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Preface

In choosing to study Computer Science you have chosen a career in an exciting and rapidly changing discipline. As a computer scientist you may become involved in many of the great changes in the future, for the computer will play a central role in these changes.

It is important, therefore, that you not only develop the practical and theoretical skills of a professional computer scientist but that you also try to obtain an understanding of the impact of computers on society. For that reason we would strongly encourage you to select your elective courses outside Computer Science in areas where you will broaden your knowledge of society. One way to do this is to select isolated courses that catch your interest; however, a more productive approach is to consider taking a concentration of courses in an area outside of Computer Science.

So in planning your course selection you should be thinking ahead and asking yourself not only which courses will give you a good Computer Science degree, but which courses will make you a good professional computer scientist. That implies a sound technical background, a broad education, professional ethics and a social conscience. You can't get all that in your first year but you can at least make a start.

Lastly we would like to remind you that Computer Science is an art as well as a science that means you cannot learn it entirely from a book — you must also practice it.

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CSAC Accreditation

The Computer Science Accreditation Council (CSAC) accredits all Computer Science honours programs offered by the department, with the exception of the BA and BSc honours minor.

The Computer Science Accreditation Council is an autonomous body established by the Canadian Information Processing Society (CIPS). The purpose of accreditation is to identify those institutions that offer computer programs worthy of recognition. The objectives of the Council are:

- To formulate and maintain high educational standards for Canadian universities offering computer and information science programs, and to assist those institutions in planning and carrying out education programs.
- To promote and advance all phases of computer and information science education with the aim of promoting public welfare through the development of better educated computer professionals.
- To foster a cooperative approach to computer and information science education between industry, government, and educators to meet the changing needs of society.

Graduation from an accredited Computer Science Program simplifies the process of professional certification as an Information Systems Professional of Canada or ISP.

The provinces of Ontario and Alberta recognized the ISP designation. More information on professional accreditation and the accreditation process can be found on the CIPS web page at <http://www.cips.ca/>.

A Note on Terminology

In this document BA or BSc degree refers to the 90-credit bachelor degree. BA Honours or BSc Honours degree refers to the 120-credit degree.

Admission to the Computer Science Major

Please go to <http://www.yorku.ca/admissio/undergrad/type.asp> to find out about the various University and Faculty level Admissions Requirements pertaining to your situation. There are two general Admission Categories:

1. Entry with only secondary school background

Requirements under this category, by Faculty, are detailed at http://www.yorku.ca/admissio/undergrad/high_school.asp

2. Entry with post-secondary academic background

Please follow http://www.yorku.ca/admissio/undergrad/univ_coll.asp to find a detailed description of general University and Faculty-specific policies for gaining admission under this category.

In particular, York University students who want to change their major to be, or to include, computer science will need to meet the following *minimum* requirement:

- Completion of at least 24 credits with an average of C+ or better if transferring to the honours computer science programs (minimum average of C is needed to transfer into the Bachelor degree programs)¹

Once transferred to a computer science program, students will need to satisfy all specific and general prerequisites of computer science courses they wish to take.

Access to Courses

York Enrolment System

Students enrol in courses using the Registration and Enrollment Module (REM), via a Web interface, typically in the few months prior to the start of each term. Computer Science courses frequently reach their class size maximum, in which case the following procedures are followed.

See <http://www.cs.yorku.ca/undergrad/guides/enroll.html> for an expanded description and interpretation of the enrolment policy outlined below.

¹ All attempted university courses will be included in the calculation of your cumulative grade point average.

Application for Normal progress

We are committed to ensuring that students can make timely progress towards meeting degree requirements. However, students who wish to take more COSC courses than they need or who wish to repeat a course they either dropped or failed in the immediately preceding term can only be accommodated if space permits.

Normal progress is consistent with completion times of four and three years for full-time students in the 120 credit and 90 credit degree programs respectively. This entails

- Normally taking 1000-level courses in calendar year one, 2000-level in calendar year two, etc.
- Taking up to a total of three courses per term that is any combination of 2000-3000- and 4000-level courses that the prerequisite structure permits.
- When close to graduation being able to take necessary courses within the limits specified above.

