COMPUTER SCIENCE

The computer science department offers comprehensive M.S. and Ph.D. degree programs that focus on computer network security, software engineering, web databases, wireless systems, intelligent systems, data mining, parallel and distributed processing pervasive computing, computer networks, scientific visualization, and algorithms. These research activities support the department's two major areas of excellence: software engineering and critical infrastructure protection.

The computer science department at Missouri S&T makes use of both its own computer learning center (CLC) as well as university CLCs. The CLC contains a mix of Linux and Windows computing platform. Class sizes are kept small to facilitate student and faculty interactions. Research laboratories provide support for both undergraduate and graduate students. These laboratories include:

- Computer Vision and Biomedical Imaging Laboratory
- Critical Infrastructure Protection Laboratory
- McDonnell Douglas Software Engineering Laboratory
- Natural Computation Laboratory
- Network Research Laboratory
- NSF Industry-University Research Center on Net-Centric Software Systems Laboratory
- Pervasive and Mobile Computing Laboratory
- Social Computing Research Laboratory
- Web and Wireless Computing (W2C)

Wired and wireless computer access is available to all students, faculty, and staff.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to graduate students in the form of research assistantships, teaching assistantships, and fellowships. Applications for computer science assistantships can be found on the department's web page or by contacting the department directly (see below). In addition, research opportunities for advanced students exist in the department and in the Missouri S&T Intelligent Systems Center as well as other research labs on campus.

Additional Information

Additional information about department emphasis areas, requirements, faculty, labs, and research opportunities can be found at http://cs.mst.edu or email csgradcoord@mst.edu or phone at 573-341-6642. More information about distance education can be obtained from http://dce.mst.edu.

Admissions Requirements

In addition to those requirements stated in the section of this catalog devoted to Admission and Program Procedures, the computer science department has additional requirements for each of its degree areas.

M.S. in Computer Science (thesis or non-thesis)

A minimum GRE verbal score of 370/144 and for those whom English is not their native language, a TOEFL score of 570/230/89. Minimum GRE Quantitative Score >= 700/155. Written score >= 4.0.

An undergraduate GPA of 3.0/4.0 or better over the last 2 years or successful completion of 12 graduate hours in computer science as a “conditional” graduate student at Missouri S&T, with at least a 3.0 GPA, as per graduate requirements.

Applicants are expected to have strong mathematical skills, competency in a modern programming language, and knowledge of the following computer science core subjects:

- Algorithms and Data Structures
- Computer Organization/Architecture
- Database and File Structures
- Discrete Mathematics
- Operating Systems

The department offers a distance M.S. degree program via the Internet. (Admissions and degree requirements are the same as the regular M.S. program.)

M.S. in Computer Science

Application is made to the Missouri S&T admissions office along with the required transcripts, statement of purpose and GRE verbal, quantitative, and analytical test scores.

The M.S. in computer science (thesis and non-thesis) is a 31 credit hour program. M.S. students are required to take and pass the graduate seminar course COMP SCI 6010.

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Application is made to the Missouri S&T admissions office along with the required transcripts and letters of recommendation. Applicants who do not have a graduate degree will normally request admission to the M.S. program first but, outstanding applications will be admitted directly into the Ph.D. program. Applicants must submit a letter outlining tentative research interests and career goals along with GRE verbal, quantitative, and analytical test scores.

Requirements for the Ph.D. in computer science include: Qualifier examination over graduate-level courses in core areas, research readiness presentation based on a survey of current computer science literature or research publications, comprehensive examination, and dissertation and defense reporting the results of original research that meets the standards of current disciplinary journal-quality research publications. In addition, Ph.D. students are required to take and pass the graduate seminar course COMP SCI 6010 for three semesters in their Ph.D. studies.

The Ph.D. program is under the guidance of an advisory committee which is appointed no later than the semester following passage of the qualifying exam.

Graduate Certificates via Distance Education

Graduate certificate programs give students the opportunity to increase their knowledge in specific areas of interest. These courses provide students with the latest knowledge and skills in strategic areas of computing and are presented by Missouri S&T faculty members who are experts in their fields. Most of the courses will be offered
through distance education over the internet. Distance education courses use streaming internet video for course delivery. In this setting, students actively participate in classes through viewing the class on their computer while being interactively connected with the class by telephone. Lectures are archived so they may be reviewed at any time during the semester. Instructors are available outside of class time by e-mail and telephone. Where there is sufficient interest, some courses may be taught by traditional instruction methods at Missouri S&T and at off site locations such as Ft. Leonard Wood, St. Louis, and Springfield, MO.

