COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Computer Science and Information Technology

• The Computer Science program is offered as the Bachelor of Science degree and is a traditional, analytical program which involves extensive computer programming and support courses in mathematics.

• The Information Technology program is also offered as the Associate of Applied Science and the Bachelor of Science in Applied Science. Coursework emphasizes applying high-end computer applications and system management.

• The Master’s in Computing and Information Systems offers advanced education in several computing areas.

The learning outcomes for each program can be found at:

• BS in Computer Science (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-science-technology-engineering-mathematics/department-computer-science-information-systems/bs-computer-science/#learningoutcometext)

• AAS in Information Technology (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-science-technology-engineering-mathematics/department-computer-science-information-systems/aas-information-technology/#learningoutcometext)

• BSAS in Information Technology (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-science-technology-engineering-mathematics/department-computer-science-information-systems/bsas-information-technology/#learningoutcometext)

For more information, please see the program coordinator/department chair.

MISSION STATEMENT

The increasingly interdisciplinary nature of computer science has significantly pushed its frontiers, while at the same time reinvigorated research into the foundations of computing. This duality informs and guides how we implement our mission. The primary mission of the CSIS programs is to:

• generate and spread knowledge, train future scholars who actively participate in their field of study, and give services to our community. The field of computer science has extensively created new technology and has also given way for new research topics. This ability creates our mission in this department.

• design a broad range of current Computer Science, and Information Technology experiences that include multidisciplinary activities and community interaction, using current computing technology and supported by strong written, critical thinking, and verbal communication skills to enable students to function effectively in a technology-based society.

• develop partnerships with local industry and school systems to benefit the economic health of the Mahoning Valley.

• supports and encourages research, industry partnerships, and other activities leading to the development of new technologies and new classroom methods and techniques.

• recognize that computing has become an increasingly crucial aspect of all disciplines of knowledge, and support interdisciplinary programs and forms symbiotic relationships with other disciplines in areas of greatest benefit to students.

• support the social growth of students, promoting ethical decision making, the development of secure and reliable computing systems, and an awareness of the role of computing in a global environment.

• constantly strives for diversity in terms of groups underrepresented in computing, particularly women.

Curriculum sheets and suggested schedules for each program may be obtained from the office (M-339) in Meshel Hall or from the School’s website.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMS

Students will initially be admitted to University in the "STEM-T" (formerly "PRE-COMPUTER") major in the STEM College. Students may and should apply for a transfer into the Computer Science or Information Technology programs once they have met the eligibility requirements. Students will be eligible to transfer to the CSCI or IT major once they have completed all pre-college Math (i.e. ready to take MATH 1513, 1552, or higher MATH) and pre-college English (i.e. ready to take ENGL 1550).

The typical courses taken by a PRE-COMPUTER major prior to transferring to a program are:

• Intended Major - Computer Science: CSIS 1590 or CSIS 2610

• Intended Major - Information Technology: INFO 1575 or CSIS 1590

New students, former YSU students, and external transfer students will enter the University as "STEM-T" majors and apply for admission to a departmental major when the above criteria are satisfied.

GRADUATION POLICIES

Students must meet the degree requirement of each program. The curricular requirements for each program is listed below. For more information, please see the program coordinator/department chair.

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ADVISING AND ADVISOR LIST

Advising, which is a continuous and consistent collaborative process between faculty members and students, is to make sure that students are making the right decision in the growth and development process, while seeking a degree. The role of academic advisor is to help students in developing efficient and effective educational plans that is inline with the life goals. Therefore, advisors are to:

• help students (advisees) to adapt the planning nature of the academic life and expectations, which is consistent with their abilities and interests.

• meet with students once a semester to for academic planning

• monitor and mentor the student progress towards the educational goals

• make sure rules and regulations are well understood by the students and the necessary steps are taken in the correct order.

• approve all designated educational transactions (registration, advising, course transfer, major selection, graduation requirements, etc.)

