COMPUTER SCIENCE (COMP)

Additional Resources

- Catalog Course Search (https://catalog.unc.edu/course-search/)
- Course Numbering Guide (https://catalog.unc.edu/courses/course-numbering/)
- Scheduled Classes (https://reports.unc.edu/class-search/)
- Historical Course Record (https://reports.unc.edu/historical_course_record/)

Courses

COMP 50. **First-Year Seminar: Everyday Computing. 3 Credits.**
The goal of this first-year seminar is to understand the use of computing technology in our daily activities. In this course, we will study various examples of how computing solves problems in different aspects in our daily life. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FY-SEMINAR.
Making Connections Gen Ed: QL.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 60. **First-Year Seminar: Robotics with LEGO®. 3 Credits.**
This seminar explores the process of design and the nature of computers by designing, building, and programming LEGO robots. Competitions to evaluate various robots are generally held at the middle and at the end of the semester. Previous programming experience is not required. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FY-SEMINAR.
Making Connections Gen Ed: QL.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 65. **First-Year Seminar: Folding, from Paper to Proteins. 3 Credits.**
Explore the art of origami, the science of protein, and the mathematics of robotics through lectures, discussions, and projects involving artistic folding, mathematical puzzles, scientific exploration, and research. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FY-SEMINAR.
Making Connections Gen Ed: QL.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 80. **First-Year Seminar: Enabling Technology--Computers Helping People. 3 Credits.**
Service-learning course exploring issues around computers and people with disabilities. Students work with users and experts to develop ideas and content for new technologies. No previous computer experience required. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FY-SEMINAR, HI-SERVICE.
Making Connections Gen Ed: EE: Service Learning, US.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 85. **First-Year Seminar: The Business of Games. 3 Credits.**
This seminar will study the concepts associated with video gaming by having small teams design a game, build a prototype, and put together a business proposal for the game. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FY-SEMINAR.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 89. **First-Year Seminar: Special Topics. 3 Credits.**
Special topics course. Content will vary each semester. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FY-SEMINAR.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 101. **Fluency in Information Technology. 3 Credits.**
The nature of computers, their capabilities, and limitations. How computers work, popular applications, problem-solving skills, algorithms and programming. Lectures and laboratory assignments. Students may not receive credit for this course after receiving credit for COMP 110 or higher.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: QR.
Requisites: Prerequisite, MATH 110 with a grade of C or better or MATH 130.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 110. **Introduction to Programming and Data Science. 3 Credits.**
Introduces students to programming and data science from a computational perspective. With an emphasis on modern applications in society, students gain experience with problem decomposition, algorithms for data analysis, abstraction design, and ethics in computing. No prior programming experience expected. Foundational concepts include data types, sequences, boolean logic, control flow, functions/methods, recursion, classes/objects, input/output, data organization, transformations, and visualizations. Students may not enroll in COMP 110 after receiving credit for COMP 210. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-QUANT.
Making Connections Gen Ed: QR.
Requisites: Prerequisite, A C or better in one of the following courses: MATH 130, 152, 210, 231, 129P, or PHIL 155, or STOR 120, 151, 155.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 116. **Introduction to Scientific Programming. 3 Credits.**
An introduction to programming for computationally oriented scientists. Fundamental programming skills, typically using MATLAB or Python. Problem analysis and algorithm design with examples drawn from simple numerical and discrete problems.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: QR.
Requisites: Prerequisite, A grade of C or better in one of the following courses: MATH 130, 152, 210, 231, 129P, or PHIL 155, or STOR 120, 151, 155.
Grading Status: Letter grade.
COMP 126. Practical Web Design and Development for Everyone. 3 Credits.
A ground-up introduction to current principles, standards, and best practice in website design, usability, accessibility, development, and management through project-based skills development in HTML5, CSS, and basic JavaScript. Intended for nonmajors.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 283. Discrete Structures. 3 Credits.
This course will teach you how to organize the data used in computer programs so that manipulation of that data can be done efficiently on large problems and large data instances. Rather than learning to use the data structures found in the libraries of programming languages, you will be learning how those libraries are constructed, and why the items that are included in them are there (and why some are excluded).