Big Data Management & Analytics
As the size and availability of datasets increase, so too do the challenges in efficiently and effectively sharing, analyzing, and visualizing information. Proficiency in big data analytics requires knowledge in interdisciplinary areas including computer science, business information technology, mathematics and statistics, and electrical and computer engineering. Currently many colleges and universities worldwide are establishing programs in big data analytics. Missouri S&T faculty have the expertise to provide a unique specialized graduate certificate program to teach practicing computing professionals and graduate students the skills that are necessary for the use and development of big data management, big data analytics, data mining, cloud computing, and business intelligence.

Big Data Management & Security
Significant data growth leads to challenges in efficiently and securely sharing, accessing, and analyzing big data. Proficiency in big data management and security requires knowledge in interdisciplinary areas including computer science, business information technology, mathematics and statistics, and electrical and computer engineering. Currently many colleges and universities worldwide are establishing programs in big data analytics. Missouri S&T faculty have the expertise to provide a unique specialized graduate certificate program to teach practicing computing professionals and graduate students the skills that are necessary for the use and development of big data securely and efficiently.

Computational Intelligence Certificate
This graduate certificate program provides practicing engineers the opportunity to develop the necessary skills in the use and development of computational intelligence algorithms based on evolutionary computation, neural networks, fuzzy logic, and complex systems theory. Engineers can also learn how to integrate common sense reasoning with computational intelligence elective courses such as data mining and knowledge discovery.

Information Assurance and Security Officer Essentials
Protecting information systems is key to protecting the nation’s critical infrastructures. Only through diligence and a well-trained workforce will we be able to adequately defend the nation’s vital information resources. Missouri S&T’s certificate is Certified by the National Security Agency (NSA) Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS) for National Standards 4011 (National Training Standard for Information Systems Security (INFOSEC) Professionals) and 4014E (Information Assurance Training Standard for Information Systems Security Officers (ISSO)).

Information Systems and Cloud Computing Certificate
The information systems and cloud computing certificate is tailored to the working professional who wants to expand their knowledge of advanced data management technologies. Data mining and knowledge discovery, heterogeneous and mobile databases and cloud computing form the core of the study.

Software Design and Development Certificate
The software design and development certificate provides an attractive option for the working professional to expand their experience in software engineering. The core of four classes gives a treatment of software project management in its many roles, from overall project management and process improvement to the management of individual life-cycle components, including software deployment and evolution. Specialized coursework gives depth in advanced object-oriented design, requirements, software quality, testing theory and practice, and an advanced treatment of software metrics.

Systems and Software Architecture Certificate
The systems and software architect fills a critical role in today’s development process, transforming market inputs into the requirements and architecture specification of a product that independent (often remote) development teams can implement. Requests from industrial partners have led to a focused graduate certificate training program.

Wireless Networks and Mobile Systems Certificate
The wireless networks and mobile systems certificate is designed to provide students an intensive treatment in wireless systems and applications. Coverage includes network architecture and protocols, security and privacy wireless network provisioning and deployment, location and mobility management applications, heterogeneous and mobile databases, and pervasive computing.

Sriram Chellappan, Associate Professor
PHD Ohio State University
Socio-technical systems for smarter health and cyber security.

Maggie Xiaoyan Cheng, Associate Professor
PHD University of Minnesota
Wireless networks, network data analysis, big data analytics (algorithms aspect).

Sajal K Das, Professor
PHD University of Central Florida
Department Chair and St. Clair Endowed Chair. Wireless sensor networks, cyber-physical systems, mobile and pervasive computing, cloud computing, graph theory.

Fikret Ercal, Professor
PHD University of Central Florida
Parallel algorithms, bioinformatics, and computer vision.

Alireza Hurson, Professor
PHD Ohio State University
Parallel and distributed systems, databases, mobile-databases, pervasive and mobile computing.

Wei Jiang, Associate Professor
PHD Purdue University
Privacy, security, data dining and databases: security and privacy issues raised by data integration

Jennifer Leopold, Associate Professor
PHD University of Kansas
Qualitative spatial reasoning, programming languages, scientific visualization, ontologies, database accessibility and analysis.
Dan Lin, Assistant Professor
PHD National University of Singapore
Database systems, security and privacy, cloud computing, vehicular ad-hoc networks.