Professor
Abdurrahman Arslanyilmaz, Ph.D., Professor
Robert W. Kramer, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Alina Lazar, Ph.D., Professor
John R. Sullins, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Feng Yu, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Yong Zhang, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Lecturer
Robert Gilliland, M.C.I.S., Senior Lecturer
Todd A. Jones, Lecturer

Majors

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- AAS in Information Technology (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-science-technology-engineering-mathematics/department-computer-science-information-systems/aas-information-technology/)
- BSAS in Information Technology (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-science-technology-engineering-mathematics/department-computer-science-information-systems/bsas-information-technology/)

Minors

- Minor in Computer Databases (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-science-technology-engineering-mathematics/department-computer-science-information-systems/minor-computer-databases/)
- Minor in Computer Networking (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-science-technology-engineering-mathematics/department-computer-science-information-systems/minor-computer-networking/)
- Minor in Information Systems Programming (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-science-technology-engineering-mathematics/department-computer-science-information-systems/minor-information-systems-programming/)
- Minor in Multimedia and Web Design (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-science-technology-engineering-mathematics/department-computer-science-information-systems/minor-multimedia-web-design/)
- Minor in Computer Science (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-science-technology-engineering-mathematics/department-computer-science-information-systems/minor-computer-science/)
- Minor in Security – Requirements will be posted soon.
- Minor in Tech Support – Requirements will be posted soon.

Computer Science and Information Systems

CSIS 1500  Computer Literacy  3 s.h.
A survey of computer concepts and applications. Network access and electronic mail. Emphasis on software applications packages available for microcomputers, including word processing. This course is meant for students with minimal or no background in computers. Credit will not be given for both CSIS 1500 and for either CSIS 1514, CSIS 1525, or CSIS 1590.

CSIS 1514  Business Computer Systems  3 s.h.
Hands-on business software, with emphasis on operating systems, word processing, database and spreadsheet applications. This course is not designed for beginning computer users. Beginning computer users should take CSIS 1500: Computer Literacy before taking this course.

CSIS 1525  Survey of Modern Operating Systems  3 s.h.
This course presents the history of design and creation of the operating system, role and purpose of the operating system, functionality of a typical operating system, mechanisms to support client-server models, handheld devices, design issues (efficiency, robustness, flexibility, portability, security, compatibility). Influences of security, networking, multimedia, windowing systems. This course will introduce the Android, iOS, Linux, Windows, and Unix operating systems. This course is not applicable to the CSCI major. This course is not designed for beginning computer users. Beginning computer users should take CSIS 1500: Computer Literacy before taking this course.

CSIS 1550  Survey of Language Topics  3 s.h.
Introductory language course with emphasis on writing structured programs in a particular computer language. The language topic and special prerequisites are announced in advance. Not applicable to the CIS or CSCI major.
Prereq.: Permission of chair.

CSIS 1560  Basic Programming  3 s.h.
An introduction to computer programming using a visual object-oriented programming tool. Topics include control structures, loops, functions, methods, recursion, array processing, and events. Students will learn to design and implement virtual worlds.

CSIS 1570  Web Systems and Technologies  3 s.h.
Concepts of web-based applications including related software, interfaces and digital media. Foundations of web-site development including design, implementation, and integration. Multimedia integration and security and accessibility issues.
Prereq.: MATH 1505 or MATH 1507 or Math Placement Level 35.

CSIS 1590  Survey of Computer Science and Information Systems  3 s.h.
Concepts, theory, and contemporary issues underlying the computing sciences. Introduction to computer applications, the YSU computing environment, the use of communication and information networks, and basic problem solving techniques using computers. This course is not designed for beginning computer users. Beginning computer users should take CSIS 1514: Business Computer Systems before taking this course.
Prereq.: or concurrent MATH 1505 or MATH 1507 or at least Level 30 on the Mathematics Placement Test.
CSIS 1595  Fundamentals of Programming and Problem-Solving 1 3 s.h. 
Introduction to concepts, principles, and skills of programming using a high-level programming language. Topics include programming language characteristics, an integrated development environment, algorithms and pseudocode, variables, operators, conditional statements, looping statements, functions, arrays, testing, debugging, documentation and program style. Two hours lecture and two hours lab. Credit will not be given for both CSIS 1595 and CSIS 2610.
Prereq.: CSIS 1590 or MATH 1507 or Level 40 on Math Placement Test.

