

# Computer Science

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## Department Information

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- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:**  
[bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/computer-science/](http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/computer-science/)

## Major Requirements

### Major: Computer Science

Degree Type: B.S.

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

### University Degree Requirements

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### University General Education Requirements

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<b>Communication (C)</b>		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning (R) <sup>†</sup></b>		3
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		10
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		6
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) <sup>†</sup></b>		6
<b>Wellness (W) <sup>†</sup></b>		2
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) <sup>*†</sup></b>		
<b>Global Perspectives (G) <sup>*†</sup></b>		
Total Credits		39

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Code	Title	Credits
<b>B.S. Computer Science Core Requirements</b>		
CSCI 160	Computer Science I	4
CSCI 161	Computer Science II	4
CSCI 213	Modern Software Development	3
CSCI 222	Discrete Mathematics	3
CSCI 313	Advanced Software Development	3
CSCI 336	Theoretical Computer Science	3
CSCI 366	Database Systems	3
CSCI 372	Comparative Programming Languages	3
CSCI 374	Computer Organization and Architecture	3
CSCI 415	Networking and Parallel Computation	3
CSCI 445	Software Projects Capstone <sup>1</sup>	3
CSCI 467	Algorithm Analysis	3
CSCI 474	Operating Systems Concepts	3
CSCI 489	Social Implications of Computers <sup>1</sup>	3
MATH 165	Calculus I (May satisfy general education category R)	4
MATH 166	Calculus II	4
STAT 367	Probability	3
STAT 368	Statistics	3
<b>Computer Science Electives</b>		9
Electives can be any 300-400 level CSCI prefix courses that are not part of the core requirement or the two MIS courses listed. Note: Students seeking recognition of cyber-security skills should follow the cyber-security section below.		
MIS 412	Computer Crime, Forensics, and Investigation	
MIS 415	Managing Information Technology Security	
Total Credits		67

## Cyber-security

Cyber-security is optional - students interested in pursuing recognition of their achievement in cyber-security core concepts should take the B.S. Core Requirements as indicated above, as well as the additional courses listed here. This sequence satisfies the Computer Science elective courses required for the B.S. degree.

Code	Title	Credits
CSCI 491	Seminar (Cyber-Security Focus)	3
MIS 415	Managing Information Technology Security	3
One of the following:		3
CSCI 473	Foundations of the Digital Enterprise	
CSCI 345	Topics on Personal Computers (Cyber-Security Focus)	
CSCI 499	Special Topics (Cyber-Security Focus)	
MIS 412	Computer Crime, Forensics, and Investigation	
Total Credits		9

<sup>1</sup> Department Capstone: CSCI 445 Software Projects Capstone (typically taken during the last spring semester prior to degree completion) & CSCI 489 Social Implications of Computers (typically taken during the last fall semester prior to degree completion)

Link to view program description and 4-year Plan of Study (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2020-21/programs-study/undergraduate/computer-science>)

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CSCI 114 or MIS 116	Microcomputer Packages (May satisfy general education category S) Business Use of Computers	3
CSCI 159	Computer Science Problem Solving	3
CSCI 160	Computer Science I	4
CSCI 161	Computer Science II	4
CSCI 213	Modern Software Development	3
CSCI 222	Discrete Mathematics	3

CSCI 313	Advanced Software Development	3
CSCI 366	Database Systems	3
CSCI 371	Web Scripting Languages	3
CSCI 445	Software Projects Capstone <sup>1</sup>	3
CSCI 488	Human-Computer Interaction	3
CSCI 489	Social Implications of Computers <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Related Courses</b>		
COMM 260	Introduction to Web Design	3
COMM 261	Introduction to Web Development	3
MATH 146 or MATH 165	Applied Calculus I (May satisfy general education category R) Calculus I	4
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics	3
STAT 331	Regression Analysis	2
<b>Other Courses: Select these seven credits from the following areas:</b>		7
Science (cannot be courses with the CSCI prefix)		
Engineering (cannot be ENGR 311 or ENGR 312)		
Math (a course with a number higher than MATH 147, but not MATH 165)		
Statistics (cannot be STAT 330 or STAT 331)		
<b>Proficiency at the second year level in a modern foreign language.</b>		
Total Credits		60

<sup>1</sup> CSCI 445 Software Projects Capstone & CSCI 489 Social Implications of Computers form the department capstone. CSCI 445 is typically taken during the last spring semester and CSCI 489 is typically taken during the last fall semester prior to degree completion.

## Minor Requirements

### Computer Science Minor

#### Minor Requirements

Minimum Required Credits: 17

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<b>Required Courses</b>		
CSCI 213	Modern Software Development	3
Choose one of the following two sequences:		7-8
CSCI 160 & CSCI 161	Computer Science I and Computer Science II	
CSCI 227 & CSCI 161	Computing Fundamentals I and Computer Science II	
Additional Electives: Select 6 or 7 credits to reach minor minimum (at least 3 credits must be CSCI 300-400 level).		6-7
<b>Total Credits</b>		17

### Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.
- A grade of 'C' or better is required in all courses applied to the computer science minor.