Computer Science Undergraduate Handbook

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The School of Computing offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. The undergraduate program begins with a set of two courses that give students a solid background in object-oriented programming while exposing them to the breadth of issues that arise in computer science. Students then take seven core courses in discrete mathematics, software engineering, computer organization, algorithms and data structures, software systems, and theory. They build on this background by choosing seven electives from the breadth of the School's course offerings (which includes advanced courses in theoretical computer science, scientific computing, artificial intelligence, databases, operating systems, computer networks, programming languages, graphics, computer architecture, and digital design). Each student's undergraduate program is capped with a senior project. Along with an in-depth study of computing, the curriculum encompasses a general education in mathematics, science, and the humanities.

The School also offers an honors version of the Bachelor of Science degree for students who are contemplating a career in research, a combination BS/MS degree for students who wish to complete both the Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in a total of five years, and a minor in Computer Science for students who want to use computers in another field. In addition, selected service courses are offered to provide an introduction to the use of computers as tools for students of many backgrounds and interests.

A Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering is jointly offered by the School of Computing and the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Information about that program is available in a separate handbook or from the web page referenced below.

(The latest version of this handbook is available online at `http://www.cs.utah.edu/dept/handbooks`.)

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1 The Computer Science Major and Minor

The School of Computing offers a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. This is a software-oriented degree whose requirements include 18 computer science courses. A student must be admitted as a computer science major by the School in order to take upper-division courses and pursue the computer science degree. The School also offers an honors version of the Bachelor of Science, a 5-year combination Bachelors/Masters degree, as well as a minor in computer science consisting of six computer science courses.

1.1 Becoming a Computer Science Major

Any student can become a computer science pre-major by informing the University Registrar or the School of Computing Academic Counselor. It is advisable to do this early to ensure receiving information about the major and staying advised of any changes that may be made in degree requirements. Declaration as a pre-major will also enable participation in activities associated with the degree program such as the Undergraduate Student Advisory Committee.

In order to become a full major, a student must first complete the courses required of pre-majors and then apply for full major status. An application should be obtained from the School of Computing web page or office during the semester when the student expects to complete these requirements. One may not preregister for any upper division classes in Computer Science without first being admitted as a full major or a minor. Applications for admission are reviewed at the end of Spring and Summer semesters.

To be admitted to full major status, a student must have:

1. An average grade of at least 2.8 and a minimum grade of C− in the following classes or their equivalents. *None of these classes may be taken on a credit/no-credit basis.*
   - Computer Science 1410 and 2420 (formerly 2010 and 2020)
   - Mathematics 1210, and either 1220 or 1250
2. A grade of CR in CPSC 1010 (a credit/no-credit class).
3. A cumulative University of Utah grade point average of 2.3 or higher.

If credit is granted for any of the above classes based on advanced placement test scores or courses taken at other schools, appropriate grades will be assigned for our use in this calculation. Check with the Undergraduate Academic Counselor for details.

1.2 Undergraduate Advising

The School of Computing has an Undergraduate Academic Counselor (Kara Hill, 3190 MEB, `kara@cs.utah.edu`, 581-8225) who is available to answer questions regarding schedule plans, registration for Computer Science classes, degree requirements, recent School actions, or any problems the student may be experiencing. Students should visit the Academic Counselor at least once a year to verify that they are on track for graduation. They may drop in most any day between 10:00 and 2:00 to meet with her or to schedule an appointment.

The School also has a Faculty Advisor, who can answer questions about any of the above, as well as more technical issues, such as career decisions and equivalence of transfer classes. The School of Computing receptionist (MEB 3190, 581-8224) will be happy to set up an appointment for you to meet with either the Faculty Advisor or the Academic Counselor.

1.3 Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree

The computer science degree can be completed in four full-time years of study if the student is capable of completing the two-course computer science and calculus sequences during the freshman year. If a student must instead take preparatory classes as a freshman, more than four years may be required to earn a degree. In any event, it is important to take the required pre-major classes early to allow advancement to full major status as soon as possible.

1. **General Education:** The General Education requirements are described in the University of Utah General Catalog. The requirements for computer science majors are more specific.

   (a) The University writing requirement is satisfied by either Writing 2010 or ESL 1060 (for students who speak English as a second language).

   (b) The quantitative reasoning requirement is satisfied by Math 1210 and either Math 1210 or 1250, which are required for computer science pre-majors.

   (c) Students must take two intellectual explorations courses in each of fine arts, humanities, and social sciences. (The two-course requirement in physical and life sciences is automatically satisfied by classes required for the major.) *Two of these six courses must be upper division.* Students should consult with the Academic Counselor to be sure they select appropriate classes to satisfy these requirements with a minimum number of credit hours.

   (d) The American Institutions requirement can be satisfied by taking one of Economics 1740, History 1700, Honors 2212, or Political Science 1100.

   Incoming engineering students should consider the Engineering LEAP (E-LEAP) program organized by the Office of Undergraduate Studies. It is a year-long cohort program set up to allow students to take several classes together during their first year on campus. Two of these classes are seminar courses that satisfy University General Education and Diversity requirements. The program also includes sections of Writing, Calculus, and Physics. For more information on E-LEAP, contact the College of Engineering Advisor at 585-7769.

   Computer Science students should also consider CPSC 1050, Computers in Society, as one of their Social/Behavioral Science General Education classes. The course focuses on the social issues that surround the increasingly pervasive roles that computers play in society.

2. **University Graduation Requirements:** The University graduation requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree are described in the University of Utah General Catalog.

   (a) To satisfy the communication/writing requirement, Computer Science majors must take either WRTG 3015 (Professional/Technical Writing), WRTG 3014 (Writing in the Sciences), or WRTG 3012 (Writing in the Social

Sciences). Honors 3200 (Writing at a Research University) may be taken by students participating in the University Honors Program. This class should be taken prior to taking the Computer Science Senior Project course.

(b) The quantitatively intensive course requirement is satisfied by CPSC 3810 and 4100, which are required for computer science majors.

(c) The diversity requirement can be satisfied by taking a course from the approved list as part of the intellectual explorations requirement.

(d) Students must complete a minimum of 122 semester hours of course work. At least 40 of the 122 hours must be upper division classes. (Upper division classes are numbered 3000 or above. Credits from two-year colleges will not count toward University upper division hours.) At least 30 of the total credit hours and 20 of the last 30 hours must be taken at the University.

3. **Math, Science, and Engineering:** Seven classes in math, science, and/or engineering are required.

   (a) Mathematics 1210 and either 1220 or 1250 (Calculus I and II)

   (b) Physics 2210 (Physics I)

   (c) Four additional courses, *each of which must be at least three semester hours*, chosen from among the following:

      i. Any class (other than a computer science class) from the Colleges of Engineering, Mines, or Science that requires a full year of calculus as a prerequisite or corequisite.†

      ii. Physics 2220 (Physics II)

      iii. Biology 1210 (General Biology)

      iv. Chemistry 1210 (General Chemistry)

   † *Note that Math 2250 covers the same material as Math 2270 and 2280, although in less depth. Hence, if 2250 is used as one of these math/science electives, neither 2270 or 2280 may be counted.*

   Students should take the prerequisites of computer science electives into consideration when planning how to satisfy this requirement.

4. **Computer Science:** A minimum of 18 computer science classes must be taken. Figure 1.1 gives an example four-year degree program leading to a Bachelor's Degree in computer science. Figure 1.2 summarizes the prerequisites for computer science courses.