Xiaoqing Frank Liu, Professor
PHD Texas A&M University
Associate Chair for Graduate Studies. Software engineering, collaboration technology, and intelligent systems.

Sanjay Kumar Madria, Professor
PHD Indian Institute of Technology, India
Associate Chair for Research. Cloud computing security, wireless computing and mobile data management.

Bruce M McMillin, Professor
PHD Michigan State University
Associate Dean for College of Engineering and Computing (CEC). Cyber-physical security, distributed systems, formal methods in software engineering.

Chaman L Sabharwal, Professor
PHD University of Illinois-Urbana
Spatial reasoning, graphics, robotics, vision and parallel algorithms.

Abu Sayeed Saifullah, Assistant Professor
PHD Washington University
Cyber-physical, embedded and real-time systems, wireless sensor networks, distributed and parallel computing.

Jagannathan Sarangapani, Professor
PHD University of Texas-Arlington
Rutledge Emerson Endowed Chair Professor in Electrical Engineering. Systems and control, cyber physical systems and security, wireless/sensor networks, robotics/autonomous systems, and prognostics.

Sahra Sedighsarvestani, Associate Professor
PHD Purdue University-W. Lafayette
Embedded systems, environmental and structural monitoring, wireless sensor networks, dependability of critical infrastructures, system and information quality assurance.

Simone Silvestri, Assistant Professor
PHD University of Rome
Wireless and inter-dependent networks, network management and diagnosis and recovery after massive failures, and tactical networks.

Daniel R. Tauritz, Associate Professor
PHD Leiden University
Evolutionary computing, automated design of algorithms, cyber security, and automated software engineering.

Donald C Wunsch II, Professor
PHD University of Washington
Mary K. Finley Missouri Distinguished Professor of Computer Engineering. Clustering, neural networks reinforcement learning, approximate dynamic programming, adaptive dynamic programming, adaptive critic designs, adaptive resonance theory, fuzzy systems, evolutionary computation, particle swarm optimization, nonlinear regression, memristors, game of go (Baduk, Weichi), traveling salesman problem, prisoner's dilemma problem, robotic swarms, bioinformatics, self-healing critical infrastructure, smart grid, critical infrastructure and cybersecurity.

Zhaozheng Yin, Assistant Professor
PHD Pennsylvania State University
Computer vision, biomedical imaging, machine learning, signal processing, and robotics.

COMP SCI 5000 Special Problems (IND 0.0-6.0)
Problems or readings on specific subjects or projects in the department. Consent of instructor required.

COMP SCI 5001 Special Topics (LEC 0.0-6.0)
This course is designed to give the department an opportunity to test a new course. Variable title.

COMP SCI 5099 Research (IND 0.0-16)
Investigations of an advanced nature leading to the preparation of a thesis or dissertation. Consent of instructor required.

COMP SCI 5100 Agile Software Development (LEC 3.0)
Understand principles of agile software development and contrast them with prescriptive processes. Specifically: Eliciting, organizing, and prioritizing requirements; Design processes; Understand how a particular process promotes quality; Estimate costs and measure project progress and productivity. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 3100.

COMP SCI 5101 Software Testing And Quality Assurance (LEC 3.0)
It covers unit testing, subsystem testing, system testing, object-oriented testing, testing specification, test case management, software quality factors and criteria, software quality requirement analysis and specification, software process improvement, and software total quality management. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 2500.

COMP SCI 5102 Object-Oriented Analysis And Design (LEC 3.0)
This course will explore principles, mechanisms, and methodologies in object-oriented analysis and design. An object-oriented programming language will be used as the vehicle for the exploration. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 2500.

COMP SCI 5200 Analysis Of Algorithms (LEC 3.0)
The purpose of this course is to teach the techniques needed to analyze algorithms. The focus of the presentation is on the practical application of these techniques to such as sorting, backtracking, and graph algorithms. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 2500.

COMP SCI 5201 Object-Oriented Numerical Modeling I (LEC 3.0)
A study of object-oriented modeling of the scientific domain. Techniques and methodologies will be developed enabling the student to build a class library of reusable software appropriate for scientific application. Applications will be drawn from mechanics, finance, and engineering. Prerequisites: A "C" or better grade in both Comp Sci 3200 and Comp Sci 1510; a "C" or better grade in one of Math 3108, 3103, 3329.