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 110 and MATH 231; a grade of C or better is required in both prerequisite courses; Pre- or corequisite, COMP 283 or MATH 381 or STOR 315.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 180. Enabling Technologies. 3 Credits.
We will investigate ways computer technology can be used to mitigate the effects of disabilities and the sometimes surprising response of those we intended to help. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 185. Serious Games. 3 Credits.
Concepts of computer game development and their application beyond entertainment to fields such as education, health, and business. Course includes team development of a game. Excludes COMP majors. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements
Making Connections Gen Ed: HI-SERVICE.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 290. Special Topics in Computer Science. 1 Credits.
Non-technical topics in computer science for computer science majors. May not be used to satisfy any degree requirements for a computer science major. This course has variable content and may be taken multiple times for credit.

Rules & Requirements
Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit. 4 total credits. 4 total completions.
Grading Status: Letter grade.
COMP 293. Internship in Computer Science. 3 Credits.
Computer science majors only. A signed learning contract is required before a student may register. Work experience in non-elementary computer science. Permission of instructor and director of undergraduate studies required.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAS in Action Gen Ed: HI-INTERN.


Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 231 or 241; COMP 210, COMP 211, and COMP 301; a grade of C or better is required in COMP 210, 211, and 301.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 301. Foundations of Programming. 3 Credits.
Students will learn how to reason about how their code is structured, identify whether a given structure is effective in a given context, and look at ways of organizing units of code that support larger programs. In a nutshell, the primary goal of the course is to equip students with tools and techniques that will help them not only in later courses in the major but also in their careers afterwards.

Rules & Requirements

Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 210; COMP 283 or MATH 381 or STOR 315; a grade of C or better is required in both prerequisite courses.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 311. Computer Organization. 3 Credits.
Introduction to computer organization and design. Students will be introduced to the conceptual design of a basic microprocessor, along with assembly programming. The course includes fundamental concepts such as binary numbers, binary arithmetic, and representing information as well as instructions. Students learn to program in assembly (i.e., machine) language. The course covers the fundamentals of computer hardware design, transistors and logic gates, progressing through basic combinational and sequential components, culminating in the conceptual design CPU.

Rules & Requirements

Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 211; a grade of C or better is required.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 325. How to Build a Software Startup. 3 Credits.
Explores real-world skills for successfully developing and launching a software startup in an entrepreneurial learning environment. Customer outreach and feedback, market analysis, business model development, agile product development, with mentors from the entrepreneurship community.

Rules & Requirements


Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 380. Technology, Ethics, & Culture. 3 Credits.
This discussion-based, participatory course explores the personal, sociocultural, and ethical effects and implications of the development and use of computing technologies and the Internet. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAS in Action Gen Ed: FC-VALUES.

Making Connections Gen Ed: PH.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 388. Advanced Cyberculture Studies. 3 Credits.
Explores Internet history and cyberphilosophy; online identity construction, community, communication, creativity; bodies/cyborgs; intelligence and AI. Students perform independent research into and analyze virtual worlds, social media, anonymous bulletin boards, mobile media, and more, and create digital art and literature. Seminar-style; students collaborate on designing and leading class.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: PH.

Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 380; a grade of C or better is required; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 390. Computer Science Elective Topics. 3 Credits.
Elective topics in computer science for computer science majors. May not be used to satisfy any degree requirements for a computer science major. This course has variable content and may be taken multiple times for credit.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 12 total credits. 4 total completions.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 393. Software Engineering Practicum. 1-3 Credits.
Students develop a software program for a real client under the supervision of a faculty member. Projects may be proposed by the student but must have real users. Course is intended for students desiring practical experiences in software engineering but lacking the experience required for external opportunities. Majors only.

Rules & Requirements


Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 211 and 301, or COMP 401, 410, and 411; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.

Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 6 total completions.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 401. Foundation of Programming. 4 Credits.
Required preparation, a first formal course in computer programming (e.g., COMP 110, COMP 116). Advanced programming: object-oriented design, classes, interfaces, packages, inheritance, delegation, observers, MVC (model view controller), exceptions, assertions. Students may not receive credit for this course after receiving credit for COMP 301. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: QR.

Requisites: Prerequisite, MATH 231 or MATH 241; a grade of C or better is required.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 410. Data Structures. 3 Credits.
The analysis of data structures and their associated algorithms. Abstract data types, lists, stacks, queues, trees, and graphs. Sorting, searching, hashing. Students may not receive credit for this course after receiving credit for COMP 210.

Rules & Requirements

Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 231 or 241, and COMP 401; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.