CSIS 2602  Programming in C 3 s.h. 
Programming concepts and techniques, with emphasis on scientific and engineering applications. An accelerated survey of the C programming language and an introduction to the UNIX programming environment. Not applicable to the CIS or CSCI major.
Prereq.: CSIS 1500 and MATH 1513 or Math Placement Level 5 or 50 or higher.

CSIS 2605  Fundamentals of Programming and Problem-Solving 2 3 s.h. 
Theory and application of programming principles, data and information structures, simple linked lists, searching, and sorting, software development life cycle. Practice using these concepts in an object-oriented programming language. Credit will not be given for both CSIS 2605 and CSIS 2610. Prereq. or.
Prereq.: C or better in CSIS 1595.
Coreq.: MATH 1511 or MATH 1513 or MATH 1552 or Level 50 on Math Placement Test.

CSIS 2610  Programming and Problem-Solving 4 s.h. 
Problem solving methods and algorithms using a high-level programming language. Designing, coding, debugging, and documenting programs using techniques of good programming style. Three hours lecture, two hours lab. Credit will not be given for both CSIS 2605 and CSIS 2610.
Prereq.: MATH 1511 or MATH 1513 or MATH 1552 or Level 50 on Math Placement Test.

CSIS 2615  Information Structures for Information Technology 3 s.h. 
Study and application of information structure concepts such as lists, trees, multilevel lists, files, and data-method integration. Practice using these concepts in a 3D animation environment using an object-oriented programming language. Emphasis on algorithm design, object utilization, and storyboarding.
Prereq.: CSIS 1590, and either CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610.

CSIS 2620  System Configuration and Maintenance 3 s.h. 
The theory and practice of installing and maintaining hardware and software for complex systems. Motherboards, memories, storage devices, processors, power supplies, network interface cards, and I/O peripheral devices. Operating systems, startup and boot process, I/O peripheral devices, data backup, data protection and recovery, networking, security strategies, virtualization, and troubleshooting.
Prereq.: CSIS 1590 or CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610.

CSIS 2655  Personal Cyber Security 3 s.h. 
PC system security including data assurance, standards and legal issues, and methods and procedures for guarding against potential software attack. Not applicable to the CIS, CSCI, or INFO major. Credit will not be given for 2655 if a student already received credit for CSIS 2655 or its equivalent.

CSIS 2660  Foundations of Electronic Commerce 3 s.h. 
Framework of electronic commerce, including e-commerce architecture, infrastructure, technologies, tools, and strategies. Topics include security, environmental, and implementation issues. Includes web site analysis, hardware/software issues, mini-cases, and introduction to site development.
Prereq.: CSIS 1590.

CSIS 2699  Computer Science and Information Systems Internship 1-3 s.h. 
Classroom theory applied to on-the-job professional experience related to the student's major. Work for a minimum of 12 hours per week at an approved site, complete a related project, and attend seminars. May be repeated once with the permission of coordinator.
Prereq.: Sophomore in good standing and permission of internship coordinator.

CSIS 3700  Data Structures and Objects 4 s.h. 
Program design, style and expression, testing and debugging for larger programs. Introductory concepts of object oriented programming, including classes, methods, encapsulation, and abstract data types. Theory and application of data structures, including linked structures, trees, networks, and graphs.
Prereq.: "C" or better in either CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610.

CSIS 3701  Advanced Object-oriented Programming 3 s.h. 
Object-oriented design and programming, including classes, encapsulation, inheritance, polymorphism, exception handling, and generics. Design, development, and testing of large-scale programs using object-oriented programming.
Prereq.: "C" or better in either CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610.