Limits on Course Enrolment

A maximum combined number of **three** 2000- 3000- or 4000-level courses are permitted in any given fall or winter term, subject to prerequisites being met. *In the summer term students are not permitted to take more than **two** courses in Computer Science.*

Removal from Courses

If any student enrolls in more than the allowed number of courses per term they will be removed from whichever courses the department requires space. The Department also reserves the right to move students from a course in one term to the same course in the next term should such steps be necessary to ensure equitable access to courses.

Prerequisites

Students are responsible for ensuring they enrol only in courses for which they meet the prerequisites. Prerequisites include a minimum GPA over computer science courses. Students may be removed from a course if they do not meet the prerequisites, at any time before or during the course.

Courses Outside the Department

Students wishing to take Computer Science courses at another institution should submit a Letter of Permission (LOP) form. For the purpose of satisfying departmental degree requirements, the number of computer science course (COSC courses) credits taken outside the Department of Computer Science may not exceed 6 credits in core computer science courses and 12 credits in total. Advanced standing credit is included as credit taken outside the Department.

Definition of Core Courses

These are required in all degree programs in Computer Science. Core computer science courses include all 1000- and 2000-level Computer Science major courses, COSC3101 3.0, COSC3221 3.0, and COSC3311 3.0. Core mathematics courses

include MATH1300 3.0, MATH1310 3.0, COSC/MATH1019 3.0 and MATH1090 3.0. (COSC1019 3.0 replaces MATH2090 3.0 in the core as of FW2004/5)

Recent Academic Changes

1. **New Department Name.** As approved by Senate and the University's Board of Governors, the department name will be as of 2004 the "**Department of Computer Science and Engineering**". Subsequent to this change the course rubric will be changed from COSC to CSE for all courses offered by the department. *The implementation of course rubric change is set for FW2005/6.*
2. **New Degree Programs.** Two new degree programs in **Software Engineering** have been approved by the Faculty of Science and Engineering. Once these receive Senate approval they will be available to the students of this Faculty. One program is a Computer Science specialised honours degree program (BSc SP H) and the other is a Bachelor of Applied Science (BASc) honours degree program that is added as a 5th Stream under Engineering.
3. **New Streams.** The admission requirements for these streams are consistent with those of the current Computer Science programs offered within Arts, Atkinson and FSE and are open to students in honours major (and specialised honours) programs. Admission will add no additional requirements and will not deviate from the requirements stipulated by the honours degree upon which the stream is based. Students in a Computer Science honours degree program (where computer science is not the minor subject) who plan to proceed in one of these streams may so declare after completing at least 24 credits in their studies, provided that they are in good standing (honours). For details see [Degree Checklists for 2004/05](#).
 - **Intelligent Systems Stream** (available as of fall 2004/05)
 - **Interactive Systems Stream** (available as of fall 2004/05)
 - **Communication Networks Stream** (available as of fall 2005/06)
4. **Recent Changes to Degree Requirements**
 - Beginning fall 2004, all the COSC degree programs require COSC/MATH1019 3.0 instead of MATH2090 3.0. MATH1090 3.0 remains a requirement, but students are asked to take it *no later than* year three. *However please note* that core courses such as COSC3101 3.0 and COSC3311 3.0 have MATH1090 3.0 as a prerequisite, which means that normally MATH1090 3.0 must be completed *prior to year three*.
 - Beginning fall 2004, all the specialised honours degree programs allow COSC4115 3.0 as one of three ways to fulfil the 4th year theory requirement (before that the choice was between COSC4101 3.0 and COSC4111 3.0).

This choice is open to all students in a specialised honours program, regardless of year of entry in the program.

- Beginning fall 2003, all the honours degree programs require COSC3002 1.0.
- Beginning summer 2002, the honours degree programs require MATH2030 3.0, and COSC3401 3.0, as partial fulfilment of the 3000-level COSC breadth requirement.
- Beginning fall 2002, students may not take either of AK/AS/ITEC 1010 3.0 or AK/AS/ITEC 1011 3.0 if they have taken or are taking any computer science course at the 2000 level or higher.
- Beginning summer 2001, the Bachelor degree programs require MATH2090 3.0 (instead of MATH2320 3.0), and COSC3101 3.0, COSC3221 3.0 and COSC3311 3.0 as partial fulfilment of the 3000-level COSC breadth requirement.
- Beginning summer 2001, all the degree programs require COSC2031 3.0 in addition to those 2000-level COSC courses previously required. We reduced by 3.0 the required 3000-level computer science credit total for the honours degrees.
- Beginning summer 2001, all the honours degree programs require the following specific courses at the 3000-level to satisfy breadth: COSC3101 3.0, COSC3221 3.0, COSC3311 3.0, and one Applications area (Group A) COSC34xx 3.0 course. For 90-credit degrees the 3000-level COSC breadth requirement was unchanged.