Grading Status: Letter grade.
COMP 411. Computer Organization. 4 Credits.
Digital logic, circuit components. Data representation, computer architecture and implementation, assembly language programming. Students may not receive credit for this course after receiving credit for COMP 311.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, MATH 231 or 241, and COMP 401; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 421. Files and Databases. 3 Credits.
Placement of data on secondary storage. File organization. Database history, practice, major models, system structure and design. Previously offered as COMP 521.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 210, 211, and 301; or COMP 401, 410, and 411; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 426. Modern Web Programming. 3 Credits.
Developing applications for the World Wide Web including both client-side and server-side programming. Emphasis on Model-View-Controller architecture, AJAX, RESTful Web services, and database interaction.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 211 and 301; or COMP 401 and 410; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 431. Internet Services and Protocols. 3 Credits.
Application-level protocols HTTP, SMTP, FTP; transport protocols TCP and UDP; and the network-level protocol IP. Internet architecture, naming, addressing, routing, and DNS. Sockets programming. Physical-layer technologies. Ethernet, ATM, and wireless.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 210, 211, and 301; or COMP 401, 410, and 411; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 433. Mobile Computing Systems. 3 Credits.
Principles of mobile applications, mobile OS, mobile networks, and embedded sensor systems. Coursework includes programming assignments, reading from recent research literature, and a semester long project on a mobile computing platform (e.g., Android, Arduino, iOS, etc.).

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 210, 211, and 301; or COMP 401, 410, and 411; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 435. Computer Security Concepts. 3 Credits.
Introduction to topics in computer security including confidentiality, integrity, availability, authentication policies, basic cryptography and cryptographic protocols, ethics, and privacy. A student may not receive credit for this course after receiving credit for COMP 535.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 210, 211, and 301; or COMP 401, 410, and 411; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 447. Quantum Computing. 3 Credits.
Recommended preparation, some knowledge of basic linear algebra. An introduction to quantum computing. Basic math and quantum mechanics necessary to understand the operation of quantum bits. Quantum gates, circuits, and algorithms, including Shor’s algorithm for factoring and Grover’s search algorithm. Entanglement and error correction. Quantum encryption, annealing, and simulation. Brief discussion of technologies.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 232, and PHYS 116 or 118.
Grading Status: Letter grade.
Same as: PHYS 447.

COMP 455. Models of Languages and Computation. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the theory of computation. Finite automata, regular languages, pushdown automata, context-free languages, and Turing machines. Undecidable problems.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 210 or 410 and COMP 283 or MATH 381 or STOR 315; a grade of C or better in all prerequisite courses is required.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 475. 2D Computer Graphics. 3 Credits.
Fundamentals of modern software 2D graphics; geometric primitives, scan conversion, clipping, transformations, compositing, texture sampling. Advanced topics may include gradients, antialiasing, filtering, parametric curves, and geometric stroking.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 210, 211, and 301; or COMP 401, 410, and 411; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 486. Applications of Natural Language Processing. 3 Credits.
Natural language processing (NLP) uses mathematics, machine learning, linguistics, and computer science to make language computationally accessible and analyzable. In this course, you will learn to do essential NLP tasks using Python and survey a selection of NLP applications to describe the problems or tasks each addresses, the materials and methods used, and how the applications are evaluated. At least a semester of Python or equivalent practical experience is highly recommended.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.
Same as: INLS 512.

COMP 487. Information Retrieval. 3 Credits.
Study of information retrieval and question answering techniques, including document classification, retrieval and evaluation techniques, handling of large data collections, and the use of feedback.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.
Same as: INLS 509.
COMP 488. Data Science in the Business World. 3 Credits.
Business and Computer Science students join forces in this course to create data-driven business insights. We transgress the data science pipeline using cloud computing, artificial intelligence, and real-world datasets. Students acquire hands-on skills in acquiring data, wrangling vast unstructured data, building advanced models, and telling compelling stories with data that managers can understand.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.
Same as: BUSI 488.