CSIS 3722  Development of Databases 3 s.h. 
This course covers concepts about data modelling, relational data model, Structured Query Language (SQL), relational database design and transaction processing. Storing, retrieving, updating and displaying data using Structured Query Language (SQL), functions and triggers. Secure operations performed by database administrators.
Prereq.: CSIS 1590 or CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610.

CSIS 3723  Networking Concepts and Administration 3 s.h. 
Overview of electronic communications concepts and technologies, with emphasis on Local Area Networks. Network topologies, design, administration, installed applications, and performance monitoring. Privacy, ethical and legal concerns.
Prereq.: CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610.

CSIS 3726  Visual/Object-Oriented Programming 4 s.h. 
Use of one or more visual programming languages in conjunction with the concepts of object-oriented programming. Development of interactive programs using a graphical user interface. Database and Internet programming. Three hours lecture, two hours lab.
Prereq.: CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610.

CSIS 3730  Computer Graphics 3 s.h. 
Techniques of computer raster graphics, including scan conversion, two- and three-dimensional clipping and windowing, transformations, and viewing in 3D. Algorithms and more advanced topics.
Prereq.: CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610.

CSIS 3731  Human-Computer Interaction 3 s.h. 
Concepts of human-computer interaction, including human factors, performance analysis, cognitive processing, usability studies, environment, training, user and task analysis, ergonomics, and accessibility standards.
Prereq.: CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610 or INFO 2663.

CSIS 3732  Intranet Database Implementation 3 s.h. 
Design and implementation of 3NF PC-based databases uploaded to intranet Web sites. Remote database design, development, and updating using SQL within an application development software package. Validating database integrity. Includes site development and projects.
Prereq.: CSIS 3722 and either CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610.

CSIS 3737  Game Programming 3 s.h. 
Programming and development of computer games using a game programming environment. Software tools for coding 2D and 3D graphics and animation, sprites and other assets, and handling input events, motion, and collisions. Object-oriented programming and AI concepts for game development.
Prereq.: CSIS 1595 or CSIS 2610.

CSIS 3738  Graphics and Animation for Gaming 3 s.h. 
Design and implementation of animated characters in 3D computer games. Mesh design creation; surface materials, textures, and lighting; skeletal and facial rigging; motion and animation. Underlying physical principles and realistic character design concepts. Use of 3D animation software.
Prereq.: CSIS 1595 or CSIS 2610.
CSIS 3740  Computer Organization  4 s.h.
Basic hardware components, structure, and implementation of computer
systems. Assembly language and instruction set architecture. Combinational
and sequential digital logic. CPU and control unit design.
Prereq.: CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610.

CSIS 3755  Information Assurance  3 s.h.
Confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity of information. Methods of
controlling access to electronic data, enforcing security policies, protecting
against malicious attacks (including web site attacks), intrusion detection, and
disaster recovery.
Prereq.: CSIS 1590 or CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610.

CSIS 3765  Security Design  3 s.h.
Operating system security concepts, techniques and applications including
MS Windows and LINUX/UNIX platforms. Includes a hands-on design project.
Prereq.: Either CSCI 5806 or CSIS 3755 and either CSIS 1525 or CSIS 3718.

CSIS 3783  Cisco Networking Academy 2  4 s.h.
Advanced networking concepts and technology. Topics include
LAN switching, VLAN design and implementation, IGRP, Access Control Lists, Novell IPX,
Token Ring, Network Management, WAN design, WAN protocols (PPP, Frame
Relay, ISDN), CCNA certification review. LAN design project. Three hours
lecture and three hours lab. By permit only.
Prereq.: CSIS 2605 and INFO 2663.

CSIS 3782  Cisco Networking Academy 1  4 s.h.
Current and emerging networking concepts and technology. Topics include
networking standards, terminology, and protocols; LANs and WANs, the
OSI and TCP/IP models, network topology and design, physical and logical
addressing, subnet masking, router configuration and programming. Includes
structured cabling project. Three hours lecture and three hours lab. By permit only.
Prereq.: CSIS 1590, and either CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610.