   (a) Required. The following classes must be taken:

CPSC 1010	Introduction to Unix
CPSC 1410	Introduction to Computer Science I (formerly 2010)
CPSC 2420	Introduction to Computer Science II (formerly 2020)
CPSC 2100	Discrete Structures
CPSC 3500	Software Practice I
CPSC 3505	Software Practice II
CPSC 3810	Computer Organization
CPSC 4100	Advanced Algorithms and Data Structures
CPSC 4400	Computer Systems

   (b) Theory restricted elective. Students must take one of the following.

CPSC 3100	Models of Computation
CPSC 3200	Scientific Computing

   If both of these classes are taken, the second will be counted as a Computer Science elective.

   (c) Electives. Seven additional Computer Science classes numbered 3000 or higher, totaling at least 21 semester hours, must be taken. CPSC 5010/20 and seminars may not be counted. Only one of CPSC 5600/5605 and only one independent study class (with special permission) may be counted.

   (d) Capstone Requirement. One of the following must be completed.

CPSC 4500	Software Engineering Lab
CPSC 4970†	Bachelor's Thesis

† *Students choosing the thesis option must get special permission from the faculty.* Such approval is usually obtained by finding a faculty advisor in the Spring of the Junior year. This option is intended for students who are considering graduate school. *The Bachelor's Thesis can also be used toward a portion of the thesis requirement for a BS/MS program in Computer Science.* For more information about the joint BS/MS program, please see the director of the BS/MS program in the School of Computing.

(e) Exit Survey. Computer Science majors are required to complete an exit questionnaire before they will be signed off for graduation. This should be done during the final semester of undergraduate studies.

(f) Duplication of credit. No single class may be counted toward more than one of the requirements listed above.

5. **Continuing Performance:** *All computer science, mathematics, science, engineering, and writing courses taken to satisfy the requirements listed above must be taken for a grade and must be passed with a C− or better* (except for CPSC 1010, in which a grade of CR is required). A student may repeat such courses only one time.

   To remain in good standing and graduate, a student must maintain a cumulative grade point average at the University of 2.3 or higher, and also maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.3 in computer science classes taken at the University. Students whose GPA in either of these categories falls below 2.3 are notified that they are on probation and will be given conditions for a return to good standing. Normally, these conditions must be satisfied during the

	Fall		*Spring*	
Freshman	CPSC 1010†	(0.5)	CPSC 2420†	(4)
	CPSC 1410†	(4)	Math 1220†	(4)
	Math 1210†	(4)	Physics 2210	(4)
	Writing 2010	(3)	Gen Ed	(3)
	Gen Ed	(3)		
		(14.5)		(15)
Sophomore	CPSC 3500	(4)	CPSC 3505	(3)
	CPSC 3810	(4)	CPSC 4100	(4)
	CPSC 2100	(3)	Math/sci elective	(3)
	Writing 3015	(3)	Gen Ed	(3)
			Free elective	(3)
		(14)		(16)
Junior	CPSC 4400	(4)	CS elective	(3)
	CS theory elective	(3)	CS elective	(3)
	Math/sci elective	(3)	CS elective	(3)
	Gen Ed	(3)	Math/sci elective	(3)
	Free elective	(3)	Gen Ed	(3)
		(16)		(15)
Senior	CS elective	(3)	CPSC 4500	(3)
	CS elective	(3)	CS elective	(3)
	CS elective	(3)	Math/sci elective	(3)
	Gen Ed	(3)	Gen Ed	(3)
	Free elective	(4)	Free elective	(4)
		(16)		(16)

This table gives an eight-semester example program leading to a B.S. in Computer Science. It is meant only as a guide, since the scheduling of electives and General Education classes depends upon which ones are selected. This schedule assumes adequate high school preparation in mathematics; it is not advisable to take Physics 2210 without some previous training in calculus. Note that Math 1210 and Computer Science 1410 must be taken during the fall semester in order to complete the required pre-major classes during the first year, unless the student has advanced placement credit. Note also that CPSC 4500 can be taken only by students who are on track to graduate before the next offering of the class. (†Class required of pre-majors.)

Figure 1.1: Example Computer Science Degree Program

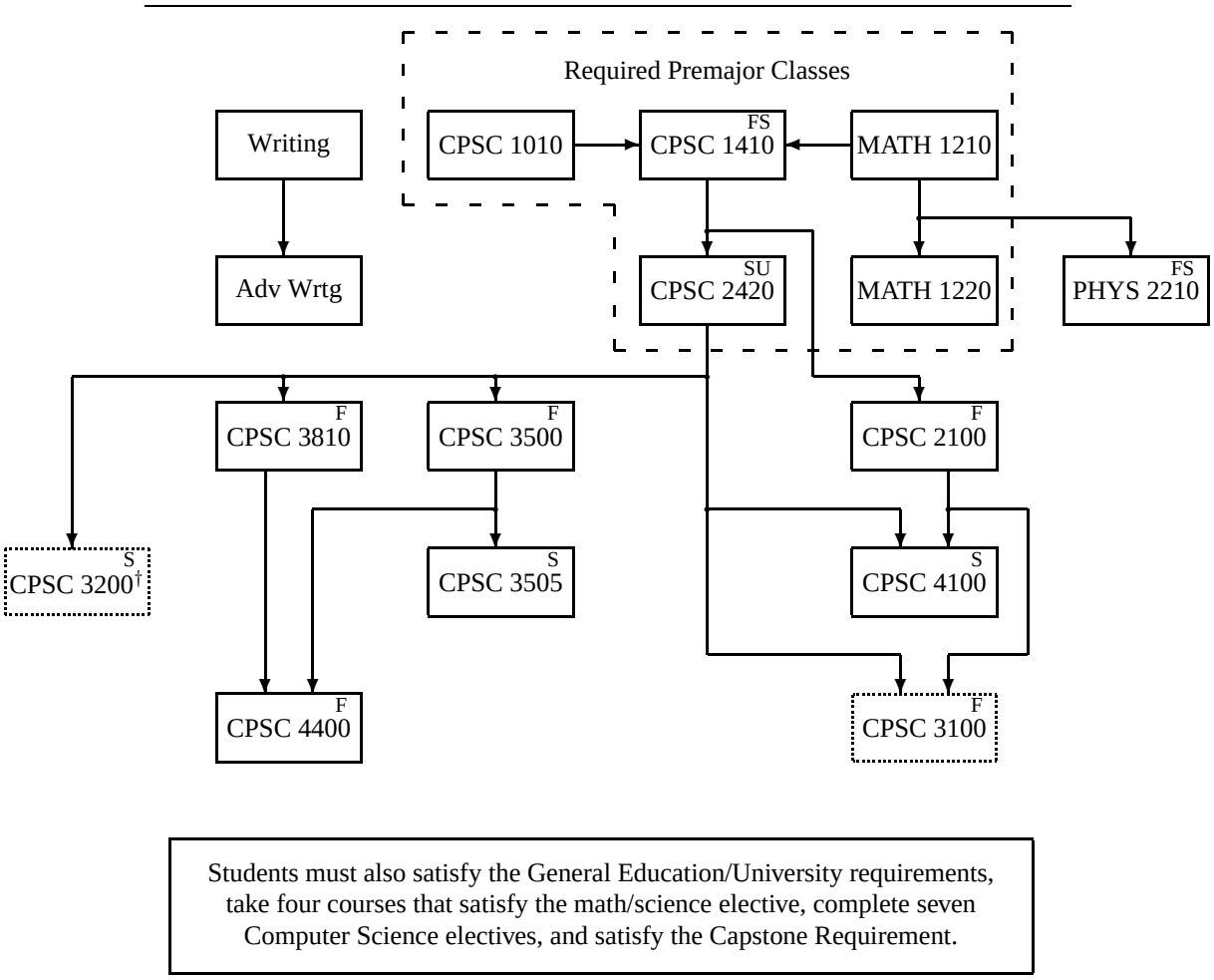
next two semesters, excluding summers. Students failing to meet their probationary conditions are dropped from the rolls of the major.