COMP 495. Mentored Research in Computer Science. 3 Credits.
Independent research conducted under the direct mentorship of a computer science faculty member. If repeated, the repeated course can not be counted for the major. For computer science majors only. Permission of instructor required.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 496. Independent Study in Computer Science. 3 Credits.
Permission of the department. Computer science majors only. For advanced majors in computer science who wish to conduct an independent study or research project with a faculty supervisor. May be taken repeatedly for up to a total of six credit hours.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 520. Compilers. 3 Credits.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 301 and 311; or COMP 401, 410, and 411; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 523. Software Engineering Laboratory. 4 Credits.
Organization and scheduling of software engineering projects, structured programming, and design. Each team designs, codes, and debugs program components and synthesizes them into a tested, documented program product.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 524. Programming Language Concepts. 3 Credits.
Concepts of high-level programming and their realization in specific languages. Data types, scope, control structures, procedural abstraction, classes, concurrency. Run-time implementation.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 301 or COMP 401; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 530. Operating Systems. 3 Credits.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 301 and 311; or COMP 401, 410, and 411; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 533. Distributed Systems. 3 Credits.
Distributed systems and their goals; resource naming, synchronization of distributed processes; consistency and replication; fault tolerance; security and trust; distributed object-based systems; distributed file systems; distributed Web-based systems; and peer-to-peer systems.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 301; a grade of C or better is required.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 535. Introduction to Computer Security. 3 Credits.
Principles of securing the creation, storage, and transmission of data and ensuring its integrity, confidentiality and availability. Topics include access control, cryptography and cryptographic protocols, network security, and online privacy.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 301 and 311; or COMP 401, 410, and 411; as well as COMP 550, and COMP 283 or MATH 381 or STOR 315; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisites.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 537. Cryptography. 3 Credits.
Introduces both the applied and theoretical sides of cryptography. Main focus will be on the inner workings of cryptographic primitives and how to use them correctly. Begins with standard cryptographic tools such as symmetric and public-key encryption, message authentication, key exchange, and digital signatures before moving on to more advanced topics. Potential advanced topics include elliptic curves, post-quantum cryptography, and zero-knowledge proofs. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 211 and COMP 301; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 541. Digital Logic and Computer Design. 4 Credits.
This course is an introduction to digital logic as well as the structure and electronic design of modern processors. Students will implement a working computer during the laboratory sessions.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 301 and 311; or COMP 401, 410, and 411; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.
COMP 545. Programming Intelligent Physical Systems. 3 Credits.
Introduction to programming embedded control systems that lie at the heart of robots, drones, and autonomous vehicles. Topics will include modeling physical systems, designing feedback controllers, timing analysis of embedded systems and software, software implementations of controllers on distributed embedded platforms and their verification. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 301 and COMP 311; or COMP 411; a C or better is required in all pre-requisites.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 550. Algorithms and Analysis. 3 Credits.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-QUANT.
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 211 and 301; or COMP 410; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 555. Bioalgorithms. 3 Credits.
Bioinformatics algorithms. Topics include DNA restriction mapping, finding regulatory motifs, genome rearrangements, sequence alignments, gene prediction, graph algorithms, DNA sequencing, protein sequencing, combinatorial pattern matching, approximate pattern matching, clustering and evolution, tree construction, Hidden Markov Models, randomized algorithms.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 210, and 211; or COMP 401, and 410; and MATH 231, or 241; or BIOL 452; or MATH 553; or BIOL 525; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.
Same as: BCB 555.

COMP 560. Artificial Intelligence. 3 Credits.
Introduction to techniques and applications of modern artificial intelligence. Combinatorial search, probabilistic models and reasoning, and applications to natural language understanding, robotics, and computer vision.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 211 and 301; or COMP 401 and 410; as well as MATH 231; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 562. Introduction to Machine Learning. 3 Credits.
Machine learning as applied to speech recognition, tracking, collaborative filtering, and recommendation systems. Classification, regression, support vector machines, hidden Markov models, principal component analysis, and deep learning. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 211 and 301; or COMP 401 and 410; as well as MATH 233, 347, and STOR 435 or STOR 535 or BIOS 650; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 572. Computational Photography. 3 Credits.
The course provides a hands on introduction to techniques in computational photography—the process of digitally recording light and then performing computational manipulations on those measurements to produce an image or other representation. The course includes an introduction to relevant concepts in computer vision and computer graphics.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 301; or COMP 401 and 410; as well as MATH 347 or 577; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 575. Introduction to Computer Graphics. 3 Credits.
Hardware, software, and algorithms for computer graphics. Scan conversion, 2-D and 3-D transformations, object hierarchies. Hidden surface removal, clipping, shading, and antialiasing. Not for graduate computer science credit.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 301 and 311; or COMP 401, 410 and 411; as well as MATH 347 or MATH 577; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 576. Mathematics for Image Computing. 3 Credits.
Mathematics relevant to image processing and analysis using real image computing objects and provided by computer implementations.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 116 or 210 or 401, and MATH 233; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisites.
Grading Status: Letter grade.
Same as: BMME 576.

