

Computer Science

Change of Major Information Sheet Effective Fall 2022

About the Computer Science Department:

Welcome to the Department of Computer Science! From the environment and healthcare to artificial intelligence and space exploration, computer science is everywhere, improving people's lives in extraordinary ways. The Computer Science (CS) Department values diversity, community, and achievement of our students.

The Computer Science Department is a competitive major because we want students to be set up for success. To be eligible to declare the CS major, you must meet the following requirements:

- CSU GPA of 2.5 or greater
- 'C' or better in (CS 163 or CS 164)
- 'C' or better in (MATH 160 or MATH 156 or CS 165)

If you don't meet our major requirements, we encourage you to:

- Take the following courses as you work toward the major control requirements
 - CS 150A or B, CS 152, CS 162, CS 163/4, CS 165, CS 220, CS 270
- Meet with a CS Advisor to discuss degree requirements, career opportunities, undergraduate research, and department resources and policies.
- Participate in applicable CS Department Clubs.

Computer Science Major & Concentrations:

Information on the CS Major requirements can be found on our website:

<https://compsci.colostate.edu/degrees/>. The CS concentrations offered are as follows:

- General CS Degree
 - Students interested in a minor or second major can use those courses to meet some of the General CS degree requirements, please see a CS Advisor for more information
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
- Computing Education
- Computing Systems
- Human Centered Computing Concentration
- Networks and Cybersecurity
- Software Engineering

Advising in the Computer Science Department:

Get to know us! You can find out who we are, where to find us, and how to make an appointment with us at this link: <http://compsci.colostate.edu/advising/>

What to expect in an appointment with an Advisor:

- 1) Review a degree plan based on the credits you have already taken and the requirements that you still need for whichever concentration you choose.
- 2) Review your eligibility to declare a CS major.
 - a) If you don't meet requirements, we will help you set up a plan for meeting those requirements.
 - b) If you do meet the requirements, we will initiate the Academic Program Change form for you to complete in RAMweb.
- 3) Information about the community and activities available to you in the CS department.
- 4) Information on internships and how to connect with the Career Center and Career Fairs to help you be successful in your search.

CS Community:

We encourage Computer Science students to get involved in one of our many clubs or organizations and you don't have to wait until you've officially declared the major! The CS Community is actively involved in supporting students across our major and providing helpful tools to be successful in the major and beyond.

- ACM (student chapter for society of computing professionals)
- ACM-W (student chapter for society of computing professionals supporting women)
- Hashdump (Security)
- WiCyS (Women in Cybersecurity)
- AR/VR (Augmented/Virtual Reality)

You can find more info about clubs our website, <http://compsci.colostate.edu/get-involved/>, or you can ask an advisor.

Internships, Research, UTAs:

Explore your interests through internships, research, and being a UTA in the department. Talk to an advisor about how to get involved in these opportunities.