## Computer Science

If you look at technology today, it is hard to believe that the first computers were developed only half a century ago. Computers are everywhere, and much of modern engineering involves application of computer technology. The undergraduate major in computer science offers a broad and rigorous training for students interested in the science of computing.

Many students obtaining a BS in CS will go on to do graduate work in a branch of CS such as artificial intelligence, robotics, software design, graphics, theory, or hardware design. But CS is not just for future computer scientists. There is an increasing demand for people trained in CS and some other field. If you are interested in working as a manager of a high-tech company, a BS in CS along with an MBA is a great combination. If you want to work on court cases involving software piracy, you will be well served by a BS in CS combined with a JD. Similar opportunities exist for those who combine a BS in CS with an MD or other graduate degree.

The minimum major in computer science consists of 95 units, including 25 units of math, 11 units of science, 13 units of engineering fundamentals, one course in TIS (Technology in Society), and 43 units of depth. After learning essential programming techniques in CS106 (taken either as the two-quarter sequence CS106A/B or as the intensive CS106X) and the mathematical foundations of computer science in CS103 (also offered in both a standard and an intensive form), the computer science major consists of coursework in areas such as programming techniques, automata and complexity theory, systems programming, computer architecture, analysis of algorithms, artificial intelligence, and applications.

The Computer Science Department also participates in three interdisciplinary majors: Computer Systems Engineering, Mathematical and Computational Sciences, and Symbolic Systems.

## Undergraduate Research Opportunities

In addition to the honors program in CS (discussed later in this handbook), there are many opportunities for undergraduates to get involved in research. Here is a partial list:

## CURIS (Undergraduate Research in Computer Science)

Each summer undergraduates work with CS faculty through the summer research college.

Interested students apply for positions during the winter quarter, and CURIS decisions are then made and offers sent out before spring quarter begins. These positions are fully-funded and provide invaluable experience in cutting-edge research. All CS and CSE students are notified via email of CURIS opportunities and the application process.

## Research Opportunities for Computer Science Undergraduates

At the beginning of each academic year CS faculty are asked to provide a list of ongoing research projects that are appropriate for undergraduate involvement. Descriptions of the projects are listed at http://curis.stanford.edu/research.html (don't let the 'curis' fool you; this is not the web site for the summer CURIS program).

## Research Tour/Lunch Series

Each year the CS department offers research lab tours and luncheons specifically geared toward undergraduates. These tours allow students to experience first-hand what goes on in a lab, and the luncheons provide an opportunity for students to discuss interests with research faculty. Past tours included the AI Robotics Lab, the IRoom and the Graphics Lab.

## Research Seminars and Talks

At various times throughout the year the CS department hosts talks and presentations on various research and technology topics. In addition to these one-time events, there are regularly scheduled seminars which are open to undergraduates. Many of these seminars are available as a 1 unit, 500-level courses, but enrollment is not required for attendance.

## For students interested in Pursuing a Research-Oriented Undergraduate Program:

## Freshman and Sophomore Year

Students interested in pursuing research should plan to finish the CS core (CS 103, 106, 107, and 108) by the end of the sophomore year. Those with extra room may find these courses useful:

## If you're considering...

Possible AI courses
Possible graphics courses
Possible theory courses
...take these freshman/sophomore year
MS\&E 120 or Stat 116
Math 51 or Math 103
MS\&E 120 or Stat 116; CS 154

Students are encouraged to apply for CURIS summer research positions but should be aware they may not yet have the necessary background to explore a research area in depth.

## Junior Year

During the junior year students considering research can take one of the following sequences:

| Field of Interest | Fall | Winter | Spring |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Artificial Intelligence | $221^{*}$ | 145 | Any 22x |

Students doing summer research through CURIS should expect to take a course or two spring quarter to prepare them for their research project.

## Senior Year

At the end of the junior year students who qualify are encouraged to apply for the CS honors program (see the Computer Science 'honors' section later in this handbook). Students who are accepted spend the senior year exploring a research topic in depth and writing an honors thesis. Alternatively, students may choose to take CS 294 if they do not have a specific project in mind. but wish to contribute to active research.