5. New Courses and Course Changes as of FW2005/06

- **NEW:** [COSC 4161 3.0](#), Introduction to Cryptography (cross listed with MATH 4161 3.0).
- **NEW:** [COSC 4210 3.0](#), Architecture and Hardware for Digital Signal Processing.
- **NEW:** [COSC 4215 3.0](#), Mobile Communications.¹
- **NEW:** [COSC 4452 3.0](#), Digital Signal Processing: Theory and Applications.
- **NEW:** [COSC 1550 3.0](#), Computer Use: Web and Database Systems Programming (not for COSC major credit).
- COSC 1520 3.0 will be titled "Computer Use: Fundamentals"
- COSC 1530 3.0 will be titled "Computer Use: Programming"

6. New Courses and Course Changes as of FW2004/05

- [COSC 1019 3.0](#) (cross-listed with MATH1019 3.0), Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science.
- [COSC 2550 1.0](#), Introduction to C# Programming (not for COSC major credit).²

¹ Offered in 2005/06.

² Offered in 2005/06.

- [COSC 2560 1.0](#), C# Programming Tools for Graphical User Interfaces (not for COSC major credit).¹
 - [COSC 4471 3.0](#), Introduction to Virtual Reality.²
 - [COSC 4081 6.0](#), Intelligent Systems Project. This project course is only open to students in the Intelligent Systems Stream.
 - [COSC 4082 6.0](#), Interactive Systems Project. This project course is only open to students in the Interactive Systems Stream.
 - [COSC 4084 6.0](#), Communication Networks Project. This project course is only open to students in the Communication Networks Stream.
 - COSC2021 4.0, Computer Organisation: revised description, credit weight change from 3.0.
 - COSC3122 3.0. Prerequisite change (MATH2270 3.0 deleted).
 - COSC3101 3.0, 3311 3.0, 3341 3.0, 3401 3.0, 3402 3.0. Prerequisite changes: MATH2090 is no longer required as a prerequisite, but MATH1090 is in its place. *Students already in-stream will satisfy the MATH prerequisites for these 3rd year courses either by completing MATH2090 (which presupposes completion of MATH1090), or by completing MATH1090 3.0 and COSC1019 3.0 (because of item 7 below).*
 - *COSC 4080 3.0, Computer Science Project now (as of Fall 2004) has a required and graded final seminar (or poster) presentation component.*
 - COSC4211 3.0. Prerequisite change (COSC3408 3.0 no longer required).
7. **2000-level general prerequisites (Changes effective FW2004/5 underlined)**
- COSC1030 3.0, completed with a grade of C+ or better
 - [COSC1019 3.0 \(same as MATH1019 3.0\)](#)
8. **3000-level general prerequisites (Changes effective FW2004/5 underlined)**
- COSC2011 3.0
 - One of COSC2001 3.0 or COSC2021 4.0 or COSC2031 3.0
 - A cumulative gpa of at least 4.5 over completed Computer Science courses (including only the most recent grades in repeated courses)
 - MATH1300 3.0 and MATH1310 3.0
 - [One of MATH1090 3.0 or MATH1025 3.0](#)
9. **4000-level general prerequisites (Changes effective FW2004/5 underlined)**
- Completed COSC2001 3.0, COSC2011 3.0, COSC2021 4.0, COSC2031 3.0
 - Completed at least 12 credits in COSC courses at the 3000-level
 - A cumulative gpa of at least 4.5 over completed Computer Science courses (including only the most recent grades in repeated courses)
 - [Completed MATH1090 3.0](#)

¹ Offered in 2005/06.

² Offered in 2005/06.

Programs Offered

For detailed information you are advised to first read the appropriate sections of the York University Undergraduate Calendar (click on the related York University's web page <http://calendars.registrar.yorku.ca/calendars/index.htm>). Secondly, read this supplemental Calendar, and thirdly, see an advisor in the Department of Computer Science.