COMP SCI 5202 Object-Oriented Numerical Modeling II (LEC 3.0)
A continued study of object-oriented modeling of the scientific domain. Advanced applications include models posed as balance laws, integral equations, and stochastic simulations. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 5201.

COMP SCI 5203 Mathematical Logic I (LEC 3.0)
A mathematical introduction to logic with some applications. Functional and relational languages, satisfaction, soundness and completeness theorems, compactness theorems. Examples from Mathematics, Philosophy, Computer Science, and/or Computer Engineering. Prerequisite: Philos 3254 or Math 5105 or Comp Sci 2500 or Comp Eng 2210. (Co-listed with Math 5154, Philos 4354 and Comp Eng 5803.)
COMP SCI 5204 Regression Analysis (LEC 3.0)
Simple linear regression, multiple regression, regression diagnostics, multicollinearity, measures of influence and leverage, model selection techniques, polynomial models, regression with autocorrelated errors, introduction to non-linear regression. Prerequisites: Math 2222 and one of Stat 3111, 3113, 3115, 3117, or 5643. (Co-listed with Stat 5346).

COMP SCI 5300 Database Systems (LEC 3.0)
This course introduces the advanced database concepts of normalization and functional dependencies, transaction models, concurrency and locking, timestamping, serializability, recovery techniques, and query planning and optimization. Students will participate in programming projects. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in both Comp Sci 1200 and Comp Sci 2300.

COMP SCI 5400 Introduction To Artificial Intelligence (LEC 3.0)
A modern introduction to AI, covering important topics of current interest such as search algorithms, heuristics, game trees, knowledge representation, reasoning, computational intelligence, and machine learning. Students will implement course concepts covering selected AI topics. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 2500.

COMP SCI 5401 Evolutionary Computing (LEC 3.0)
Introduces evolutionary algorithms, a class of stochastic, population-based algorithms inspired by natural evolution theory (e.g., genetic algorithms), capable of solving complex problems for which other techniques fail. Students will implement course concepts, tackling science, engineering and/or business problems. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in both Comp Sci 2500 and in a Statistics course.

COMP SCI 5402 Data Mining & Machine Learning (LEC 3.0)
Classical and modern data mining and machine learning algorithms; data preprocessing/warehousing, mining association rules, classification/prediction methods, clustering techniques, Bayesian networks; unsupervised/supervised/reinforcement learning, learning decision trees, artificial neural networks, support vector machines, and ensemble learning. Prerequisites: A "C" or better in both Comp Sci 2300 and one of Stat 3111, Stat 3113, Stat 3115, Stat 3117.

COMP SCI 5403 Introduction to Robotics (LEC 3.0)
This course provides an introduction to robotics, covering robot hardware, fundamental kinematics, trajectories, differential motion, robotic decision making, and an overview of current topics in robotics. Prerequisite: A "C" or better in both Math 3108 and Comp Sci 1510. (Co-listed with Comp Eng 5880 and Elec Eng 5880).

COMP SCI 5404 Introduction to Computer Vision (LEC 3.0)
This course introduces foundational theories and analysis methods in computer vision. Topics will include camera model and geometry, description of visual features, shape analysis, stereo reconstruction, motion and video processing, and visual object recognition. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in both Math 3108 and Comp Sci 2500.

COMP SCI 5405 Java GUI & Visualization (LEC 3.0)

COMP SCI 5406 Interactive Computer Graphics (LEC 3.0)
Applications and functional capabilities of current computer graphics systems. Interactive graphics programming including windowing, clipping, segmentation, mathematical modeling, two and three dimensional transformations, data structures, perspective views, anti-aliasing and software design. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in both Comp Sci 3200 and Comp Sci 2500.

COMP SCI 5500 The Structure of a Compiler (LEC 3.0)
Review of Backus normal form language descriptors and basic parsing concepts. Polish and matrix notation as intermediate forms, and target code representation. Introduction to the basic building blocks of a compiler: syntax scanning, expression translation, symbol table manipulation, code generation, local optimization, and storage allocation. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in both Comp Sci 3500 and Comp Sci 2500.

COMP SCI 5600 Computer Networks (LEC 3.0)
This course focuses on the Internet and the general principles of computer networking. It covers the TCP/IP model from the application layer to the link layer in a top-down approach. It also exposes students to multimedia networking, network security, wireless and mobile networks. It is a networking class targeted for entry-level graduate students. This course has additional requirements beyond CS4600 on network performance modeling and analysis, development and implementation of complex communication protocols. Credit will not be given if previously have taken CS4600 or CpE 4410/5410. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 3800.