Note: The above are meant to be taken only as suggestions. If you have questions, contact the CS course advisor at advisor@cs.stanford.edu.

REQUIREMENTS

| Course | Title | Units | Quarter | Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mathematics (23 units minimum) |  |  |  |  |
| MATH 41 | Calculus (see note 1) | 5 | A | Fr |
| MATH 42 | Calculus | 5 | AW | Fr |
| STAT 116 or | Theory of Probability | 3-5 | AS | So/Jr |
| MS\&E 120 or | Probabilistic Analysis |  | A | So/Jr |
| CME 106 | Introduction to Probability and Statistics for Engineers |  | W | So/Jr |
| CS 103X or | Discrete Structures (Accelerated) | 4-6 | W | So |
| CS 103A and | Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science |  | AW | So |
| CS 103B | Discrete Structures |  | WS | So |
| Mathematics electives (see note 2) |  | 6 |  |  |
| Science (11 units minimum) |  |  |  |  |
| PHYSICS 41 | Mechanics | 4 | W | Fr |
| PHYSICS 43 | Electricity and Magnetism | 4 | S | Fr |
| Science Electiv | (see note 3) | 3 |  | $\mathrm{So} / \mathrm{Jr}$ |
| Engineering Fundamentals (13 units minimum) |  |  |  |  |
| ENGR 40 | Introductory Electronics | 5 | AS | So |
| CS 106B or | Programming Abstractions | 5 | WS | Fr/So |
| CS 106X | Programming Methodology and Abstractions (Accelerated) |  | AW | $\mathrm{Fr} / \mathrm{So}$ |
| Fundamentals Elective (see list of approved courses earlier in Handbook; may not be 106A, B or X) |  |  |  |  |
| Technology in Society (One course, 3-5 units) |  |  |  |  |
| See list of approved courses in Figure 3-3. |  |  |  |  |
| Writing in the Major (One course) |  |  |  |  |
| CS191W, CS194, CS201 and CS294W fulfill the "Writing in the Major" requirement. |  |  |  |  |
| Depth (43 units minimum) |  |  |  |  |
| Programming (2 courses) |  |  |  |  |
| CS 107 | Programming Paradigms | 5 | AS | So/Jr |
| CS 108 | Object-Oriented Systems Design | 4 | AW | $\mathrm{So} / \mathrm{Jr}$ |
| Theory (2 courses) |  |  |  |  |
| CS 154 | Automata and Complexity Theory | 4 | AS | $\mathrm{Jr} / \mathrm{Sr}$ |
| CS 161 | Design and Analysis of Algorithms | 4 | AW | $\mathrm{Jr} / \mathrm{Sr}$ |
| Systems (3 courses) |  |  |  |  |
| EE 108B | Digital Systems II | 4 | AW | So/Jr |
| Systems Electives (see note 4) $7-8$ <br> Applications (2 courses)  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CS 121 or 221 | Artificial Intelligence | 3-4 | W/A | $\mathrm{Jr} / \mathrm{Sr}$ |
| Applications Elective (see note 5) |  | 3-5 |  |  |
| Senior Project-At least 3 units of CS 191, 191W, 194, 294, or 294W (see note 6) |  | 3 |  |  |
| Restricted Electives (2-3 courses; see note 7 and 8) |  | 6-12 |  |  |

## Notes:

1. MATH 19, 20 and 21 may be taken instead of MATH 41 and 42 , as long as at least 23 math units are taken.
2. The Mathematics electives list consists of: Math 51, 103, 108, 109, 110, 113; CS 156, 157, 205A; Phil 151; CME 100, 102, 104. Completion of Math 52 and 53 will (together) count as one Math elective. Restrictions: Math 51 and Math 103, or Math 51 and CME 100, or Math 103 and