COMP 580. Enabling Technologies. 3 Credits.
We will investigate ways computer technology can be used to mitigate the effects of disabilities and the sometimes surprising response of those we intended to help.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: HI-SERVICE.
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 211 and 301; or COMP 401 and 410; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisites.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 581. Introduction to Robotics. 3 Credits.
Hands-on introduction to robotics with a focus on the computational aspects. Students will build and program mobile robots. Topics include kinematics, actuation, sensing, configuration spaces, control, and motion planning. Applications include industrial, mobile, personal, and medical robots. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 301 and 311; or COMP 401, 410, and 411; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.
COMP 585. Serious Games. 3 Credits.
Concepts of computer game development and their application beyond entertainment to fields such as education, health, and business. Course includes team development of a game. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements
IDEAS in Action Gen Ed: FC-CREATE.
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 301 and 311; or COMP 401, 410, and 411; as well as at least two chosen from COMP 421, 426, 431, 433, 520, 523, 530, 535, 575; a grade of C or better in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 586. Natural Language Processing. 3 Credits.
Through this course, students will develop an understanding of the general field of Natural Language Processing with an emphasis on state-of-the-art solutions for classic NLP problems. Topics include: text representation and classification, parts-of-speech tagging, parsing, translation, and language modeling.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 301, COMP 311, and COMP 562 or COMP 755 or STOR 565 or equivalent machine learning course; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 590. Topics in Computer Science. 3 Credits.
This course has variable content and may be taken multiple times for credit. Different sections may be taken in the same semester. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 211 and COMP 301.
Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 12 total credits. 4 total completions.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 630. Operating System Implementation. 3 Credits.
Students will learn how to write OS kernel code in C and a small amount of assembly. Students will implement major components of the OS kernel, such as page tables, scheduling, and program loading.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 530; a grade of B+ or better is required; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 631. Networked and Distributed Systems. 3 Credits.
Topics in designing global-scale computer networks (link layer, switching, IP, TCP, congestion control) and large-scale distributed systems (data centers, distributed hash tables, peer-to-peer infrastructures, name systems).

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 431 and COMP 530; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses; Permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 633. Parallel and Distributed Computing. 3 Credits.
Required preparation, a first course in operating systems and a first course in algorithms (e.g., COMP 530 and 550). Principles and practices of parallel and distributed computing. Models of computation. Concurrent programming languages and systems. Architectures. Algorithms and applications. Practicum.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 635. Wireless and Mobile Communications. 3 Credits.
This course builds an understanding of the core issues encountered in the design of wireless (vs. wired) networks. It also exposes students to fairly recent paradigms in wireless communication.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 431 or 530; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 636. Distributed Collaborative Systems. 3 Credits.
Design and implementation of distributed collaborative systems. Collaborative architectures, consistency of replicated objects, collaborative user-interfaces, application and system taxonomies, application-level multicast, performance, causality, operation transformation, and concurrency and access control.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 431 or 530; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 651. Computational Geometry. 3 Credits.
Required preparation, a first course in algorithms (e.g., COMP 550). Design and analysis of algorithms and data structures for geometric problems. Applications in graphics, CAD/CAM, robotics, GIS, and molecular biology.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 550.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 661. Scientific Computation II. 3 Credits.
Theory and practical issues arising in linear algebra problems derived from physical applications, e.g., discretization of ODEs and PDEs. Linear systems, linear least squares, eigenvalue problems, singular value decomposition.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, MATH 661.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 662. Scientific Computation II. 3 Credits.
Theory and practical issues arising in linear algebra problems derived from physical applications, e.g., discretization of ODEs and PDEs. Linear systems, linear least squares, eigenvalue problems, singular value decomposition.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, MATH 661.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 663. Deep Learning. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the field of deep learning and its applications. Basics of building and optimizing neural networks, including model architectures and training schemes.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 562, COMP 755, or STOR 565 and MATH 201, 347, or 577 and MATH 233 or 522; permission of the instructor for student lacking the prerequisites.
Grading Status: Letter grade.
**COMP 665. Images, Graphics, and Vision. 3 Credits.**
Required preparation, a first course in data structures and a first course in
 discrete mathematics (e.g., COMP 410 and MATH 383). Display devices
 and procedures. Scan conversion. Matrix algebra supporting viewing
 transformations in computer graphics. Basic differential geometry,
 Coordinate systems, Fourier analysis, 2DFT algorithm. Human visual
 system, psychophysics, scale in vision.