CSIS 3789  Computer Science and Information Systems Advanced Internship  2-4 s.h.
An industrial/academic experience in information systems/technology. Employment for 15 to 20 hours per week. May be repeated once with the permission of internship supervisor.
Prereq.: 16 s.h. of department courses (at least 3 hours upper-division) and
permission of department internship supervisor.

CSIS 4819  Parallel and Distributed Computing  3 s.h.
Survey of current development of parallel processing with emphasis on parallel
programming. Topics include parallel architecture, interconnection networks
for inter-processor communication, parallel sorting/searching algorithms,
parallel constructs for parallel programming paradigms, and implementation of
the algorithms in a parallel programming language.
Prereq.: CSIS 3700 and CSIS 3740.

CSIS 4822  Database Applications  3 s.h.
Design and development of applications using database languages.
Prereq.: CSIS 3722.

CSIS 4823  Data Communications Networking  3 s.h.
Study of present methods for design and evaluation of information networks,
LAN and WAN. Includes queuing, routing, security, reliability, error detection
and correction, and distributed processing.
Prereq.: CSIS 3723.

CSIS 4831  Virtual Reality Systems  3 s.h.
An investigation into the use, design, implementation, and evaluation of virtual
reality interfaces. Experiences with VR systems using both 2D projections and
stereoscopic display and other systems. Students work in multidisciplinary
groups.
Prereq.: CSIS 3730.

CSIS 4870  Web Communications Capstone  3 s.h.
A project course requiring the integration of website development tools and
techniques, database development, effective writing for the web, and audience
analysis, to produce a website of substantial depth and breadth. Oral and
written presentations of final project. Listed also as ENGL 4870.
Prereq.: Senior standing and permission of instructor.

Gen Ed: Capstone.

CSIS 4878  Mobile Application Development  3 s.h.
Principles of designing and developing cross-platform mobile applications.
Techniques for designing, developing, testing, packaging, and publishing
cross-platform mobile apps. Client- and server-side programming theories and
practices regarding mobile app development.
Prereq.: CSIS 3722, INFO 3776, and CSIS 3701.

CSIS 4893  Computer Science and Information Systems Advanced  
Workplace Experience  3-12 s.h.
An on-the-job experience in the field of computer science and information systems.
Prereq.: Senior standing and permission of instructor.

CSIS 5824  Applied Artificial Intelligence  3 s.h.
Study of artificial intelligence software related to decision making. Topics may
include robotic control, expert systems, automated knowledge acquisition, or
logic programming.
Prereq.: CSIS 3700 and 3 s.h. of upper-division departmental courses, or CSIS
6901.

CSIS 5828  Computer Network Security  3 s.h.
Overview of security issues that arise from computer networks, including the
spectrum of security activities, methods, methodologies, and procedures.
Intrusion detection, firewalls, threats and vulnerabilities, denial of service
attacks, viruses and worms, encryption, and forensics.
Prereq.: CSIS 3723 or equivalent.

CSIS 5837  Artificial Intelligence in Game Design  3 s.h.
Artificial intelligence techniques for designing and programming intelligent
non-player characters for a variety of different types of game genres. Finite
and fuzzy state machines, terrain analysis and path planning, board games,
language understanding, and learning.
Prereq.: CSIS 3700 or CSIS 3701 or CSIS 3726 or CSCI 6901.
CSIS 5838  Graphics and Animation for Gaming  3 s.h.
Design and implementation of 3D computer games. Development of 3D characters, including surface creation and effects, skeletal and facial rigging, and motion and animation. Programming those characters in a 3D game engine, including scripting, level and game design, and game physics.
Prereq.: CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610 or CSIS 3737.

CSIS 5883  Remote Access and Multilayer Switched Networks  4 s.h.
Advanced WAN connectivity, including Frame Relay, ATM, ISDN, DSL, and modems; IP address scaling techniques; advanced access control; core issues in network design and management, focusing on multilayer switched networks and emerging multi-service networks. Will incorporate CCNP Cisco Academy curriculum. Three hours lecture, three hours lab.
Prereq.: CSIS 3783.