Computer Science is available as a major program leading to an Honours or a Specialised Honours (120-credit) degree in the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science and the Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies. It may also be combined with most subjects in both Arts and Science leading to a four-year double major or major-minor degree. These degree types are BA Honours or BSc Honours.

The recommended courses in computer science and mathematics are identical in most programs in the first two years of study so that students can make their final decision as to which program to graduate in after they have more exposure to the discipline.

Bachelor (90-credit) vs. Honours (120-credit) Programs

A BA or BSc program requires 90-credits (normally completed in three years of study) and a minimum grade point average of 4.0 over all courses is required for graduation. A BA Honours or BSc Honours program requires 120-credits (normally completed in four years of study), more specialization, a higher minimum performance (a grade-point-average of 5.0 to proceed—i.e., continue in the program—and to graduate), and in some cases different courses than a BA or BSc degree.

All programs are structured in such a way that a student who embarks on a BA Honours or BSc Honours program can meet the requirements for a BA or BSc degree by the end of the third year and can at that time graduate with either a BA or BSc

If you have the grade point average to be eligible for an honours program (5.0), you will be listed as an honours student for administrative purposes. Only the honours programs (with the exception of the minor) are accredited by the CSAC.

Specialised Honours

Students selecting this program take more courses in computer science and mathematics than for other programs in Computer Science thereby achieving greater specialization. However, a breadth in education is maintained by the requirement of a significant number of non-COSC and non-MATH courses.

BSc or BA Honours Double Major or Honours Major/Minor

The intention of a combined program is for students to major in two subjects while maintaining a 5.0 average. In a double major program, students complete course work up to the 4000-level in each subject. In a major/minor program the minor subject generally requires somewhat less course work than the major, but still

generally includes courses at the 4000-level. Such degrees may require students to take more than the minimum of 120-credits to satisfy the honours requirements of each subject. Consult advisors in both departments if you are planning a combined program.

Elective Courses

Students in Computer Science sometimes feel their study in this discipline is quite isolated from the other programs in their Faculty, and place little emphasis on their choice of other courses, even though about a quarter of their courses are electives. This is a mistake — computer science supports applications in every information-using discipline. In order to make creative and effective use of your skills in computing, you need to know much more of the natural world, the man-made world, and the world of ideas, than can be learned in courses in computing.

There are many choices for elective courses. For example courses in economics, philosophy (logic), psychology, linguistics, physics and chemistry to name just a few whose announced content meshes with issues and problems studied in computer science.

Not only should you consider taking individual courses in other subjects but you should also consider taking a concentration of courses that together form a coherent or complementary package. Such a concentration may come from one discipline (one of the sciences, for example, because of their hierarchical structure) but it may also come from two or three disciplines on related concepts presented from different perspectives. It may also be necessary to take specific prerequisites before you can take a desired elective course; such combinations also form coherent concentrations.

To further emphasize the importance of elective courses, all honours programs require at least 30 credits from non-COSC and non-MATH courses.

Industrial Internship Program

The internship program offers qualified undergraduate Computer Science students the opportunity to take part in a program that alternates academic studies with related work experience in either the private or public sectors. There is considerable flexibility in the duration of individual Internships and the length of an Internship can vary from four to sixteen months. During the work placement students earn a salary typical of entry-level positions in the IT sector.

Students in the BA Honours, and BSc Honours programs are eligible to apply. A minimum GPA of 6.0(B) over COSC and MATH courses taken is required, along with the completion of 12.0 COSC credits including COSC3311 3.0. Applicants must be full time students at York University in order to be considered for the Internship program. Students enrolled in the Internship option normally take the work placement between their 3rd and 4th years. Interested students should inquire about the program after their second year of study.

Students enrolled in the Internship option are required to enrol in COSC3900 0.0 (Internship Co-op Term) in *each term* of their internship.

The department maintains an Internship Office to assist students seeking internship employment and to assist employers wishing to hire York University Internship students. The Internship office coordinates recruitment activity on campus. Internship students receive assistance in identifying relevant and interesting internship opportunities, formulating the employer application package and sharpening their interview skills. Students are placed at a wide range of companies including IBM Canada Ltd., Nortel Networks, and Microforum.