**Rules & Requirements**
**Making Connections Gen Ed:** QI.
**Grading Status:** Letter grade.

**COMP 672. Simulation Modeling and Analysis. 3 Credits.**
Introduces students to modeling, programming, and statistical analysis
 applicable to computer simulations. Emphasizes statistical analysis
 of simulation output for decision-making. Focuses on discrete-event
 simulations and discusses other simulation methodologies such as
 Monte Carlo and agent-based simulations. Students model, program, and
 run simulations using specialized software. Familiarity with computer
 programming recommended.

**Rules & Requirements**
**Requisites:** Prerequisites, STOR 555 and 641.
**Grading Status:** Letter grade.
**Same as:** STOR 672.

**COMP 683. Computational Biology. 3 Credits.**
Algorithms and data mining techniques used in modern biomedical data
 science and single-cell bioinformatics. Graph signal processing, graph
 diffusion, clustering, multimodal data integration.

**Rules & Requirements**
**Requisites:** Prerequisite, MATH 577 or MATH 347; COMP 562 or
 STOR 520 or STOR 565; grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite
 courses.
**Grading Status:** Letter grade.

**COMP 690. Special Topics in Computer Science. 1-4 Credits.**
This course has variable content and may be taken multiple times for
 credit. COMP 690 courses do not count toward the major or minor.

**Rules & Requirements**
**Repeat Rules:** May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same
 term for different topics; 8 total credits. 2 total completions.
**Grading Status:** Letter grade.

**COMP 691H. Honors Thesis in Computer Science. 3 Credits.**
For computer science majors only and by permission of the department.
 Individual student research for students pursuing an honors thesis
 in computer science under the supervision of a departmental faculty
 adviser.

**Rules & Requirements**
**IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** RESEARCH.
**Making Connections Gen Ed:** EE- Mentored Research.
**Grading Status:** Letter grade.

**COMP 692H. Honors Thesis in Computer Science. 3 Credits.**
Permission of the department. Required of all students in the honors
 program in computer science. The construction of a written honors thesis
 and an oral public presentation of the thesis are required.

**Rules & Requirements**
**IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** RESEARCH.
**Making Connections Gen Ed:** EE- Mentored Research.
**Grading Status:** Letter grade.

**COMP 715. Visualization in the Sciences. 3 Credits.**
Computational visualization applied in the natural sciences. For both
 computer science and natural science students. Available techniques
 and their characteristics, based on human perception, using software
 visualization toolkits. Project course.

**Rules & Requirements**
**Grading Status:** Letter grade.
**Same as:** MTSC 715, PHYS 715.

**COMP 720. Compilers. 3 Credits.**
Tools and techniques of compiler construction. Lexical, syntactic, and
 semantic analysis. Emphasis on code generation and optimization.

**Rules & Requirements**
**Requisites:** Prerequisites, COMP 455, 520, and 524.
**Grading Status:** Letter grade.

**COMP 721. Database Management Systems. 3 Credits.**
Database management systems, implementation, and theory. Query
 languages, query optimization, security, advanced physical storage
 methods and their analysis.

**Rules & Requirements**
**Requisites:** Prerequisites, COMP 521 and 550.
**Grading Status:** Letter grade.

**COMP 722. Data Mining. 3 Credits.**
Data mining is the process of automatic discovery of patterns, changes,
 associations, and anomalies in massive databases. This course provides
 a survey of the main topics (including and not limited to classification,
 regression, clustering, association rules, feature selection, data cleaning,
 privacy, and security issues) and a wide spectrum of applications.

**Rules & Requirements**
**Requisites:** Prerequisites, COMP 550 and STOR 435.
**Grading Status:** Letter grade.

**COMP 723. Software Design and Implementation. 3 Credits.**
Principles and practices of software engineering. Object-oriented and
 functional approaches. Formal specification, implementation, verification,
 and testing. Software design patterns. Practicum.

**Rules & Requirements**
**Requisites:** Prerequisites, COMP 524 and 550.
**Grading Status:** Letter grade.

**COMP 724. Programming Languages. 3 Credits.**
Selected topics in the design and implementation of modern
 programming languages. Formal semantics. Type theory. Inheritance.
 Design of virtual machines. Garbage collection. Principles of
 restructuring compilers.