All students admitted as full majors are placed on probationary status. If a student's GPA in either of the above categories is below 2.3 after the first year during which they take upper level computer science classes, the student is dropped from the rolls of the major.

Students are expected to complete all requirements for their degree within four years of acceptance to full major status. Students not making satisfactory progress toward their degrees may be dropped from the rolls and declared inactive. The determination that a student is not making satisfactory progress is made in one of two ways. Either (1) the student has not completed a computer science course for a period of one year, or (2) there is no reasonable way in which the student can complete all degree requirements by the end of the required period of time.

In order to be reinstated from inactive status or from being dropped due to low GPA, students must petition the Computer Science Undergraduate Committee. Reinstated students proceed under the latest graduation requirements.

If personal circumstances prevent completion of all degree requirements within four years of acceptance as a full major, a student may request an extension of a specific duration and submit a revised schedule of completion.



This graph illustrates the order in which classes must be taken to satisfy prerequisite and corequisite requirements in Computer Science. Prerequisites are connected bottom-to-top; corequisites are connected side-to-side. Where not otherwise indicated, courses are usually offered during both semesters as well as the summer. Only one of the two courses contained in dashed boxes must be taken. (†CPSC 3200 also has Math 2250 as a prerequisite.)

Figure 1.2: Computer Science Prerequisites

1.4 Computer Science Honors Degree

The School offers an Honors Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science. This program is intended primarily for students thinking of a career in research, but any student can apply. Students who wish to be admitted into the honors track should apply after taking CPSC 2420. This application should consist of a short statement of career goals, along with any supplementary material the student deems relevent. This supplementary material is strictly optional.

Students admitted to the Departmental Honors track will have probationary status until after the completion of CPSC 4005.

The requirements for the honors degree are the same as for the conventional Computer Science degree with the following exceptions:

1. CPSC 4005 is required.
2. Either Honors 2211 or Honors 3200 is required (and can be counted in place of one of the required writing courses).
3. At least one Computer Science course at the 6000-level or above must be taken.
4. In addition, at least four courses must be taken that either have an honors designation or are Computer Science classes numbered 6000 or above. At least three of these courses should be offered through the University Honors Curriculum (i.e., have course number Honors-XXXX).
5. A Bachelor's honors thesis is required.

The upper level CPSC classes taken to satisfy the above requirements would be counted toward the Computer Science elective requirement.

At graduation, the University requires that honors students have a GPA of at least 3.5 in the major and at least 3.4 overall.

1.5 Computer Science BS/MS Degree

The School of Computing offers a combination Bachelor of Science/Master of Science degree in Computer Science. This program allows students to earn a BS and MS in approximately five academic years. The BS/MS can combine a BS in either Computer Science or Computer Engineering with an MS in either Computer Science or Computing.

Degree requirements are the same as those for earning a BS and MS separately, but there are two basic advantages:

- Admissions decisions are made before senior year, so students can plan with certainty.
- The synchronization barrier between the degrees is broken. Hence, students may take graduate classes during their senior year, and undergrad classes during their fifth year. (Note that International students have special regulations and should consult the BS/MS Program Advisor to help them plan their schedules.)

Students wishing to pursue the thesis option for their MS degree must also choose the thesis option for their BS. The Bachelor's Thesis will normally constitute a portion of the Master's Thesis.

Applications for the BS/MS program are due on January 15th of the Junior year. Program details and application materials are available in the BS/MS Handbook and on the School of Computing web page.

1.6 Computer Science as a Minor

The School of Computing offers a minor for students who desire to gain sufficient background to use and program computers in another field.

In order to be admitted as a computer science minor, a student must have a declared major in another department and be making progress in that major. The admission process is similar to that for majors and is carried out at the same times. Students are admitted to the minor if their average grade in Math 1210, CPSC 1410, and CPSC 2420 is 2.8 or higher.

The minor consists of a minimum of 18.5 semester hours of computer science classes.

- Required. The following classes must be taken.

  CPSC 1010 Introduction to Unix
  CPSC 1410 Introduction to Computer Science I (formerly 2010)
  CPSC 2420 Introduction to Computer Science II (formerly 2020)
  CPSC 2100 Discrete Structures
  CPSC 3500 Software Practice

- Elective. Students must take at least one additional CPSC class at the 3000 level. CPSC 3505 is recommended.

Computer science minors are guaranteed admission into only the upper division classes that comprise their minor.

1.7 Students Pursuing a Second Degree or a Double Major

Some students may wish to earn a degree in computer science as their second B.S. This is possible as long as the requirements for both degrees are met. In some cases, fewer additional class hours are needed because of overlaps in the two degrees. This is especially true of students whose other degree is in computer engineering, electrical engineering, or mathematics, where upper level classes may serve as computer science electives. Students pursuing a double major must notify the Academic Counselor.

1.8 Undergraduate Scholarships

The School of Computing awards several scholarships each year. Recipients are selected based upon academic performance, rather than financial need. Most are awarded to Computer Science and Computer Engineering full majors, or to those students who will become full majors during the following academic year. Applications for these scholarships are available on the web at http://www.cs.utah.edu/students/undergradinfo.shtml or from the School of Computing office. They must be submitted to the School's office by March 15 of the preceding year.

Tuition Waver Scholarships. These awards are available to students majoring in Computer Science or Computer Engineering who are residents of the state of Utah. They cover up to 18 credit hours of resident tuition for two semesters. To be eligible, students must take at least 12 credit hours per semester.

School of Computing Scholarships. These are cash awards available to all Computer Science and Computer Engineering majors. They range in value from $500 to $3,000, and are made possible by generous donations from the School of Computing faculty, the Eccles Foundation, Kiri Wagstaff, and others. To be eligible, students must take at least 9 credit hours per semester.

The College of Engineering also awards several scholarships (Kennecott, Ariel Berrier, Simon Ramo, and others) to the top students in the college. Students may also apply for financial aid from the College, which each year awards a number of Josephine Beam Educational Scholarships. These are worth approximately $500 and are based on need. Information and applications are available on the web at http://www.coe.utah.edu/current/FA_Scholarship or from the Office of the Dean of Engineering (Kenn 214). Applications must be submitted by February 15 of the preceding year.

1.9 Employment Opportunities

The University Office of Career Services offers an internship program which allows qualified students to work in their fields of interest for all or part of their junior and/or senior years. This can be done on a full or part time basis, either in Salt Lake City or elsewhere. *Students are paid for their work, but no credit is granted.*

The benefits of such experience include exposure to ideas which could help with career decisions, making contacts which may be useful sometime in the future, and valuable experience in an area that is pertinent to current studies. Among the corporations participating are IBM, Hewlett Packard, L-3 Communications Systems, Intel, and Micron. Many of our majors take advantage of this valuable opportunity. Students seeking employment should register with the University Office of Career Services[1].