Math 113, or CS 157 and Phil 151, may not be used in combination to satisfy the Math electives requirement.
3. Any course of 3 or more units from the School of Engineering list of "Courses Approved for the Science Requirement" (Figure 3-2); PSYCH 30, PSYCH 55, or AP Chemistry credit may also be used. Either of the physics sequences $61 / 63$ or 21/23 may be substituted for $41 / 43$ as long as at least 11 science units are taken.
4. The two systems electives must be chosen from the following: CS 140, 143, 155, 240D, 242 and 244A. This section of the program must include at least one course with a large software project; either CS 140 or 143 currently satisfies this requirement.
5. The applications elective must be chosen from the following: CS $145,147,148$, 223A, 223B, 248 and 262.
6. CS 191 and 191 W independent study projects require faculty sponsorship and must be approved, in advance, by the advisor, faculty sponsor, and the CS program advisor (Robert Plummer or Patrick Young). A form bearing these signatures, along with a brief description of the project, should be filed with the department representative in Gates 182 the quarter before work on the project is begun.
7. Students who take CS 103A/B must complete two electives; students who opt for CS 103X must complete three. The list of approved electives is reviewed annually by the Undergraduate Program Committee. The current list consists of: CS140, 143,144 or $244 \mathrm{~A}, 145,147,148$ or $248,155,156,157,205 \mathrm{~A}, 205 \mathrm{~B}, 222,223 \mathrm{~A}$, $223 \mathrm{~B}, 224 \mathrm{M}, 224 \mathrm{~N}, 224 \mathrm{~S}, 225 \mathrm{~A}, 225 \mathrm{~B}, 226,227,228,229,240,242,243,244 \mathrm{~B}$, $245,247,249,249 \mathrm{~B}, 255,256,257,258,261,262,270,271,272,273 \mathrm{~A}, 274$, 277, 295, CME 108; EE282.
8. Students wishing to use their electives to specialize in a particular area can refer to the following chart for suggested specialization 'tracks' (courses with a * are not on the approved electives list so students will need to petition to use them):

| Databases | Graphics | HCI | Robotics |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| CS145 | CS248 | CS147 | CS223A |
| CS245 | CS348A* | CS247 | CS225A |
| CS 346* | CS348B* | CS 377* | CS225B |

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Typical Sequence of Courses


* Arrows represent direct prerequisites


## Computer Science

Early Start (satisfies many requirements in first two years)

Freshman

| Fall |  |  |  | Winter |  |  |  | Spring |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Class | Math/ Sci. | Engr. | Other | Class | Math/ Sci. | Engr. | Other | Class | Math Sci. | Engr. | Other |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MATH 41 | 5 | - | - | MATH 42 | 5 | - | - | Math Elect | 3 | - | - |
| CS 106X |  | 5 | - | PHYSICS 41 | 4 | - | - | PHYSICS 43 | 4 | - | - |
| IHUM | - | - | 5 | IHUM | - | - | 5 | IHUM | - | - | 5 |
| Writing | - | - | 3 | TIS Course | - | - | 3 | CS 107 | - | 5 | - |
| Subtotals | 5 | 5 | 8 | Subtotals | 9 | 0 | 8 | Subtotals | 7 | 5 | 5 |
| Total |  |  | 18 | Total |  |  | 17 | Total |  |  | 17 |
| CS 103A | - | 3 | - | CS 103B | - | 3 | - | MATH Elect | 3 | - | - |
| Writing | - | - | 3 | CS 108 | - | 4 | - | CS 154 | - | 4 |  |
| Language | - | - | 5 | GER | - | - | 5 | STAT 116 | 5 | - | - |
| ENGR 40 |  | 5 |  | Language | - | - | 5 | Language | - | - | 5 |
| Subtotals | 0 | 8 | 8 | Subtotals | 0 | 7 | 10 | Subtotals | 8 | 4 | 5 |
| Total |  |  | 16 | Total |  |  | 17 | Total |  |  | 17 |
| CS 140 | - | 4 | - | CS 121 | - | 3 | - | CS 155 | - | 3 | - |
| EE 108B | - | 4 | - | CS 161 | - | 4 | - | Elective | - | 4 | - |
| GER | - |  | 5 | GER | - | - | 5 | GER | - | - | 5 |
|  |  |  |  | Sci. Elective | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Subtotals | 0 | 8 | 5 | Subtotals | 3 | 7 | 5 | Subtotals | 0 | 7 | 5 |
| Total |  |  | 13 | Total |  |  | 15 | Total |  |  | 12 |
| CS 145 | - | 4 | - | CS Elective | - | 3 | - | Adv. CS | - | 3 | - |
| CS 191W | - | 3 | - | Adv. CS | - | 3 | - | Elective | - |  | 3 |
| Elective | - | - | 5 | Fund Elect | - | 3 | - | Elective | - | - | 3 |
|  |  |  |  | Elective | - | - | 4 | Elective | - | - | 4 |
| Subtotals | 0 | 7 | 5 | Subtotals | 0 | 9 | 4 | Subtotals | 0 | 3 | 10 |
| Total |  |  | 12 | Total |  |  | 13 | Total |  |  | 13 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total Math \& Science Units: |  |  | 32 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total Engineering Units: |  |  | 70 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total Other Units: |  |  | 78 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tot | al Units: | 180 |