**Rules & Requirements**
**Requisites:** Prerequisites, COMP 455, 520, and 524.
**Grading Status:** Letter grade.
COMP 730. Operating Systems. 3 Credits.
Theory, structuring, and design of operating systems. Sequential and cooperating processes. Single processor, multiprocessor, and distributed operating systems.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 530.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 734. Distributed Systems. 3 Credits.
Design and implementation of distributed computing systems and services. Inter-process communication and protocols, naming and name resolution, security and authentication, scalability, high availability, replication, transactions, group communications, distributed storage systems.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 431; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 735. Distributed and Concurrent Algorithms. 3 Credits.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 530 and 550.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 737. Real-Time Systems. 3 Credits.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 530.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 740. Computer Architecture and Implementation. 3 Credits.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 411 and PHYS 352.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 741. Elements of Hardware Systems. 3 Credits.
Issues and practice of information processing hardware systems for computer scientists with little or no previous hardware background. System thinking, evaluating technology alternatives, basics of electronics, signals, sensors, noise, and measurements.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 411.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 744. VLSI Systems Design. 3 Credits.
Required preparation, knowledge of digital logic techniques. Introduction to the design, implementation, and realization of very large-scale integrated systems. Each student designs a complete digital circuit that will be fabricated and returned for testing and use.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 740.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 750. Algorithm Analysis. 3 Credits.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 455 and 550.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 752. Mechanized Mathematical Inference. 3 Credits.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 825.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 755. Machine Learning. 3 Credits.
Machine Learning methods are aimed at developing systems that learn from data. The course covers data representations suitable for learning, mathematical underpinnings of the learning methods and practical considerations in their implementations.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 347/547, or 577, and STOR 435; a grade of C or better is required in all prerequisite courses.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 761. Introductory Computer Graphics. 1 Credits.
A computer graphics module course with one credit hour of specific COMP 665 content.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 763. Semantics and Program Correctness. 3 Credits.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 724.
Grading Status: Letter grade.
COMP 764. Monte Carlo Method. 3 Credits.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 110, MATH 233, 418, and STOR 435; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 766. Visual Solid Shape. 3 Credits.
3D differential geometry; local and global shape properties; visual aspects of surface shape. Taught largely through models and figures. Applicable to graphics, computer vision, human vision, and biology.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 665, MATH 233, and STOR 435.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 767. Geometric and Solid Modeling. 3 Credits.
Curve and surface representations. Solid models. Constructive solid geometry and boundary representations. Robust and error-free geometric computations. Modeling with algebraic constraints. Applications to graphics, vision, and robotics.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 575 or 770, and MATH 661.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 768. Physically Based Modeling and Simulation. 3 Credits.
Geometric algorithms, computational methods, simulation techniques for modeling based on mechanics and its applications.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 665; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 770. Computer Graphics. 3 Credits.
Study of graphics hardware, software, and applications. Data structures, graphics, languages, curve surface and solid representations, mapping, ray tracing and radiosity.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 665 and 761.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 775. Image Processing and Analysis. 3 Credits.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 233, MATH 547/347, and STOR 435.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: BMME 775.

COMP 776. Computer Vision in our 3D World. 3 Credits.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 566, COMP 550, 665, and 775; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 777. Optimal Estimation in Image Analysis. 3 Credits.
Formulation and numerical solution of optimization problems in image analysis.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 233, MATH 347/547, and MATH 535 or STOR 435.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 781. Robotics. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the design, programming, and control of robotic systems. Topics include kinematics, dynamics, sensing, actuation, control, robot learning, tele-operation, and motion planning. Applications will be discussed including industrial, mobile, assistive, personal, and medical robots.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 550 and MATH 347/547; Permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 782. Motion Planning in Physical and Virtual Worlds. 3 Credits.
Topics include path planning for autonomous agents, sensor-based planning, localization and mapping, navigation, learning from demonstration, motion planning with dynamic constraints, and planning motion of deformable bodies. Applications to robots and characters in physical and virtual worlds will be discussed.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 550; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 786. Natural Language Processing. 3 Credits.
Artificial intelligence and machine learning field to build automatic models that can analyze, understand, and generate text. Topics include syntactic parsing, co-reference resolution, semantic parsing, question answering, document summarization, machine translation, dialogue models, and multi-modality.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 562.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 787. Visual Perception. 3 Credits.
Surveys form, motion, depth, scale, color, brightness, texture and shape perception. Includes computational modeling of vision, experimental methods in visual psychophysics and neurobiology, recent research and open questions.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 665.
Grading Status: Letter grade.
COMP 88. Expert Systems. 3 Credits.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 750.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 790. Topics in Computer Science. 1-21 Credits.
Permission of the instructor. This course has variable content and may be taken multiple times for credit.