The School employs a number of junior and senior students as computer operators and as teaching assistants. These jobs involve no more than 20 hours of work per week at an appropriate hourly wage. Appointments are made each semester based on student applications, which should be submitted prior to the start of each term. These applications are available on the web[2]. In addition, general inquiries are received periodically from local industry and from University research groups for students who are interested in working part or full time. These are emailed to all Computer Science and Computer Engineering majors. More information may be obtained from the Academic Counselor.

Students seeking employment upon graduation should contact the University Office of Career Services in order to be included on a list supplied to employers. Students not planning to work towards an advanced degree should register with Career Services during their junior year, since most companies begin interviewing in the fall semester.

1.10 Student Participation in School Affairs

Opportunities for students to develop their organizational and leadership abilities are available through participation in the Undergraduate Student Advisory Committee (UgSAC), which plays an active role in the School by coordinating the following:

1. Course and faculty teaching evaluations.
2. Representation (one student) at faculty meetings.
3. Announcements to all declared pre-majors and majors.
4. Representation on the College Student Advisory Committee.
5. Organization of Engineering Week activities.
6. Organization of lunch meetings for pre-majors and majors.
7. Organization of university and high school programming contests.
8. Feedback on issues affecting students, such as scheduling, curriculum changes, and graduation requirements.
9. GRE preparation classes.

Anyone interested in joining this organizations should contact UgSAC at `ugsac@cs.utah.edu`. Participation, suggestions, and criticisms are solicited.

[1] http://careers.utah.edu
[2] http://www.cs.utah.edu/dept/webforms/current/ugrad-TA.html

2 Computer Science Courses

The number and title of each course is followed by the number of semester hours it carries, the semester(s) during which it is taught (F=fall, S=spring, U=summer), its prerequisites, its corequisites, and any courses with which it is cross-listed.

Where a course has both a 5000- and 6000-level number, the 5000-level version is intended for undergraduates, and the 6000-level version is for honors and graduate students. The two versions of the class will meet together, but extra work will be expected of honors and graduate students.

Courses that have only 6000-level numbers may be taken by graduate and advanced undergraduate students.

Current class schedules and registration information[1] are available on line.

Some elective classes are not offered every year. Check the on-line schedule or the Computer Science advisor to see which classes will be offered in upcoming semesters.

1000 Engineering Computing (3, FS) Coreq.: CPSC 1010, MATH 1210

Introduction to programming principles and engineering problem solving via computational means using MATLAB (during the first half of the semester) and C (during the second half of the semester). Decomposition of programs into data representations, functions, and control structures. Clean programming practices are emphasized. The MATLAB portion of the course focuses on the implementation of physically-based models, data visualization via plotting, and selected numerical techniques. The C portion of the course introduces basic syntax and special features of the language for engineering implementations.

1001 Engineering Computing using MATLAB (1.5, FS) Coreq.: CPSC 1010, MATH 1210

Introduction to programming principles and engineering problem solving via computational means using MATLAB. Decomposition of programs into data representations, functions, and control structures. Focus on the implementation of physically-based models, data visualization via plotting, and selected numerical techniques. Clean programming practices are emphasized. (This is a half-semester course that meets with CP SC 1000.)

1010 Introduction to Unix (0.5, FSU)

[1] http://www.utah.edu/students/catalog.html

An introduction to the Unix workstations used in the College of Engineering CADE Lab. Topics include the X Windows system, Unix shell commands, file system issues, text editing with Emacs, accessing the World Wide Web, and electronic mail. Self-paced course using online teaching aids.

1020 Introduction to Programming in C++ (3, U)

An introduction to essential programming concepts using C++. Laboratory practice.

1021 Introduction to Programming in Java (3, FU)

An introduction to essential programming concepts using Java. Laboratory practice emphasizes object-oriented techniques and web-based application design.

1040 Creating Interactive Web Content (3, FS)

Introduction to the essentials of web page design and object-oriented programming through the use of HTML and JavaScript to create interactive web pages. It is appropriate for any student who is comfortable using a computer to write a paper and browse the Web. This is a 100% online course that can be completed on any computer equipped with a recent version of most web browsers.

1050 Computers in Society (3, FS) Social/Behavioral Science Exploration Course

Survey of the social issues that surround the increasingly pervasive roles that computers play in society. Topics include privacy of personal information, encryption and interception of communications, risks posed by unreliable computer systems, freedom of speech in cyberspace, intellectual property as it relates to downloadable media, computer-based crime, and computers in the workplace. Case studies will focus on computer-related issues of current public interest. No background in computer technology is required or assumed beyond the ability to use a computer to send e-mail, browse the web, and write papers.

1410 Introduction to Computer Science I (4, FS) Coreq.: MATH 1210, CPSC 1010

The first course required for students intending to major in computer science and computer engineering. Introduction to the engineering and mathematical skills required to effectively program computers, and to the range of issues confronted by computer scientists. Roles of procedural and data abstraction in decomposing programs into manageable pieces. Introduction to object-oriented programming. Extensive programming exercises that involve the application of elementary software engineering techniques.

2000 Introduction to Programming in C (4, F) Coreq.: MATH 1210, CPSC 1010

Introduction to essential programming concepts using C. Decomposition of programs into functional units; control structures; fundamental data structures of C; recursion; dynamic memory management; low-level programming. Some exposure to C++. Laboratory practice. (Intended for non-CS/CE majors).

2100 Discrete Structures (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 1410

Introduction to propositional logic, predicate logic, formal logical arguments, finite sets, functions, relations, inductive proofs, recurrence relations, graphs, and their applications to Computer Science.

2420 Introduction to Computer Science II (4, SU) Prereq.: CPSC 1410

The second course required for students intending to major in computer science and computer engineering. Introduction to the problem of engineering computational efficiency into programs. Classical algorithms (including sorting, searching, and graph traversal) and data structures (including stacks, queues, linked lists, trees, hash tables, and graphs). Analysis of program space and time requirements. Extensive programming exercises that require the application of elementary techniques from software engineering.

3100 Models of Computation (3, F) Quantitatively Intensive B.S. Course. Prereq.: CPSC 2420, CPSC 2100

Models of sequential computation, including finite-state automata, push-down automata, and Turing machines.

3200 Scientific Computation (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 2420, MATH 2250

Scientific computation relevant to computer science and engineering; floating-point arithmetic, systems of linear equations (direct and iterative techniques), nonlinear equations (univariate and multivariate), interpolation and differentiation (divided differences), integration (mechanical and Gaussian quadratures, optimal quadratures), approximation by spline functions (natural splines and B-splines, optimality of splines).

3500 Software Practice I (4, F) Prereq.: CPSC 2420

Meets with CPSC 5010. Practical exposure to the process of creating large software systems, including requirements specifications, design, implementation, testing, and maintenance. Emphasis on software process, software tools (debuggers, profilers, source code repositories, test harnesses), software engineering techniques (time management, code and documentation standards, source code management, object-oriented analysis and design), and team development practice. Much of the work will be in groups and will involve modifying preexisting software systems.

3505 Software Practice II (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 3500

Meets with CPSC 5020. An in-depth study of traditional software development (using UML) from inception through implementation. The entire class is team-based, and will include a project that uses an agile process.