COMP SCI 5601 Security Operations & Program Management (LEC 3.0)
An overview of information security operations, access control, risk management, systems and application life cycle management, physical security, business continuity planning, telecommunications security, disaster recovery, software piracy, investigations, ethics and more. There will be extensive reporting, planning and policy writing. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in all of: operating systems, computer networking, and a writing emphasized course.

COMP SCI 5700 Bioinformatics (LEC 3.0)
The course will familiarize students with the application of computational methods to biology, as viewed from both perspectives. It will introduce problems in molecular, structural, morphological, and biodiversity informatics, and will discuss principles, algorithms, and software to address them. Prerequisites: A grade of "C" or better in both Bio Sci 1113 or Bio Sci 1213 and one of Comp Sci 1570 and Comp Sci 1580 or Comp Sci 1971 and Comp Sci 1981. (Co-listed with Bio Sci 5323).

COMP SCI 5800 Distributed Computing (LEC 3.0)
This is an introduction to the fundamentals of distributed computing. Topics include a review of communication between distributed processes, causality, distributed state maintenance, failure detection, reconfiguration and recovery, distributed mutual exclusion, clock synchronization, and leader election. Students will implement select course concepts. Prerequisites: A grade of "C" or better in both Comp Sci 3800 and Comp Sci 2500.

COMP SCI 5801 The Structure Of Operating Systems (LEC 3.0)
The hardware and software requirements for operating systems for uniprocessor, multiprocessor, multiprocessing, time sharing, real time and virtual systems. The concepts of supervisors, interrupt handlers, input/output control systems, and memory mapping are discussed in detail. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 3800.
COMP SCI 5802 Introduction to Parallel Programming and Algorithms (LEC 3.0)
Parallel and pipelined algorithms, architectures, network topologies, message passing, process scheduling and synchronization. Parallel programming on clusters. Cost, speedup and efficiency analysis. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in both Comp Sci 3800 and Comp Sci 2500.

COMP SCI 5803 Introduction to High Performance Computer Architecture (LEC 3.0)
Overviews high performance architecture of computing systems and covers various architectural/hardware and software/algorithmic means that enhance performance. Uniprocessor and concurrent systems are investigated. Various computational models are studied and linked to commercial systems. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in both Comp Eng 3150 and Comp Sci 2500.

COMP SCI 6000 Special Problems (IND 0.0-6.0)
Problems or readings on specific subjects or projects in the department. Consent of instructor required.

COMP SCI 6001 Special Topics (LEC 0.0-6.0)
This course is designed to give the department an opportunity to test a new course. Variable title.

COMP SCI 6010 Seminar (RSD 1.0)
Discussion of current topics.

COMP SCI 6040 Oral Examination (IND 1.0)
After completion of all other program requirements, oral examinations for on-campus M.S./Ph.D. students may be processed during intersession. Off-campus M.S. students must be enrolled in oral examination and must have paid an oral examination fee at the time of the defense/comprehensive examination (oral/ written). All other students must enroll for credit commensurate with uses made of facilities and/or faculties. In no case shall this be for less than three (3) semester hours for resident students.

COMP SCI 6050 Continuous Registration (IND 1.0)
Doctoral candidates who have completed all requirements for the degree except the dissertation, and are away from the campus must continue to enroll for at least one hour of credit each registration period until the degree is completed. Failure to do so may invalidate the candidacy. Billing will be automatic as will registration upon payment.

COMP SCI 6099 Research Special Topics (IND 0.0-16)
Investigations of an advanced nature leading to the preparation of a thesis or dissertation. Consent of instructor required.

COMP SCI 6100 Software Engineering II (LEC 3.0)
A qualitative approach to measuring costs/productivity in software projects. The material covered will be software metrics used in the life cycle and the student will present topical material. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 3100.

COMP SCI 6101 Software Requirements Engineering (LEC 3.0)
This course will cover advanced methods, processes, and technique for discovering, analyzing, specifying and managing software requirements of a software system from multiple perspectives. It will discuss both functional and non-functional requirements analysis. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 3100.

COMP SCI 6102 Model Based Systems Engineering (LEC 3.0)
Provides the student with understanding of the use of models to represent systems and validate system architectures. The student will gain proficiency in using a systems modeling language and shifting systems engineering from a document centric to a model centric paradigm. Prerequisites: Graduate Standing. (Co-listed with SYS ENG 6542).