Computer Science
Late Start (no CS classes until sophomore year)


Computer Science
Even Progression (Major requirements are more evenly spread through the four years)


# Instructions for Declaring Major in <br> COMPUTER SCIENCE 

## 1. Find an Advisor

For details see http://csmajor.stanford.edu/ChoosingAdvisor.shtml Find a CS professor or lecturer who verbally agrees to be your advisor. See http://csmajor/FacultyList.php for a list of faculty members. You should meet with him or her in person, either in office hours or by appointment. Write your advisor's name here.


## 2. Collect Folder and Declare on Axess

Print out a copy of your unofficial transcript from Axess (Academics $\rightarrow$ View Unofficial Transcript). Please don't staple it.
$\square$ My folder includes an unofficial transcript from this quarter.

While you're on Axess, be sure to declare there. (Academics $\rightarrow$ Declare a Major/Minor).

## I have declared on Axess.

3. Basic Information

| Full <br> Name | First | Middle |  | Last |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name you go by: |  | Birth date: | Month: | Day: | Year: |
| SUID \# |  | E-mail |  | @stanford.edu |  |
| Major | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { O CS } \\ & \text { O CSE } \end{aligned}$ | Expected graduation | $\bigcirc 2011 \bigcirc 2010$ $\bigcirc 2009 \bigcirc 2008$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 0 \\ 8 & \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |

## 4. See the Course Advisor in Gates 160

Bring this form to the Course Advisor's office hours in Gates 160. The current quarter's office hours are posted at http://csmajor.stanford.edu/WhoToSee.shtml.
NOTE: There are no office hours during finals week, break, or summer quarter. It may take up to two weeks for a declaration to go through, so please plan accordingly! Juniors should do this before winter quarter.

## Stanford University • School of Engineering Computer Science <br> 2007-2008 Program Sheet

Final version of completed and signed program sheet due to the department no later than one month prior to the last quarter of senior year.
*Follow all requirements as stated for the year of the program sheet used.*
$\qquad$
Email:
SU ID:
$\qquad$
Local Phone: $\qquad$
Date B.S. expected: $\qquad$
Mathematics and Science Requirement (Delete courses and units not taken)