CSIS 5884  Building Scalable Networks and Advanced Internetwork Troubleshooting  4 s.h.
Designing scalable networks; advanced routing protocols; VLSM and route aggregation; management and diagnostic tools; troubleshooting tools and methodology for TCP/IP, Novell, and AppleTalk connectivity, VLANs, routers, and switches; Frame Relay and ISDN connectivity. Will incorporate CCNP Cisco Academy curriculum. Three hours lecture, three hours lab.
Prereq.: CSIS 3783.

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CSCI 3710  Introduction to Discrete Structures  3 s.h.
Basic set theory, including functions and relations. Boolean algebra, propositional logic, regular expressions, and finite automata.
Prereq.: CSIS 2610 and MATH 1571 or MATH 1585H, or Math Placement Level 9 or 90.

CSCI 3750  Advanced UNIX and C Programming  3 s.h.
Use of UNIX programming environment and associated tools and utilities. Command language programming. Systems programming with ANSI C. May include UNIX internals and systems administration.
Prereq.: CSIS 3700.

CSCI 3770  Concepts of Programming Languages  3 s.h.
Comparative survey of programming language paradigms, including imperative, object-oriented, event-driven, functional, logic-based, and concurrent programming languages. Design and tradeoffs of programming language features and implementation, including syntax, control structures, types, memory management, and security.
Prereq.: CSCI 3701.

CSCI 3780  Microcomputer System Software  3 s.h.
Programming microprocessor based systems using assembly language. Study of addressing techniques, machine language, program segmentation, and linking on microcomputers.
Prereq.: CSIS 3700.

CSCI 4805  System Programming  3 s.h.
Topics selected from aspects of systems programming, including assemblers, loaders, linkage editors, macro processors, and file management.
Prereq.: CSCI 3700 and CSCI 3740.

CSCI 4830  Advanced Computer Graphics  3 s.h.
A thorough investigation of graphics algorithms. Topics include hidden surface removal, parametric curves, lighting, shading, and texturing. Implementation of a graphics project required.
Prereq.: CSCI 3730 and MATH 3720.

CSCI 4862  Server-Side Web Development and Programming  3 s.h.
Prereq.: CSCI 3700 or CSCI 3701.

CSCI 4870  Biometrics  3 s.h.
Major biometric techniques, including face, fingerprint, voice and iris. Biometric methods with roots in computer vision, image processing, pattern recognition and machine learning.
Prereq.: CSIS 3700 or FSCI 3716/L or permission of instructor.

CSCI 4871  Cloud Computing and Big Data  3 s.h.
Fundamental knowledge of cloud computing and big data. Advances in cloud computing and data intensive computing environment across multiple disciplines. Students will build, manage, and program on popular cloud and big data platforms.
Prereq.: At least 3 semester hours of upper division CSIS or CSCI courses.

CSCI 4890  Computer Projects  2-4 s.h.
Individualized study of a topic in computer science culminating in a written report and an oral presentation. May be repeated up to 8 s.h. of upper-division CSCI courses applicable to the minimum requirements of a computer science major, and formal project proposal.
Prereq.: 24 s.h. of computer science (including at least 3 s.
Gen Ed: Capstone.

CSCI 5801  Software Engineering  3 s.h.
Developing and maintaining complex software systems. Process and life-cycle models, and tools for software development (such as CASE). Specification methods, prototyping, validation and verification strategies, and version maintenance. Management of the system development process. A group project is required.
Prereq.: CSCI 3701.

CSCI 5802  Software Tools and Practices  3 s.h.
A course that focuses on the different tools and techniques that software engineers typically use while developing software. Topics include current software engineering tools and practices, software testing, software architecture, version control systems, build and make systems, debuggers, static analysis tools, dynamic analysis tools, and design patterns. Students gain experience in multiple environments (Windows and a UNIX-based environment).
Prereq.: Junior standing and CSCI 3700 or CSCI 6901.