3700 Fundamentals of Digital System Design (4, S) Quantitatively Intensive B.S. Course. Cross-listed as ECE 3700. Prereq.: CPSC 1410 or CPSC 2000, PHYCS 2220

Techniques for reasoning about, designing, minimizing and implementing digital circuits and systems. Combinatorial (logic and arithmetic) and sequential circuits are covered in detail leading up to the design of complete small digital systems using finite state machine controllers. Use of computer-aided tools for design, minimization, and simulation of circuits. Laboratory is included involving circuit implementation with MSI, LSI, and field programmable gate arrays.

3710 Computer Design Laboratory (3, F) Cross-listed as ECE 3710. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 3700, CPSC/ECE 3810

Working in teams, students employ the concepts of digital logic design and computer organization to design, implement, and test a computing system. Interface I/O devices and develop associated software/firmware. Extensive use of CAD and software tools.

3810 Computer Organization (4, F) Quantitatively Intensive B.S. Course. Cross-listed as ECE 3810. Prereq.: CPSC 2420 or CPSC 2000

An in-depth study of computer architecture and design, including topics such as RISC and CISC instruction set architectures, CPU organizations, pipelining, memory systems, input/output, and parallel machines. Emphasis is placed on performance measures and compilation issues.

3950 Independent Study (1–4)

3960 Special Topics (1–4)

Special topics courses are taught every year. Check the on-line schedule for a current listing of offerings.

3991 Computer Engineering Junior Seminar (0.5, F) Cross-listed as ECE 3991. Prereq.: CE major status

Presentations from faculty and industry representatives to discuss trends in computer engineering, professionalism, ethics, the impact of engineering in global and societal contexts, lifelong learning, and contemporary issues.

3992 Computer Engineering Pre-Thesis/Pre-Project (1, S) Cross-listed as ECE 3992. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 3710 and 3991, CE major status; Coreq.: CPSC/ECE 5780

Fundamentals of project planning (scoping, group selection, risk assessment, scheduling, backup planning, strategy, etc.) are covered in the first half of the course. The second half involves student presentations and critique of proposals in progress. The final result of the course will be an approved project or thesis proposal.

4005 Honors Research Practice (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 3500 and admission to CS Honors track

Techniques for identifying a Computer Science research problem, literature review, research execution, and preparation for publication.

4010 Teaching Introductory Computer Science (1, FS) Prereq.: Permission of instructor

Issues confronted by undergraduate teaching assistants in introductory computer science courses, including leading lab sections, conducting office hours, grading assignments, communicating with students. Each student must currently be an undergraduate teaching assistant in the School of Computing. May be taken for credit up to three times.

4100 Advanced Algorithms and Data Structures (4, S) Quantitatively Intensive B.S. Course. Prereq.: CPSC 2100, CPSC 2420

Study of algorithms, data structures, and complexity analysis beyond the introductory treatment from CPSC 2420. Balanced trees, heaps, hash tables, string matching, graph algorithms, external sorting and searching. Dynamic programming, exhaustive search. Space and time complexity, derivation and solution of recurrence relations, complexity hierarchies, reducibility, NP completeness. Laboratory practice.

4400 Computer Systems (4, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3500, CPSC 3810

Introduction to computer systems from a programmer's point of view. Machine level representations of programs, optimizing program performance, memory hierarchy, linking, exceptional control flow, measuring program performance, virtual memory, concurrent programming with threads, network programming.

4500 Software Engineering Laboratory (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 3505, senior standing in Computer Science

Development of significant software systems by small student groups, with emphasis on applying sound, disciplined software engineering practice.

4540 Web Software Architecture (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 3505

Software architectures, programming models, and programming environments pertinent to developing web applications. Topics include client-server model, multi-tier software architecture, client-side scripting (JavaScript), server-side programming (Servlets and JavaServer Pages), component reuse (JavaBeans), database connectivity (JDBC), and web servers.

4550 Simulation (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3505

Basic simulation modeling, modeling complex systems, basic probability and statistics for simulation, building valid simulations, random numbers, and output data analysis. Both discrete event and continuous simulation may be covered.

4710 Computer Engineering Senior Project (3, F) Cross-listed as ECE 4710. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 3710, 3992, and 5780

This is the capstone project course for Computer Engineering majors who do not choose to do a thesis. Projects are done in groups and are of the student's choosing. Classroom sessions are devoted to improving presentation skills and serve as peer reviews of the ideas and work done to date. Multiple in-progress oral presentations are required as is a final written project report and a final oral presentation.

4950 Independent Study (1–4)

4960–4964 Special Topics (1–4)

Special topics courses are taught every year. Check the on-line schedule for a listing of offerings.

4970 Computer Science Bachelor's Thesis (3) Prereq.: Senior standing in computer science

Only students who have previously worked with a faculty member in a research group may register for Bachelor's Thesis credit, and then only with the permission of the faculty member. An undergraduate thesis is a publication-quality description of work done in previous semesters. At a minimum a thesis must be published as a technical report; ideally, it should be submitted to a conference or journal. A Bachelor's Thesis is intended as an alternative to the senior Software engineering Laboratory for students who are headed for graduate school.

4991 Computer Engineering Senior Thesis I (2, F) Cross-listed as ECE 4991. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 3992 and approved senior thesis proposal

Students work on original senior thesis project under the direction of their approved thesis advisor. This course along with CPSC/ECE 4992 substitute for CPSC/ECE 4710 (Computer Engineering Senior Project) for students who have chosen to do a thesis.

4992 Computer Engineering Senior Thesis II (2, S) Cross-listed as ECE 4992. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 4991

Students work on an original senior thesis project under the direction of their approved thesis advisor, make an oral presentation at the annual student technical conference, and prepare and submit their senior thesis for approval. This course along with CPSC/ECE 4991 substitute for CPSC/ECE 4710 (Computer Engineering Senior Project) for students who have chosen to do a thesis.

4999 Computer Science Honors Thesis/Project (3) Prereq.: Upper-division Communications/Writing, senior status the CS Honors Program

An honors thesis is a publication-quality description of work done in previous semesters. At a minimum a thesis must be published as a technical report; ideally, it should be submitted to a conference or journal.

5010 Software Practice I (4, F) Prereq.: CPSC 2420 and permission of instructor

Meets with CPSC 3500. This course is for graduate students from other than the School of Computing. Practical exposure to the process of creating large software systems, including requirements specifications, design, implementation, testing, and maintenance. Emphasis on software process, software tools (debuggers, profilers, source code repositories, test harnesses), software engineering techniques (time management, code and documentation standards, source code management, object-oriented analysis and design), and team development practice. Much of the work will be in groups and will involve modifying preexisting software systems.

5020 Software Practice II (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 5010 and permission of instructor

Meets with CPSC 3505. A more in-depth study of traditional software development (using UML) from inception through implementation. The entire class is team-based, and will include a project that uses an agile process.

5100 Foundations of Computer Science (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 3100, CPSC 4100

Meets with CPSC 6100. A survey of topics in theoretical computer science, focusing on computability and complexity. Turing machines, decidability, relative computability, recursion theorem, non-deterministic TMs, complexity measures, time and space hierarchies, P and NP, NP-completeness, program specification and verification. Undergraduates only.

5300 Artificial Intelligence (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 3505

Meets with CPSC 6300. Introduction to field of artificial intelligence, including heuristic programming, problem-solving, search, theorem proving, question answering, machine learning, pattern recognition, game playing, robotics, computer vision. Undergraduates only.