For additional information please visit the link <http://www.cs.yorku.ca/intern/> or e-mail intern@cs.yorku.ca

Admission to the Graduate Program in Computer Science

Admission to the graduate program is highly competitive. The ideal preparation for graduate studies in Computer Science is the completion of the Specialized Honours Program in Computer Science (please consult the Computer Science degree requirements, the degree checklist, and the course descriptions), or an equivalent degree (including senior level courses in theoretical computer science). Your grade point average in the last two years should be at least B+ to enter the competition for admission. Of course, the higher your grades the more likely you will be a successful candidate. For more information please visit <http://www.cs.yorku.ca/grad>

The Service Program

The Department also offers a variety of courses at the 1000-level and 2000-level that are of interest to students wanting to learn about computers and computer use without majoring in Computer Science. In some cases degree programs offered by other departments may require these courses in their programs.

The starting courses for non-majors are COSC1520 3.0, COSC1530 3.0, Introduction to Computer Use I & II, and COSC1540 3.0, Computer Use for the Natural Sciences. The course COSC1530 3.0, Introduction to Computer Use II, is an introduction to computer programming and may be taken as preparation for COSC1020 3.0 or for COSC2501 1.0, if the student lacks background in this area. Students taking the 1500 series courses are not eligible to take the 2000-level Computer Science courses for majors without successful completion of COSC1020 3.0 and COSC1030 3.0.

At the 2000-level the Department offers the course COSC2501 1.0, Fortran and Scientific Computing, which covers computer-based problem solving in a variety of scientific and engineering settings.

York University Computer Club

The York University Computer Club (YUCC) is an organization of students in the Department of Computer Science. They nominate students to serve on department committees, sponsor informational and social events and facilitate communications among computer science students and faculty members. They can be reached by electronic mail at yucc@yucc.yorku.ca

The Student Ombuds Service

The Student Ombuds Service (SOS) is a peer-advising service designed to help York students — especially those in Bethune College and the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science — find university-related information that they need. The SOS office is staffed with knowledgeable upper-level students and serves as a resource center and the hub of a referral network, assisting students to find answers to any questions about York University policies and procedures, giving general academic help, and advice about University life. SOS resources include departmental mini-calendars, graduate and professional school information, a tutor registry, and a study group registry. The SOS office is located in 214 Bethune College and holds drop-in hours between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. No appointment is necessary. SOS can also be reached on the web, <http://www.yorku.ca/sos>, by e-mail at sos@yorku.ca, or by phone at 416-736-5383.

Computer Facilities

Undergraduate students use the Prism Lab, the Department of Computer Science and Engineering undergraduate computing laboratories. The Unix servers of the labs can be accessed remotely by dial-up, through the Internet or through the X-terminals in the labs. Students can also access the Unix or Windows workstations in the labs through scheduled lab sessions, terminal reservation system or first come first serve basis. All students can access the 24-hour Maxwell Lab consisting of colour X-terminals. All labs are equipped with printing facilities. Senior students may also use a variety of specialty laboratories in their courses including the Robotics, the Real-Time, The Digital Logic, and The Embedded Systems Laboratories.

- The Robotics Laboratory consists of two CRS robot arms, an autonomous mobile robot, four Unix and one Windows workstations equipped with multimedia hardware including video and audio facilities.
- The Digital Logic Laboratory provides hands-on experience in digital logic design connecting discrete components such as gates, flip-flops and registers on integrated circuit chips.
- The Real-Time lab provides hands-on experience on design, construction and verification of real-time systems, utilizing four Unix workstations where students experiment with Real Time Application Interface (RTAI), and learn how to perform kernel programming and make changes to an operating system kernel such as

the Linux kernel in order to create a real-time platform in which hard timing constraints of time-critical tasks are guaranteed to be satisfied, while at the same time allow both time-critical and non time-critical tasks to coexist in the system, and still provide all the highly desirable services of a general purpose operating system.

- The Embedded Systems Laboratory consists of Windows workstations, embedded microcontroller boards, FPGA boards, logic analysers, oscilloscopes to provide students with hands-on experience on design and implementation of embedded systems.
- The Software Engineering Laboratory consists of a project meeting area and a work area with Unix and Windows workstations equipped with modern software development tools to provide students experience with various phases of the software development life cycle such as requirements, analysis and design, implementation, testing, delivery, and maintenance.