Rules & Requirements
Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 822. Topics in Discrete Optimization. 3 Credits.
Topics may include polynomial algorithms, computational complexity, matching and matroid problems, and the traveling salesman problem.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, STOR 712; Permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 824. Functional Programming. 3 Credits.
Programming with functional or applicative languages. Lambda calculus; combinators; higher-order functions; infinite objects. Least fixed points, semantics, evaluation orders. Sequential and parallel execution models.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 524.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 825. Logic Programming. 3 Credits.
Propositional calculus, Horn clauses, first-order logic, resolution. Prolog: operational semantics, relationship to resolution, denotational semantics, and non-logical features. Programming and applications. Selected advanced topics.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 524.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 831. Internet Architecture and Performance. 3 Credits.
Internet structure and architecture; traffic characterization and analysis; errors and error recovery; congestion and congestion control; services and their implementations; unicast and multicast routing.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 431; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 832. Multimedia Networking. 3 Credits.
Audio/video coding and compression techniques and standards. Media streaming and adaptation. Multicast routing, congestion, and error control. Internet protocols RSVP, RTP/RTCP. Integrated and differentiated services architecture for the Internet.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisites, COMP 431 and 530.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 841. Advanced Computer Architecture. 3 Credits.
Concepts and evolution of computer architecture, machine language syntax and semantics; data representation; naming and addressing; arithmetic; control structures; concurrency; input-output systems and devices. Milestone architectures.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 740.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 842. Advanced Computer Implementation. 3 Credits.
Required preparation, knowledge of digital logic techniques. The application of digital logic to the design of computer hardware. Storage and switching technologies. Mechanisms for addressing, arithmetic, logic, input/output and storage. Microprogrammed and hardwired control.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 740.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 844. Advanced Design of VLSI Systems. 3 Credits.
Advanced topics in the design of digital MOS systems. Students design, implement, and test a large custom integrated circuit. Projects emphasize the use of advanced computer-aided design tools.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 744.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 850. Advanced Analysis of Algorithms. 3 Credits.
Design and analysis of computer algorithms. Time and space complexity; absolute and asymptotic optimality. Algorithms for searching, sorting, sets, graphs, and pattern-matching. NP-complete problems and provably intractable problems.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 750.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 870. Advanced Image Synthesis. 3 Credits.
Advanced topics in rendering, including global illumination, surface models, shadings, graphics hardware, image-based rendering, and antialiasing techniques. Topics from the current research literature.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 770.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 872. Exploring Virtual Worlds. 3 Credits.
Project course, lecture, and seminar on real-time interactive 3D graphics systems in which the user is "immersed" in and interacts with a simulated 3D environment. Hardware, modeling, applications, multi-user systems.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 870.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 875. Recent Advances in Image Analysis. 3 Credits.
Lecture and seminar on recent advances in image segmentation, registration, pattern recognition, display, restoration, and enhancement.

Rules & Requirements
Requisites: Prerequisite, COMP 775.
Grading Status: Letter grade.
COMP 892. Practicum. 0.5 Credits.
Permission of the instructor. Work experience in an area of computer science relevant to the student's research interests and pre-approved by the instructor. The grade, pass or fail only, will depend on a written report by the student and on a written evaluation by the employer.

Rules & Requirements
Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 901. Computer Science Module. 0.5-21 Credits.
A variable-credit module course that can be used to configure a registration for a portion of a class.

Rules & Requirements
Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics.
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 910. Professional Writing in Computer Science. 3 Credits.
Graduate computer science majors only. Analysis of good and bad writing. Exercises in organization and composition. Each student also writes a thesis-quality short technical report on a previously approved project.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 914. Technical Communication in Computer Science. 1 Credits.
Graduate computer science majors or permission of the instructor. Seminar on teaching, short oral presentations, and writing in computer science.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 915. Seminar in Professional Practice. 1 Credits.
Required preparation, satisfaction of M.S. computer science program product requirement. The role and responsibilities of the computer scientist in a corporate environment, as an entrepreneur, and as a consultant. Professional ethics.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 916. Seminar in Research. 1 Credits.
Graduate computer science majors only. The purposes, strategies, and techniques for conducting research in computer science and related disciplines.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 917. Research Administration for Scientists. 3 Credits.
Graduate standing required. Introduction to grantsmanship, research grants and contracts, intellectual property, technology transfer, conflict of interest policies. Course project: grant application in NSF FastLane.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.

COMP 918. Computers and Society. 1 Credits.
Graduate computer science majors only. Seminar on social and economic effects of computers on such matters as privacy, employment, power shifts, rigidity, dehumanization, dependence, quality of life.

Rules & Requirements
Grading Status: Letter grade.