COMP SCI 6200 Algorithms II (LEC 3.0)
Covers selected classical and recent developments in the design and analysis of algorithms, such as sophisticated data structures, amortized complexity, advanced graph theory, and network flow techniques. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 5200.

COMP SCI 6201 Theory Of Computation (LEC 3.0)
Turing machines and other machines. Godel numbering and unsolvability results. Machines with restricted memory access and limited computing time. Recursive functions, computable functionals and the classification of unsolvable problems. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 2200.

COMP SCI 6202 Markov Decision Processes (LEC 3.0)
Introduction to Markov Decision Processes and Dynamic Programming. Application to Inventory Control and other optimization and control topics. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in background of probability or statistics. (Co-listed with Comp Eng 6310, Mech Eng 6447, Aero Eng 6447 and Eng Mgt 6410).

COMP SCI 6203 Network Information Analysis (LEC 3.0)
Modeling techniques and analytical methods to study the interaction of information and networks focusing on models and properties of network structures, and diffusion of information over networks. Expected outcomes are systematic inference of information encoded in network structures, and effective methods to disseminate or gather information from networks. Prerequisites: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 5200.

COMP SCI 6300 Object-Oriented Database Systems (LEC 3.0)
This course will include a study of the origins of object-oriented database manipulation languages, their evolution, currently available systems, application to the management of data, problem solving using the technology, and future directions. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 5102.

COMP SCI 6301 Web Data Management and XML (LEC 3.0)
Management of semi-structured data models and XML, query languages such as Xquery, XML indexing, and mapping of XML data to other data models and vice-versa, XML views and schema management, advanced topics include change-detection, web mining and security of XML data. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 5300.

COMP SCI 6302 Heterogeneous and Mobile Databases (LEC 3.0)
This course extensively discusses multidatabase systems (MDBS) and mobile data access systems (MDAS). Moreover, it will study traditional distributed database issues within the framework of MDBSs and MDASs. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 5300.

COMP SCI 6303 Pervasive Computing (LEC 3.0)
Pervasive computing aims to seamlessly integrate computing with our everyday activities, so that people do not need to be aware of computing artifacts. This course will introduce various techniques needed to realize pervasive computing, such as position tracking and ad-hoc networking. Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in one of Comp Sci 4600, Comp Sci 5600, or Comp Eng 5410.
COMP SCI 6304 Cloud Computing and Big Data Management (LEC 3.0)
Covers facets of cloud computing and big data management, including the study of the architecture of the cloud computing model with respect to virtualization, multi-tenancy, privacy, security, cloud data management and indexing, scheduling and cost analysis; it also includes programming models such as Hadoop and MapReduce, crowdsourcing, and data provenance. Prerequisites: A grade of "C" or better in both COMP SCI 5800 and either COMP SCI 5300 or COMP SCI 5402.

COMP SCI 6400 Advanced Topics In Artificial Intelligence (LEC 3.0)
Advanced topics of current interest in the field of artificial intelligence. This course involves reading seminal and state-of-the-art papers as well as conducting topical research projects including design, implementation, experimentation, analysis, and written and oral reporting components. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in one of Comp Sci 5400, Comp Sci 5401 or Comp Eng 5310.

COMP SCI 6401 Advanced Evolutionary Computing (LEC 3.0)
Advanced topics in evolutionary algorithms, a class of stochastic, population-based algorithms inspired by natural evolution theory, capable of solving complex problems for which other techniques fail. Students will conduct challenging research projects involving advanced concepts implementation, empirical studies, statistical analysis, and paper writing. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 5401.

COMP SCI 6402 Advanced Topics In Data Mining (LEC 3.0)
Advanced topics of current interest in the field of data mining. This course involves reading seminal and state-of-the-art papers as well as conducting topical research projects including design, implementation, experimentation, analysis, and written and oral reporting components. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 5001 Introduction to Data Mining. (Co-listed with Comp Eng 6302 and Sys Eng 6216).

COMP SCI 6403 Advanced Topics In Robotics (LEC 3.0)
This course covers advanced topics in robotics, including perception, robotic path planning, robotic system integration, and computational intelligence topics for robotics. A term project including both written and oral components will be required. Prerequisite: A "C" or better in either Comp Sci 5403 or Mech Eng 5449 or Aero Eng 5449. (Co-listed with Comp Eng 6880 and Elec Eng 6880).