CSCI 5806  Operating Systems  3 s.h.
Study of the various components of operating systems including kernels and monitors, currency and parallel processing, processor management, storage management, device management, I/O processing and file management.
Prereq.: CSIS 3700 and CSIS 3740.

CSCI 5807  Compiler Design  3 s.h.
Study of compiler design and construction, including context-free languages, lexical analysis, parsing, code generation and optimization.
Prereq.: CSIS 3700 and CSIS 3740, CSCI 3710.

CSCI 5814  Computer Architecture  3 s.h.
Study of high-performance sequential computer architecture. Topics include performance evaluation, instruction set design, processor implementation techniques, pipelining, vector processing, memory hierarchy design, and parallel architecture.
Prereq.: CSIS 3700 and CSIS 3740.

CSCI 5820  Simulation  3 s.h.
Methods for modeling discrete event systems by algorithmic approaches using simulation languages.
Prereq.: CSIS 3700 and STAT 3743.

CSCI 5822  Database Design and Information Retrieval  3 s.h.
Study of physical database storage, relational and object data modeling, logical database design (normalization process), and structural query languages.
Prereq.: CSIS 3700 and CSCI 3710.

CSCI 5823  Communication Networks  3 s.h.
Study of network structures and topologies, international standards, models, communication media and protocols, hardware and software.
Prereq.: CSIS 3700 and either CSCI 3723 or CSIS 3740.
CSCI 5835  Artificial Intelligence  3 s.h.
Study of the theory and applications of intelligent systems. Topics may include
general problem-solving techniques, knowledge representation and expert
systems, vision and perception, and natural language processing. AI systems and
languages.
Prereq.: CSIS 3700 or CSIS 3701.

CSCI 5840  Automata Theory  3 s.h.
Abstract models of computers, and the languages they generate or recognize.
Finite state automata and regular expressions; Context-free grammars and
pushdown automata; Turing machines. Limits of each model, including
decidability and undecidability of computing-related problems. Applications of
these models to areas such as input validation, security, language design, and
compilers.
Prereq.: CSCI 3710.

CSCI 5857  Encoding and Encryption  3 s.h.
Securing computer and information systems through encoding and/or
encryption. Private and public cryptographic methods, digital certificates and
signatures, cryptovariable techniques, key management, and database security
issues.
Prereq.: CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610; MATH 1513 or MATH 1552 or Math
Placement Test of 4 or 40 or higher; and at least 3 s.h. of upper-division
departmental courses.

CSCI 5860  Programming Language Structures  3 s.h.
Systematic approach to the study of the structures of programming
languages. Formal descriptions, syntax, semantics and technical
characteristics.
Prereq.: CSIS 3701 and CSCI 3710.

CSCI 5870  Data Structures and Algorithms  3 s.h.
Study and application of analysis and design techniques to nonnumerical
algorithms. Topics selected from algorithms acting on sets, trees, graphs;
memory management; notions of complexity and related areas.
Prereq.: CSIS 3700 and CSCI 3710.

CSCI 5881  Microcomputer System Architecture  3 s.h.
State-of-the-art course on microcomputer architecture. Topics include
introduction to microcomputer systems, 16 and 32 bit microprocessors,
direct memory access and other I/O transfer schemes, architecture of I/O
processors, introduction to computer communications.
Prereq.: CSIS 3740 and CSCI 3780.

CSCI 5895  Special Topics  2-4 s.h.
A study of special topics in computer science. Subject matter and credit
hours will be announced in advance. May be repeated multiple times if topic is
different.
Prereq.: At least 3 s.h. of upper-division departmental courses, and permission of
chair.

Information Technology

INFO 1575  Document Preparation  4 s.h.
Preparation of documents using information processing and standard and
advanced electronic productivity tools such as templates, tables, columns,
forms macros, graphics, and merging. Integration of documents with other
software. Creating and maintaining hypertext documents.
Prereq.: Knowledge of word processing or ENGL 1550.