| Dept | Course | Title | Transfer/AP Approval |  |  | Unit | Grade |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \checkmark \text { if } \\ \text { Transfer } \end{gathered}$ | Initials | Date |  |  |
| Mathematics (23 units minimum) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MATH | 41 | Calculus (see note 1) |  |  |  | 5 |  |
| MATH | 42 | Calculus |  |  |  | 5 |  |
| STAT116 orMS\&E 120 orCME 106 |  | Probability |  |  |  | 3 to 5 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { CS 103X or } \\ & \text { CS 103A \& B } \end{aligned}$ |  | Discrete Structures |  |  |  | 4 or 6 |  |
| Plus two electives (see note 2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Mathematics Unit Total (23 units minimum) |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Science (11 units minimum) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PHYSIC | 41 | Mechanics |  |  |  | 4 |  |
| PHYSIC | 43 | Electricity and Magnetism |  |  |  | 4 |  |
|  |  | Elective (see note 3) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Science Unit Total (11 units minimum) |  |  |  |  |
| Technology in Society Requirement (1 course required; see UGHB Figure 3-3 for approved list; see note 7) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Engineering Fundamentals (13 units required) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CS | 106 | Programming Methodology and Abstractions (B or X) |  |  |  | 5 |  |
| ENGR | 40 | Introductory Electronics |  |  |  | 5 |  |
|  |  | Elective (see note 4) |  |  |  | 3 to 5 |  |
| Engineering Fundamentals Total (13 units minimum) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## NOTES

* This form is available as an Excel file at [http://ughb.stanford.edu/](http://ughb.stanford.edu/). The printed form must be signed by the departmental representative. Changes must be initialed in ink.
* All courses listed on this form must be taken for a letter grade if offered by the instructor.
* Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) for all courses in Engineering Fundamentals and Computer Science Depth (combined) is 2.0.
* Transfer and AP credits in Math, Science, Fundamentals, \& TIS must be approved by the SoE Dean's Office. Transfer credits in Computer Science Depth must be approved by the Computer Science undergraduate program office.
* All courses listed on this form may only be included under one category. Delete courses not taken.
(1) Math 19, 20 and 21 may be taken instead of Math 41 and 42 as long as at least 23 math units are taken.
(2) The Mathematics electves list consists of: Math 51, 103, 108, 109, 110, 113; CS 156, 157, 205A; Phil 151; CME 100, 102, 104. Completion of Math 52 and 53 will (together) count as one Math elective. Restrictions: Math 51 and Math 103, or Math 51 and CME 100, or Math 103 and Math 113 , or CS 157 and Phil 151, may not be used in combination to satisfy the Math electives requirement.
(3) The Science elective may be any course of 3 or more units from the SoE Science List plus Psych 30 or 55 . AP Chem also meets this requirement. Either of the physics sequences $61 / 63$ or $21 / 23$ may be substituted for $41 / 43$ as long as at least 11 science units are taken.
(4) One course required; may not be CS 106A, B or X. See Engineering Fundamentals Fig. 3-4 in the UGHB for approved list.


## Computer Science Program Sheet (continued)

Computer Science Depth (43 units minimum) Be advised, no course may be listed twice on the sheet. No double-counting.


## Program Approvals

Advisor
Printed Name:
Date: $\qquad$
Signature:
Departmental
Printed Name: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$
Signature:

## School of Engineering

Printed Name:
Date: $\qquad$

Signature:

## NOTES (continued from page 1)

(5) The two systems electives must be chosen from the following set: CS140, 143, 155, 240D, 242 and 244 A . The systems electives must include a course with a large software project, currently satisfied by either CS140 or 143 .
(6) The applications elective must be chosen from the following set: CS145, 147, 148, 223A, 223B, 248 or 262.
(7) The WIM requirement for Freshmen and Transfer students entering Fall 96 or later may be met by taking CS 201 as a Technology in Society course or through the Senior Project course (191W, 194, or 294W only).
(8) Students who take CS103A/B must complete two electives; students who opt for CS103X must complete three. The list of approved electives is reviewed annually by the Undergraduate Program Committee. The current list consists of CS 140, 143, 145, 144 or 244A, 147, 148 or $248,155,156,157,205 \mathrm{~A}, 205 \mathrm{~B}, 222,223 \mathrm{~A}, 223 \mathrm{~B}, 224 \mathrm{M}, 224 \mathrm{~N}, 224 \mathrm{~S}, 225 \mathrm{~A}, 225 \mathrm{~B}, 226,227,228,229$, 240, 242, 243, 244B, 245, 247, 249A, 249B, 255, 256, 257, 258, 261, 262, 270, 271, 272, 273A, 274, 276, 277, 295, CME 108, EE282.