5310 Robotics (3, F) Cross-listed as ME EN 5220. Prereq.: CPSC 1000, MATH 2250, PHYCS 2210

Meets with CPSC 6310. The mechanics of robots, comprising kinematics, dynamics, and trajectories. Planar, spherical, and spatial transformations and displacements. Representing orientation: Euler angles, angle-axis, and quaternions. Velocity and acceleration: the Jacobian and screw theory. Inverse kinematics: solvability and singularities. Trajectory planning: joint interpolation and Cartesian trajectories. Statics of serial chain mechanisms. Inertial

parameters, Newton-Euler equations, D'Alembert's principle. Recursive forward and inverse dynamics. Undergraduates only.

5320 Computer Vision (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3505, MATH 2210, MATH 2270

Meets with CPSC 6320. Basic pattern-recognition and image-analysis techniques, low-level representation, intrinsic images, "shape from" methods, segmentation, texture and motion analysis, and representation of 2-D and 3-D shape. Undergraduates only.

5340 Natural Language Processing (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3505

Meets with CPSC 6340. Computational models and methods for understanding written text. Introduction to syntactic analysis, semantic analysis, discourse analysis, knowledge structures, and memory organization. A variety of approaches are covered, including conceptual dependency theory, connectionist methods, and statistical techniques. Applications include story understanding, fact extraction, and information retrieval. Undergraduates only.

5350 Machine Learning (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3505; CPSC 5300 recommended

Meets with CPSC 6350. Techniques for developing computer systems that can acquire new knowledge automatically or adapt their behavior over time. Topics include concept learning, decision trees, evaluation functions, clustering methods, explanation-based learning, language learning, cognitive learning architectures, connectionist methods, reinforcement learning, genetic algorithms, hybrid methods, and discovery. Undergraduates only.

5460 Operating Systems (4, F) Prereq.: CPSC 4400

Characteristics, objectives, and issues concerning computer operating systems. Hardware/software interactions, process management, memory management, protection, synchronization, resource allocation, file systems, security, and distributed systems. Extensive systems programming.

5470 Compiler Principles and Techniques (4, S) Prereq.: CPSC 3100, CPSC 4400

Lexical analysis, top-down and bottom-up parsing, symbol tables, internal forms and intermediate languages, runtime environments, code generation, code optimization, semantic specifications, error detection and recovery. Use of software tools for lexical analysis and parsing.

5480 Computer Networks (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 4100, CPSC 4400

Meets with CPSC 6480. A comprehensive study of the principles and practices of data communication and networks. Topics include: transmission media, data encoding, local and wide area networking architectures, internetwork and transport protocols (e.g., IPv4, IPv6, TCP, UDP, RPC, SMTP), networking infrastructure (e.g., routers, name servers, gateways), network management, distributed applications, network security, and electronic commerce. Principles are put into practice via a number of programming projects. Undergraduates only.

5510 Programming Language Concepts (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3500

Ideas behind the design and implementation of programming languages. Syntactic description; scope and lifetime of variables; runtime stack organization; parsing and abstract syntax; semantic issues; type systems; programming paradigms; interpreters and compilers.

5520 Anatomy of a Modern Programming Language (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 5510

Requirements, challenges, and techniques for designing a modern programming language, currently focusing on Java as a case study. Syntactic and lexical issues, semantic specification, modularity concepts, support for object-oriented programming, types and subtypes, type safety and security, portability, compilability, dynamic linking and loading, program evolvability, use of meta data (reflection), multi-threading, native code generation and linkage, generic types, persistence.

5530 Database Systems (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3500

Meets with CPSC 6530. Representing information about real world enterprises using important data models including the entity-relationship, relational and object-oriented approaches. Database design criteria, including normalization and integrity constraints. Implementation techniques using commercial database management system software. Selected advanced Topics such as distributed, temporal, active, and multi-media databases. Undergraduates only.

5540 Human/Computer Interaction (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3500

Meets with CPSC 6540. Fundamentals of input/output devices, user interfaces, and human factors in the context of designing interactive applications. Undergraduates only.

5600 Introduction to Computer Graphics (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 3500, MATH 2250

Basic display techniques, display devices, and graphics systems. Homogeneous coordinates, transformations, and clipping. Introduction to lighting models. Introduction to raster graphics and hidden-surface removal.

5605 Honors Introduction to Computer Graphics (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 3500, MATH 2250, CS Honors status

Honors version of CPSC 5600.

5610 Interactive Computer Graphics (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 5600

Meets with CPSC 6610. Interactive 3D computer graphics, polygonal representations of 3-D objects. Interactive lighting models. Introduction to interactive texture mapping, shadow generation, image-based techniques such as stencils, hidden-line removal, and silhouette edges. Introduction to image-based rendering, global illumination, and volume rendering. Undergraduates only.

5630 Scientific Visualization (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3505; CPSC 3200 or CPSC 6210 or MATH 5600

Meets with CPSC 6630. Introduction to the techniques and tools needed for the visual display of data. Students will explore many aspects of visualization, using a ”from concepts to results” format. The course begins with an overview of the important issues involved in visualization, continues through an overview of graphics tools relating to visualization, and ends with instruction in the utilization and customization of a variety of scientific visualization software packages. Undergraduates only.

5720 Analog Integrated Circuit Design (3, S) Cross-listed as ECE 5720. Prereq.: ECE 3110

Meets with CPSC 6720. Design of analog and mixed-signal CMOS integrated circuits. Fundamental building blocks for analog circuits, including the basic principles of op amp, current mirror, and comparator design. The basics of sample-and-hold circuits. Students complete integrated circuit design, simulation, layout, and verification using computer-aided design tools. Undergraduates only.

5740 Computer-Aided Design of Digital Circuits (3, S) Cross-listed as ECE 5740. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 3700, CPSC 4100

Meets with CPSC 6740. Introduction to theory and algorithms used for computer-aided synthesis of digital integrated circuits. Topics include algorithms and representations for Boolean optimization, hardware modeling, combination logic optimization, sequential logic optimization and technology mapping. Undergraduates only.

5750 Synthesis and Verification of Asynchronous VLSI Systems (3) Cross-listed as ECE 5750. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 3700, CPSC 3505

Meets with CPSC 6750. Introduction to systematic methods for the design of asynchronous VLSI systems from high-level specifications to efficient, reliable circuit implantations. Topics include specification, protocols, graphical representations, synthesis, optimization using timing information, and verification. Undergraduates only.

5780 Embedded System Design (4, S) Cross-listed as ECE 5780. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 3810, CPSC 2000 or 4400

Meets with CPSC 6780. Introduction to issues in embedded system design using microcontrollers. Topics include: microcontroller architecture, memory interfacing, serial and parallel I/O interfacing, analog interfacing, interrupt synchronization, and embedded software. Undergraduates only.

5785 Advanced Embedded Systems (4, F) Cross-listed as ECE 5785. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 5780

Meets with CPSC 6785. This class is about building reliable and efficient embedded systems, with a bias toward software issues and a bias toward whole-system issues. Students complete several projects in C running on ARM-based embedded development boards. The course covers a number of special topics such as embedded software architectures, digital signal processing, feedback control, real-time scheduling, verification and validation, wired and wireless embedded networks, and safety-critical embedded systems. Undergraduates only.