INFO 2600  Concepts of Information Technologies  3 s.h.
The foundation and general principles behind information technology,
including data representation, encoding systems, encryption methods,
database fundamentals, logic for programming, basic data analysis, and graph
applications in networking.

INFO 2663  Information Technology Management  3 s.h.
Principles and practices of effective information systems management.
Includes organization environment, leadership issues, information system
types, strategic role of information technology, planning issues, managing and
supporting essential technologies, system development and computing, and
successful integration of people and technology.
Prereq.: CSIS 1590 or INFO 2600.

INFO 2698  Special Topics  1-3 s.h.
An in-depth study of information technologies. Topics vary. May be repeated
for different topics.
Prereq.: Permission of chairperson.

INFO 3704  Business Communication  3 s.h.
Communication theory and practice. Business letter writing; oral
communication. Review of English usage.
Prereq.: ENGL 1551.

INFO 3714  Advanced Spreadsheets  3 s.h.
Includes macros, look-up tables, advanced problems, templates, and projects
with emphasis on accounting and finance applications.
Prereq.: CSIS 1514 or CSIS 1590.

INFO 3774  Multimedia Technology  4 s.h.
Technical configurations, graphic creation, manipulation, exchange, and digital
asset management. Web and multimedia audio and video. Video strategies on
the Internet. Fundamental Web utility tools. Storyboarding strategies, layout,
and design issues. Three hours lecture, two hours lab.
Prereq.: CSIS 1590.

INFO 3775  Multimedia Authoring  4 s.h.
A study of multimedia authoring tools. Methods for integrating text, graphics,
sound, and video. Project required. Three hours lecture and two hours lab.
Prereq.: INFO 3774.

INFO 3776  Client-Side Scripting Techniques  4 s.h.
Scripting and the role of scripting languages in software development for the
web, and identifying key scripting languages used for the web. Developing,
debbuging, and testing scripts for the web, and local and remote software
version control systems. Three hours lecture and two hours lab.
Prereq.: CSIS 1570, and CSIS 2605 or CSIS 2610.

INFO 3777  Computer Technology for Digital Image Processing  4 s.h.
Study of tools and technology for digital image processing. Creating and
capturing still and video images for use in Web site development. Techniques
used in compression and archiving of graphics files. Project required. Three
hours lecture and two hours lab.
Prereq.: INFO 3774.

INFO 3778  Training and Employee Development  3 s.h.
Theory and practice of designing training programs. Analyzing training needs,
selecting instructional strategies, and implementing and evaluating training
programs.
Prereq.: INFO 3774 or both INFO 1575 and CSIS 1590.

INFO 3790  Integrated Information Systems  3 s.h.
Students organize and operate an information center utilizing decision-
making skills, and information systems procedures and components. Lab time
required.
Prereq.: INFO 3714 or CSIS 3723.

INFO 4880  Information Technology Analysis and Design  3 s.h.
Information systems integration and modeling. Analysis of dynamic
information flow, functional requirements, and system design in theory and
practice.
Prereq.: CSIS 3722 and either CSIS 3723 or CSIS 3782.
Gen Ed: Capstone.

INFO 4895  Special Topics  2-4 s.h.
A study of special topics in information technologies. Subject matter and
credit hours will be announced in advance. May be repeated multiple times if
topic is different.
Prereq.: At least 3 s.h. of upper-division departmental courses and permission of
chair.
INFO 5875  Advanced Multimedia Authoring  4 s.h.
This course is a study of advanced multimedia authoring principles. Through assigned reading, lab exercises, and lectures, you will generate guiding principles of designing and developing effective multimedia materials. Additionally, advanced-scripting language concepts toward developing multimedia materials, integrating text, graphics, sound, and animation, will be presented. 3 hours lecture and 2 hours lab.
Prereq.: INFO 3774 or INFO 3775 or INFO 3776.