COMP SCI 6404 Computer Graphics And Realistic Modeling (LEC 3.0)
Algorithms, data structures, software design and strategies used to achieve realism in computer graphics of three-dimensional objects. Application of color, shading, texturing, antialiasing, solid modeling, hidden surface removal and image processing techniques. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 5406.

COMP SCI 6405 Clustering Algorithms (LEC 3.0)
An introduction to cluster analysis and clustering algorithms rooted in computational intelligence, computer science and statistics. Clustering in sequential data, massive data and high dimensional data. Students will be evaluated by individual or group research projects and research presentations. Prerequisite: At least one graduate course in statistics, data mining, algorithms, computational intelligence, or neural networks, consistent with student’s degree program. (Co-listed with Comp Eng 6330, Elec Eng 6340, Sys Eng 6214 and Stat 6239).

COMP SCI 6406 Machine Learning in Computer Vision (LEC 3.0)
Introduces machine learning fundamentals in current computer vision research. Topics include modeling complex data densities, regression and classification models, graphical models such as chains, trees, and grids, temporal models such as particle filtering and models for visual recognition such as deep learning. Students will implement select course topics. Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in either Comp Sci 5402 or Comp Sci 5404.

COMP SCI 6500 Theory Of Compiling (LEC 3.0)
Properties of formal grammars and languages, language-preserving transformations, syntax-directed parsing, classes of parsing methods and the grammars for which they are suited, control flow analysis, and the theoretical framework of local and global program optimization methods. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 5500.

COMP SCI 6600 Computer Security (LEC 3.0)
The course presents various vulnerabilities and threats to information in cyberspace and the principles and techniques for preventing and detecting threats, and recovering from attacks. The course deals with various aspects and layers of security: data-level, network-level, system-level, and application-level security. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in both Comp Sci 3600 and Comp Sci 5200.

COMP SCI 6601 Privacy Preserving Data Integration and Analysis (LEC 3.0)
This course covers basic tools, in statistics and cryptography, commonly used to design privacy-preserving and secure protocols in a distributed environment as well as recent advances in the field of privacy-preserving data analysis, data sanitization and information retrieval. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in both Comp Sci 5300 and Comp Sci 3600.

COMP SCI 6602 Network Performance Analysis (LEC 3.0)
Provides an introduction to performance modeling and analysis of computer networks. Topics include stochastic processes; performance measurement and monitoring; quantitative models for network performance, e.g., Markovian models for queues; simulation; and statistical analysis of experiments. Prerequisites: Comp Eng 5410 or Comp Sci 4600; Stat 3117 or 5643. (Co-listed with Comp Eng 6440).

COMP SCI 6603 Advanced Topics in Wireless Networks (LEC 3.0)
Introduces the fundamentals and recent advances in wireless networking. Coverage includes cellular networks, wireless and mobile ad hoc networks, wireless mesh networks, sensor networks and wireless LANs with a focus on network operation. Special topics selected from the literature on wireless network security will also be addressed. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 4600 or equivalent.

COMP SCI 6604 Mobile And Sensor Data Management (LEC 3.0)
Architectures of mobile computing systems; Mobile-IP support in mobile computing systems; location data management, Broadcasting and indexing, replication control; caching, fault tolerance and reliability of mobile systems; adhoc and sensor routing schemes, key management. Prerequisite: Comp Sci 4601.

COMP SCI 6605 Advanced Network Security (LEC 3.0)
Topics covered include network security issues such as authentication, anonymity, traceback, denial of service, confidentiality, forensics, etc. in wired and wireless networks. Students will have a clear, in-depth understanding of state of the art network security attacks and defenses. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in either Comp Eng 5420 or Comp Sci 4600.

COMP SCI 6800 Distributed Systems Theory And Analysis (LEC 3.0)
Analysis of the problems of state maintenance and correctness in concurrent computing systems using formal methods such as Hoare Logic, Temporal Logic, and Symbolic Model Checking. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 5800.

COMP SCI 6801 Topics In Parallel and Distributed Computing (LEC 3.0)
Introduction of parallel and distributed computing fundamentals and advanced research topics. Students present research papers selected from the current literature on P&D computing paradigms. A term paper and oral presentation are required. Prerequisite: A "C" or better grade in Comp Sci 5802 or equivalent background.