

COMPUTER SCIENCE (CS)

Degrees Offered: Ph.D., M.S.

This program is offered in Durham.

The Department of Computer Science offers both the M.S. and the Ph.D. in computer science.

The M.S. program is designed to help students increase the breadth and depth of their computer science knowledge, strengthen their software development skills, and build their research skills.

The Ph.D. program is designed to develop a student's ability to carry out advanced research, as well as ensure the breadth and depth of computer science knowledge required to obtain a faculty position in academia or a research position in industry or at a national laboratory.

Admission Requirements

The computer science graduate program is designed for students with a B.S. degree in computer science. However, applications from students whose undergraduate degree is not in computer science are also welcome. In this case, a well-defined set of undergraduate prerequisites must be completed as part of the M.S. program of study. The prerequisites include an introduction to computer science, object-oriented programming, data structures, machine organization, operating systems, and computer science theory.

These prerequisites can be satisfied at UNH by the following undergraduate courses:

Code	Title	Credits
CS 415	Introduction to Computer Science I	4
CS 416	Introduction to Computer Science II	4
CS 515	Data Structures and Introduction to Algorithms	4
CS 520	Assembly Language Programming and Machine Organization	4
CS 620	Operating System Fundamentals	4
CS 659	Introduction to the Theory of Computation	4

Some students may need to take additional mathematics classes.

Students without a B.S. or M.S. in computer science are not normally admitted directly into the Ph.D. program, but it is possible to transfer from the M.S. program to the Ph.D. program.

Applicants must submit current scores (within five years) for the general test of the GRE. Students who have taken computer science courses at UNH can request a waiver of this requirement.

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Courses

Computer Science (CS)

CS 800 - Internship

Credits: 1

Provides an opportunity to apply academic experience in settings associated with future professional employment. A written proposal for the internship must be approved by the department chair. The proposal must specify what the student will learn from the internship, why the student is properly prepared for the internship, and what supervision will be available to the student during the internship. A mid-semester report and a final report are required. Permission required. Computer Science majors only. Cr/F.

Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits.

CS 812 - Compiler Design

Credits: 3

Formal languages and formal techniques for syntax analysis and parsing; organization of the compiler and its data structures; code generation. LL and LR parsing; automatic generation of scanners and parsers from high-level descriptions. Implementation of features from imperative and object-oriented languages. Students are required to design and implement a compiler for a simple language. Prereq: Machine Organization.

CS 819 - Advanced Programming with Object-Oriented Design

Credits: 3

Advanced problem solving using software design, development and testing techniques that follow the software development life cycle. Object-oriented programming and design. Advanced data structures and algorithm analysis. Prereq: strong prog. skills, exp. with C/C++, match org.

CS 820 - Systems Programming

Credits: 3

Study and simulation of various types of systems that include assemblers, linkers, memory management, concurrency and other resource management techniques. Prereq: Machine Organization, Operating Systems Fundamentals or equivalent.

CS 823 - Performance Evaluation of Computer Systems

Credits: 3

This class introduces the main concepts, techniques, and tools needed to evaluate the performance of computer systems under various configurations and workloads. The techniques allow one to perform capacity planning based on quality of service requirements of users and workload characteristics. The course is mainly based on the use of analytic queuing network models of computer systems. The performance techniques are applied to study the performance of centralized, distributed, parallel, and client/server systems. The course also discusses performance measuring tools for operating systems such as Unix and Windows NT. Prereq: operating systems fundamentals or equivalent.

CS 825 - Computer Networks

Credits: 3

Introduction to fundamental concepts of computer networks and exploration of widely-used networking technologies. Topics include principles of congestion and error control; network routing; local, wireless and access networks; application protocol design; and network programming. In-depth discussion of the Internet suite of protocols.

CS 827 - Computer Security**Credits:** 3

Introductory course in the mechanism and implementation of techniques in computer security. Various fundamental security topics include cryptography, passwords, access control, protocols, software vulnerabilities and malware detection. Prereq: CS 520.

CS 830 - Introduction to Artificial Intelligence**Credits:** 3

In-depth introduction to artificial intelligence concentrating on aspects of intelligent problem-solving. Topics include situated agents, advanced search techniques, knowledge representations, logical reasoning techniques, reasoning under uncertainty, advanced planning and control, and learning. Prereq: data structures.

CS 833 - Mobile Robotics**Credits:** 3

An introduction to the foundational theory and practices in mobile robotics. Topics include Kinematics of wheeled mobile robots. Seniors for mobile robots, robot navigation and perception, robot vision, localization and mapping of mobile robots. Hands-on experience directed towards implementation with a real robot. Prereq: Programming or permission of instructor.

CS 835 - Introduction to Parallel and Distributed Programming**Credits:** 3

Programming with multiple processes and threads on distributed and parallel computer systems. Introduces programming tools and techniques for building applications on such platforms. Course requirements consist primarily of programming assignments. Prereq: Undergraduate course in operating systems fundamentals and computer organization; or permission.

CS 845 - Formal Specification and Verification of Software Systems**Credits:** 3

Course focuses on the formal specification and verification of reactive systems, most notably concurrent and distributed systems. Topics relevant to these systems, such as non-determinism, safety and liveness properties, asynchronous communication or compositional reasoning, are discussed. We rely on a notation (T LA+, the Temporal Logic of Actions) and a support tool (TLC, the TLA+ Model Checker). Prereq: Students are expected to be knowledgeable in logic and to be able to write symbolic proofs in predicate calculus. A basic understanding of the notions of assertion, precondition, and post-condition is also assumed.

