	Writing in the Disciplines: Human Development & Psychology
UWP 102I	Writing in the Disciplines: Ethnic Studies
UWP 102J	Writing in the Disciplines: Fine Arts
UWP 102K	Writing in the Disciplines: Sociology
UWP 102L	Writing in the Disciplines: Film Studies
UWP 102M	Writing in the Disciplines: Community & Regional Development
UWP 102N	Writing in the Disciplines: Anthropology
UWP 104A	Writing in the Professions: Business Writing
or UWP 104AV	Writing in the Professions: Business Writing
or UWP 104AY	Writing in the Professions: Business Writing
UWP 104B	Writing in the Professions: Law
UWP 104C	Writing in the Professions: Journalism
UWP 104D	Writing in the Professions: Elementary & Secondary Education
UWP 104E	Writing in the Professions: Science
UWP 104F	Writing in the Professions: Health
or UWP 104FV	Writing in the Professions: Health
or UWP 104FY	Writing in the Professions: Health
UWP 104I	Writing in the Professions: Internships
UWP 104J	Writing in the Professions: Writing for Social Justice
UWP 104T	Writing in the Professions: Technical Writing
Passing the Upper Division Composition Exam.	
Depth Subject Matter Subtotal	**54-59**
Total Units	**104-110**

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Chosen from ECS courses numbered 120 to 189 inclusive; ECS 193A-ECS 193B (counts as one); one approved 3–5 unit course from ECS 192 or ECS 199; ECN 122; EEC 100, EEC 171, EEC 172; LIN 127, LIN 177; STA 131A, STA 131B, STA 141B, STA 141C, STS 115; PSC 120; MAT courses numbered 100 to 189, excluding MAT 111.