5830 VLSI Architecture (3, S) Cross-listed as ECE 5830. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 3700, CPSC/ECE 3810

Meets with CPSC 6830. Project-based study of a variety of Topics related to VLSI systems. Use of field programmable gate arrays to design, implement, and test a VLSI project. Undergraduates only.

5950 Independent Study (1–4)

5960–5969 Special Topics (1–4)

Special topics courses are taught every year. Check the on-line schedule for a listing of offerings.

6020 Conducting, Publishing, and Presenting Early-Career Research (3) Prereq.: Graduate standing in Computer Science

This is an independent study offering designed to encourage beginning graduate students to conduct, publish, and present original research early in their graduate careers. A graduate student can earn credit for CPSC 6020 by having a first-authored paper accepted for publication in a top-tier journal or conference and by subsequently presenting the published work in a one-hour research colloquium. The research must be conducted while a graduate student at Utah; the paper must be accepted within two years of enrolling in the graduate program; the journal or conference must be approved by the student's graduate committee; the colloquium must be presented as soon as possible after the acceptance of the paper; and the student must complete these requirements and register for CPSC 6020 within three years of enrolling in the graduate program. CPSC 6020 may not be repeated for credit.

6100 Foundations of Computer Science (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 3100, CPSC 4100

Meets with CPSC 5100. Graduate and honors students only. Extra work required.

6110 Formal Methods for System Design (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 5100/6100

Study of methods for formally specifying and verifying computing systems. Specific techniques include explicit state enumeration, implicit state enumeration, automated decision procedures for first-order logic, and automated theorem proving. Examples selected from the areas of superscalar CPU design, parallel processor memory models, and synchronization and coordination protocols.

6210 Advanced Scientific Computing I (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3200, CPSC 3505, MATH 3150

An introduction to existing classical and modern numerical methods and their algorithmic development and efficient implementation. Topics include: numerical linear algebra, interpolation, approximation methods and parallel computation methods for nonlinear equations, ordinary differential equations, and partial differential equations.

6220 Advanced Scientific Computing II (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 6210 or MATH 5600

A study of the numerical solution of two and three dimensional partial differential equations that arise in science and engineering problems. Topics include: finite difference methods, finite element methods, boundary element methods, multigrid methods, mesh generation, storage optimization methods, and adaptive methods.

6230 High Performance Parallel Computing (3, S) Prereq.: Programming in C/C++

Overview of parallel computing; processors, communications topologies and languages. Use of workstation networks as parallel computers. Design of parallel programs: data composition, load balancing, communications and synchronisation. Distributed memory and shared memory programming modules; MPI, PVM, threads. Performance models and practical performance analysis. Case studies of parallel applications.

6300 Artificial Intelligence (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 3505

Meets with CPSC 5300. Graduate and honors students only. Extra work required.

6310 Robotics (3, F) Cross-listed as ME EN 6220. Prereq.: CPSC 1000, MATH 2250, PHYCS 2210

Meets with CPSC 5310. Graduate and honors students only. Extra work required.

6320 Computer Vision (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 3505, MATH 2210, MATH 2270

Meets with CPSC 5320. Graduate and honors students only. Extra work required.

6340 Natural Language Processing (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3505

Meets with CPSC 5340. Graduate and honors students only. Extra work required.

6350 Machine Learning (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3505; CPSC 5300/6300 recommended

Meets with CPSC 5350. Graduate and honors students only. Extra work required.

6360 Virtual Reality (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 5310/6310

Human interfaces: visual, auditory, haptic, and locomotory displays; position tracking and mapping. Computer hardware and software for the generation of virtual environments. Networking and communications. Telerobotics: remote manipulators and vehicles, low-level control, supervisory control, and real-time architectures. Applications: manufacturing, medicine, hazardous environments, and training.

6370 Geometric Computation for Motion Planning (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 1020, MATH 2250

Geometric computation is the study of practical algorithms for solving queries about geometric properties of computer models and relationships between computer models. Robot motion planning uses these algorithms to formulate safe motion through a modeled environment. In addition, algorithms for geometric computation are used in computer animation, simulation, computer-aided design, haptics, and virtual reality. Topics to be covered in this course are spatial subdivision and model hierarchies, model intersection, distance queries and distance fields, medial axis computations, configuration space, and motion planning. The course will rely on lectures, readings, and projects to provide understanding of current practices in the field.

6380 Multiagent Systems (3, S) Prereq.: knowledge of programming, data structures, processes, language syntax, and either Matlab or C

Covers fundamental notions of (1) software agents, including: autonomy, communication, persistence, and intelligence; and (2) multiagent systems, including: communication standards, cooperation, competition and coordination. Methods will be applied to a practical application (usually in Matlab or C).

6470 Advanced Topics in Compilation (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 5470

Compilation of modern languages. Optimization techniques, register allocation and instruction scheduling, garbage collection, exception handling. Linkers and late-stage compilation and optimization.

6480 Computer Networks (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 4100, CPSC 4400

Meets with CPSC 5480. Graduate and honors students only. Extra work required.

6490 Network Security (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 5480/6480

Comprehensive introduction to the principles and practices of network security, especially Internet Security. Topics to be covered include: cryptography, authentication, access control, web security, denial-of-service, digital pests, anonymity, and intrusion detection. Existing network security standards will be used for case studies. Includes laboratory practice.

6510 Functional Programming (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3100, CPSC 5510

Practical programming with functional language (e.g., Scheme, ML, Haskell) and functional techniques (e.g., fold operators, continuation-passing style, monads, parametric polymorphism). No previous experience with functional language is required. Course work includes writing programs, presenting programs in class, and critiquing peer programs.

6530 Database Systems (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3500

Meets with CPSC 5530. Graduate and honors students only. Extra work required.

6540 Human/Computer Interaction (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3500

Meets with CPSC 5540. Graduate and honors students only. Extra work required.

6610 Advanced Computer Graphics I (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 5600

Meets with CPSC 5610. Graduate and honors students only. Extra work required.

6620 Ray Tracing (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 5610/6610

Introduction to ray-tracing. Intersection methods for 3-D objects, reflection and refraction. Introduction to surface and solid texturing. Introduction to continuous-tone pictures and the aliasing problem. Special effects such as soft shadows, depth-of-field, motion-blur, and indirect lighting.

6630 Scientific Visualization (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 3505; CPSC 3200 or CPSC 6210 or MATH 5600

Meets with CPSC 5630. Graduate and honors students only. Extra work required.

6670 Computer-Aided Geometric Design I (3, F) Prereq.: MATH 2210, MATH 2250, CPSC 3505; Coreq.: CPSC 5600

Introduction to current concepts and issues in CAGD systems with emphasis on free- form surface design; mathematics of free-form curve and surface representations, including Coons patches, Bezier method, B-splines, triangular interpolants, and their geometric consequences; classical surface geometry; local and global design tradeoffs and explicit and parametric tradeoffs; subdivision and refinement as techniques in modeling; current production capabilities compared to advanced research. Laboratory experiments with current CAD systems.

6680 Computer-Aided Geometric Design II (3) Prereq.: CPSC 6670

Project based on material covered in CPSC 6670.

6710 Digital VLSI Design (4, F) Cross-listed as ECE 6710. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 3700

Introduction to basic concepts of the design of CMOS integrated circuits. Static and dynamic properties of CMOS circuits, composite layout of CMOS circuits, and modeling of transistors. Commonly encountered CMOS circuits. Students complete design, composite layout, and simulation of an integrated circuit project using computer-aided design tools.

