Computer Science
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1. University Requirements: (20)
   Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures (WRA) 4
   Integrative Studies in Humanities (IAH) 8
   Integrative Studies in Social Sciences (ISS) 8
   Bioscience (See 3A Below)

2. College Requirements (25)
   CSE 231 Introduction to Programming I 4
   EGR 100 Introduction to Engineering Design 2
   MTH 132 Calculus I 3
   MTH 133 Calculus II 4
   MTH 234 Multivariable Calculus 4
   PHY 183 Physics for Scientists & Engineers I 4
   PHY 184 Physics for Scientists & Engineers II 4

3. Major Requirements (66-68)

   A. Bioscience: (4-6)
   Select one course from Group 1 and one course from Group 2.

   Group 1
   BS 161 Cell and Molecular Biology 3
   ENT 205 Pests, Society & Environment 3
   MMG 201 Fundamentals of Microbiology 3
   PLB 105 Plant Biology 3
   PSL 250 Introductory Physiology 4
   ZOL 141 Introductory Human Genetics 3

   Group 2
   BS 171 Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory 2
   CEM 161 Chemistry Laboratory I 1
   CEM 162 Chemistry Laboratory II 1
   PHY 191 Physics Laboratory for Scientists I 1
   PHY 192 Physics Laboratory for Scientists II 1
   PLB 106 Plant Biology Laboratory 1

   B. Complete all of the following: (32)
   CSE 100 Computer Science as a Profession 1
   CSE 231 Introduction to Programming I 4
   CSE 232 Introduction to Programming II 4
   CSE 260 Discrete Structures in Computer Science 4
   CSE 320 Computer Organization and Architecture 3
   CSE 331 Algorithms and Data Structures 3
   CSE 346 Object-Oriented Software Design 3
   CSE 410 Operating Systems 3
   CSE 498 Collaborative Design (W) 4
   STT 351 Probability and Statistics for Engineering 3

   C. Select five of the following courses: (15)
   Students may substitute two of the five courses with mathematics or statistics courses. All substitutions must be preapproved by the student’s academic adviser.
   CSE 420 Computer Architecture 3
   CSE 422 Computer Networks 3
   CSE 425 Introduction to Computer Security 3
   CSE 435 Software Engineering 3
   CSE 440 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence 3
   CSE 450 Translation of Programming Languages 3
   CSE 452 Organization of Programming Languages 3
   CSE 460 Computability & Formal Language Theory 3
   CSE 471 Media Processing & Multimedia Computing 3
   CSE 472 Computer Graphics 3
   CSE 475 Introduction to Computational Linguistics 3
   CSE 480 Database Systems 3
   CSE 484 Information Retrieval 3

Required Cognate: (15)
Cognates in the following areas are available to students in Computer Science: business, communication arts and sciences, foreign language, mathematics, the natural sciences, philosophy, psychology, the social sciences, and telecommunication. Students may complete cognates in other areas with the approval of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering academic adviser. The cognate should enhance the student’s ability to apply analytical procedures in a specific subject area.

The cognate requires a minimum of four courses totaling 15 or more credits outside the College of Engineering selected from (1) or (2) below. The academic adviser of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering must pre approve both the cognate and the cognate courses.

Cognate 1
At least 6 of the 15 credits must be in courses at the 300-400 level. The cognate in The Eli Broad College of Business requires a specific set of courses: ACC 230, EC 210, FI 320, GBL 323, and MKT 327.

Cognate 2
A sequence of at least four courses in a foreign language.

Other Electives (Variable)

Total Credits Required for Degree 120

The requirements listed above apply to students admitted to the major of Computer Science in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering beginning Fall 2008. The Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) constantly reviews program requirements and reserves the right to make changes as necessary. Consequently, each student is strongly encouraged to consult with his/her advisor to obtain assistance in planning an appropriate schedule of courses. Students who have questions about Computer Science should contact the Computer Science and Engineering Department Advising Office, 3115 Engineering Building, phone (517) 353-3148.

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Some courses may have prerequisites, which are not otherwise required in the program. Students should check course descriptions to ensure they are aware of prerequisites.
## Sample Program

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## Program Objectives

A graduate of the MSU Computer Science Program is prepared to be

- Successful in a computing-related profession, or
- Successful in graduate study.

To achieve these objectives the department prepares students in the application of fundamental computing principles and software development skills. This preparation includes the design and implementation of systems that solve complex problems. Our graduates will be trained in teamwork, effective communication, professionalism, ethics, and the engagement of learning and applying new ideas and technologies as the field evolves.

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