CS 850 - Machine Learning**Credits:** 3

An introduction to fundamental concepts and common methods in machine learning. In addition to theoretical topics, the course involves hands-on experience in making predictions using synthetic and real-world datasets. Prereq: Statistics, Programming or permission of instructor.

CS 853 - Information Retrieval**Credits:** 3

Fundamental algorithms and techniques for text processing and text-based information retrieval systems. Topics include how to build an end-to-end information retrieval system, such as a Web search engine. Prereq: Data Structures.

CS 857 - Mathematical Optimization for Applications**Credits:** 3

This course introduces the foundations of mathematical optimization and reinforces them via applications. The content includes convex optimization, first and second-order methods, constrained problems, duality, linear and quadratic programming, as well as discrete and non-convex optimization. Applications will focus on machine learning methods but also include problems from engineering and operations research. Prereq: MATH 426; Programming proficiency in MATLAB, R, Java, C, Python, or equivalent.

Equivalent(s): MATH 857**CS 858 - Algorithms****Credits:** 3

An introduction to important concepts in the design and analysis of algorithms and data structures, including implementation, complexity, analysis, and proofs of correctness. Prereq: understanding of basic data structures, familiarity with proof methods and basic concepts from discrete mathematics and the ability to program with recursion.

CS 860 - Introduction to Human Computer Interaction**Credits:** 3

Human-computer interaction is a discipline concerned with the design, evaluation and implementation of interactive computing systems for human use and with the study of major phenomena surrounding them. Prereq: operating systems fundamentals.

CS 870 - Computer Graphics**Credits:** 3

Input-output and representation of pictures from hardware and software points of view; interactive techniques and their applications; three-dimensional image synthesis techniques. Prereq: data structures.

CS 871 - Web Programming Paradigms**Credits:** 3

In this course you will learn languages to program the Web. Languages integrated into browsers, like Javascript, and languages invoked on the server, like Ruby. You will also learn about frameworks, like Rails, and various techniques used to support the programming process. In addition, you will learn languages you will need to create, modify and process Web documents. Although we will learn how to read and write in these languages, our primary goal will be on understanding how the design of these multi-paradigm dynamic languages support the process of developing Web applications. Prereq: programming language concepts or permission.

CS 875 - Database Systems**Credits:** 3

Database analysis, design, and implementation. Focus on the relational model. Data description and manipulation languages, schema design and normalization, file and index organizations, data integrity and reliability. Usage of selected DBMS. Prereq: Data Structures.

CS 880 - Topics**Credits:** 1-4

Material not normally covered in regular course offerings. May be repeated.

CS 898 - Master's Project**Credits:** 3**CS 899 - Master's Thesis****Credits:** 1-6

May be repeated up to a maximum of 6 credits. Cr/F.

Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.

CS 900 - Graduate Seminar**Credits:** 1

Regularly scheduled seminars presented by outside speakers, UNH faculty, and graduate students. Topics include reports of research ideas, progress, and results. Cr/F.

CS 920 - Distributed Systems and Algorithms**Credits:** 3

Covers fundamental topics in distributed systems: time, global state, synchronization, election, consensus, distributed file systems, security. Also includes a study of several distributed applications. Prereq: Operating System fundamentals or equivalent.

CS 925 - Advanced Computer Networks**Credits:** 3

Design and analysis of computer networks. Modeling and performance evaluation, queuing theory applied to computer networks. Traffic flow management and error control. Routing algorithms and protocols. Switch and router architectures. Selected issues in high-speed network design. Optical networks. Prereq: CS 825 or equivalent.

CS 927 - Software Security Analysis**Credits:** 3

This course covers advanced research topics in software security. The main focus is automatic software analysis techniques, such as symbolic execution, taint analysis, and fuzz testing.

CS 931 - Planning for Robots**Credits:** 3

Students read research papers and perform a research project pertaining to algorithms for planning and decision-making for robots, with an emphasis on autonomous systems. Advanced undergraduate students in Computer Science and graduate students from other disciplines are eligible to take the course with the instructor's permission. Prereq: CS 830 or CS 833 or permission of instructor.

Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits.

CS 933 - Human Robot Interaction**Credits:** 3

Human robot interaction (HRI) is a multidisciplinary research domain that investigates the issues involved with smooth integration of robots in the human society. This course will discuss the evolution of HRI research over the past two decades with an emphasis on HRI algorithms that promote safe, meaningful, and goal-oriented human-robot interactions. Topics also include experimental design methodologies commonly used in HRI studies. Prereq: CS 830 or CS 833 or CS 850 or instructor's permission.

Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.

CS 950 - Advanced Machine Learning**Credits:** 3

Course covers advanced machine learning techniques for making good decisions driven by data. The main focus areas are reinforcement learning, exploration-exploitation trade-off, mathematical optimization methods, and practical applications. Group-based Project on a selected topic. Prereq: instructor's permission.

Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits.

CS 953 - Data Science for Knowledge Graphs and Text**Credits:** 3

This course covers basic and advanced algorithms and techniques for data science with knowledge graph and text data. This includes a wide range of algorithms for graph processing, text processing, and information retrieval with a focus of knowledge graphs and text from knowledge articles. Prereq: CS 853 or Permission of Instructor.

CS 980 - Advanced Topics**Credits:** 3**CS 998 - Independent Study****Credits:** 1-6**CS 999 - Doctoral Research****Credits:** 0

Cr/F.

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