6712 Digital IC Projects Testing (1, F) Cross-listed as ECE 6712. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 6710

This course is designed for students who fabricated an integrated circuit in CPSC/ECE 6710 or 6770. Students will test their chiips independently and report on the experimental results.

6720 Advanced Integrated Circuit Design II (3, S) Cross-listed as ECE 6720. Prereq.: ECE 3110

Meets with CPSC 5720. Graduate and honors students only. Extra work required.

6721 Analog Integrated Circuits Lab (1, S) Cross-listed as ECE 6721. Coreq.: CPSC/ECE 6720

Optional lab that accompanies CP SC/ECE 5720/6720. Students will test and characterize transistors, circuits, and systems on modern CMOS chips.

6722 Analog Integrated Circuits Project Testing (1, F) Cross-listed as ECE 6722. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 6720

This course is designed for students who fabricated an integrated circuit in CP SC/ECE 5720/6720. Students will test their chips independently and report on the experimental results.

6740 Computer-Aided Design of Digital Circuits (3, S) Cross-listed as ECE 6740. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 3700, CPSC 4100

Meets with CPSC 5740. Graduate and honors students only. Extra work required.

6750 Synthesis and Verification of Asynchronous VLSI Systems (3, F) Cross-listed as ECE 6750. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 3700, CPSC 3505

Meets with CPSC 5750. Graduate and honors students only. Extra work required.

6760 Modeling and Analysis of Biological Networks (3, F) Prereq.: Background in molecular or cell biology or formal modeling.

Introduction to methods for modeling and analyzing biological networks such as genetic regulatory networks, metabolic networks, and signal transduction networks. A particular emphasis will be given to methods inspired by models used by engineers for circuit analysis. Other topics include: stochastic analysis using Monte Carlo methods, differential equation models, Bayesian network models, flux balance analysis, learning methods, pathway databases, and synthesized gene circuits.

6770 Advanced Digital VLSI Systems Design (3) Cross-listed as ECE 6770. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 6710 and instructor permission

This course addresses advanced issues in VLSI design, covering the following topics: design methodologies and IP design, CMOS circuit scaling, advanced logic circuit styles, noise sources and signal integrity in digital design, design techniques for dynamic and static power reduction, power supply issues, interconnect analysis, clocking and synchronization, process variation, and performance verification. Students are expected to complete a substantial design project as part of the course, which involves extensive use of CAD tools.

6780 Embedded System Design (4, S) Cross-listed as ECE 6780. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 3810, CPSC 2000 or 4400

Meets with CPSC 5780. Graduate students only. Extra work required.

6785 Advanced Embedded Systems (4, F) Cross-listed as ECE 6785. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 5780/6780

Meets with CPSC 5785. Graduate students only. Extra work required.

6810 Computer Architecture (3, F) Cross-listed as ECE 6810. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 3810

Principles of modern high performance computer and micro architecture: static vs. dynamic issues, pipelining, control and data hazards, branch prediction and correlation, cache structure and policies, cost-performance and physical complexity analyses.

6830 VLSI Architecture (3, S) Cross-listed as ECE 6830. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 3700, CPSC/ECE 3810

Meets with CPSC 5830. Graduate and honors students only. Extra work required.

6960–6969 Special Topics (1–4)

Special topics courses are taught every year. Check the on-line schedule for a listing of offerings.

7010 Writing Research Proposals (2, S) Prereq.: Graduate standing in Computer Science

Fundamental aspects of writing computer science research proposals, including thesis, dissertation, and grant proposals. Form, style, substance, and marketing of effective proposals will be considered. Emphasis is placed on developing and presenting clear and compelling ideas. Substantial writing and class presentations is required of all participants. (This is a half-semester course.)

7120 Information-Based Complexity (3) Prereq.: CPSC 3200, MATH 2270, MATH 3210

Analysis of optimal computational methods for continuous problems. Introduction to the general worst case theory of optimal algorithms, linear problems, and spline algorithms as well as selected nonlinear problems. Examples include optimal integration, approximation, nonlinear zero finding, and fixed points.

7240 Sinc Methods (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 6210 or MATH 5600 or MATH 5610

Sinc methods for solving difficult computational problems, such as partial differential and integral equation problems, that arise in science and engineering research. Emphasis on parallel computation. Applications vary, depending on participants in the class. Students are given projects—whenever possible in their areas of research—that lead to publishable research articles.

7250 Advanced Topics in Scientific Computing (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 6220

In-depth study of research topics of current interest in scientific computing. Topics will typically have been surveyed in CPSC 6210 and 6220. This course can be repeated for credit since the focus will be changed from semester to semester.

7310 Advanced Robotics (3) Cross-listed as ME EN 7230. Prereq.: CPSC 5310/6310 or ME EN 5220/6220

Covers the kinematics, dynamics, and control of robotic manipulators. Projects controlling robots will be an integral part of the course.

7320 System Identification for Robotics (3) Prereq.: CPSC 5310/6310 or ME EN 5220/6220

Modeling and identification of the mechanical properties of robots and their environments. Review of probability and statistics. Parametric versus nonparametric estimation. Linear least squares parameter estimation, total least squares, and Kalman filters. Nonlinear estimation and extended Kalman filters. State estimation. Specific identification methods for kinematic calibration, inertial parameter estimation, and joint friction modeling.

7460 Distributed Operating Systems (3) Prereq.: CPSC 5460, CPSC 5480/6480

Practical distributed operating systems concepts from basics through the state of the art. Topics include interprocess communication, client-server systems, distributed shared memory, distributed file systems, distributed databases, portable computing, software fault tolerance, and wide-area (e.g. web) applications. Work includes individual oral presentations, a group project, and a written research report.

7520 Programming Language Semantics (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 3100, CPSC 5510

Examination of the formal and pragmatic ideas behind programming language design. Imperative, functional, logic, object-oriented, and multi-paradigm languages. Lambda calculus, fixpoints, type systems, and predicate logic. Denotational semantics and models of concurrency.

7640 Image Processing (3, S) Prereq.: CPSC 2420, MATH 2250

An introductory course in processing grey-scale and color images that covers both mathematical funadmentals and implementation. It introduces students to the basic principles of processing digital signals and how those principles apply to images. These fundamentals include sampling theory, transforms, and filtering. The course also covers a series of basic image-processing problems including enhancement, reconstruction, segmentation, feature detection, and compression. Assignments include several projects with software implementations and analysis of real data.

7650 Realistic Image Synthesis (3, F) Prereq.: CPSC 6620, CPSC 6670, MATH 5010

Using camera and sensor simulation along with physical simulation to generate realistic synthetic images.

7810 Advanced Computer Architecture (3, S) Cross-listed as ECE 7810. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 6810

Issues in the design of modern microprocessors, with emphasis on current research topics in the field. Offered in alternate years.

7820 Parallel Computer Architecture (3, S) Cross-listed as ECE 7820. Prereq.: CPSC/ECE 6810

Architecture, design, and analysis of parallel computer systems: vector processing, data vs. control concurrency, shared memory, message passing, communication fabrics, case studies of current high performance parallel systems. Offered in alternate years.

7960–7969 Special Topics (1–4)

Special topics courses are taught every year. Check the on-line schedule for a listing of offerings.