All workstations and computers in the Department are connected up to the campus network backbone, providing access to all significant systems in the University, as well as computers around the world via the Internet.

Access to the Prism Lab computers requires an authorised account and a password, as issued by the Department. Each student receives a Prism account, providing a personal space for storing files, electronic mail, web publishing, course work, and access to printing facilities.

Students can also access their accounts remotely from other designated labs on campus or from home computers.

Computer Use Policy

Working in a laboratory situation requires cooperative behaviour that does not harm other students by making any part of the department's computer systems unusable such as locking out terminals, running processes that require lots of network traffic (such as playing games on multiple terminals), or using the facilities to work on tasks that are not related to computer science course work. Essentially, all users of common facilities need to ask themselves whether or not their behaviour adversely affects other users of the facility and to refrain from engaging in "adverse behaviour". Good manners, moderation and consideration for others are expected from all users. Adverse behaviour includes such things as excessive noise, occupying more space than appropriate, harassment of others, creating a hostile environment and the displaying of graphics of questionable taste. Lab monitors are authorized to ensure that no discomfort is caused by such practices to any user.

The department policy on computer use prohibits attempting to break into someone else's account, causing damage by invading the system or abusing equipment, using electronic mail or file transfer of abusive or offensive materials, or otherwise violating system security or usage guidelines. As well, we expect you to follow

Senate policies (please follow the link on the related Senate Policy <http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/legislation/senate/computng.htm>)

The department computer system coordinator, in conjunction with the department and York Computing Services, will investigate any suspected violation of these guidelines and will decide on appropriate penalties. Users identified as violating these guidelines may have to make monetary restitution and may have their computing privileges suspended indefinitely. This could result in your being unable to complete computer science courses, and a change in your major.

Adverse behaviour may also violate University, Provincial and Federal laws; for example duplication of copyrighted material and theft of computer services are both criminal offences. In such cases the University, Provincial or Federal authorities may act independently of the Department. The police may be asked to investigate and perpetrators may be liable for civil and/or criminal prosecution. The Department of Computer Science does not assume any liability for damages caused by such activities.

Computer Science Awards

Unless otherwise stipulated students in the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science, Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies, and the Faculty of Arts are eligible for these awards. The department maintains plaques commemorating the achievement awards.

Mark A. Levy Computer Science Award

Up to five prizes will be awarded to outstanding Faculty of Pure and Applied Science students enrolled in third or fourth year computer science courses.

Nancy Waisbord Memorial Award

This is a cash award presented annually to a graduating student who has consistently demonstrated excellence in Computer Science.

Computer Science Academic Achievement Award

Up to two cash awards will be presented to outstanding graduating students in an Honours program. These awards are funded by contributions from faculty members in the Department.

Other Awards

Students in the Department are encouraged to apply for Summer Science awards such as the NSERC Undergraduate Summer Research Award. These awards pay students a salary over the summer while they are working on a research project under the supervision of a faculty member. Normally students who have completed at least their 2nd year may apply and typically a grade point average of at least 7.0(B+) is required.

In addition, faculty sometimes employ undergraduate research assistants over the summer period. While not an award administered by NSERC, such positions are only offered to the best students in the Department.

Prestigious Awards

The Faculties of Arts and Pure and Applied Science also award various medals to their top-graduating students. These include the Governor General's Silver Medal (Faculty of Arts) and the Gold Medal of Academic Excellence (Faculty of Pure and Applied Science).

Atkinson Faculty awards

Students whose home Faculty is Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies are also eligible for the following scholarships and bursaries:

- Computer Science Major Program Scholarships
- Atkinson Faculty Students' Association Scholarship
- Hany Salama Bursary
- Sally Murray Findley Memorial Scholarship

See the Atkinson Faculty Calendar for details.

Academic Policies

Advising

Academic advising is available on an individual or a group basis in the Department of Computer Science. Group advising provides help in choosing courses to fulfill degree requirements. Individual faculty advising is available to discuss academic issues relevant to computer science such as recommended mathematical skills, theoretical versus applications oriented courses, areas of specialization, graduate studies and career paths.

It is ultimately the responsibility of each student to ensure that they meet all degree requirements of both the Department and their home Faculty (i.e., Pure and Applied Science, Arts, or Atkinson). Written information and program check lists are provided to assist you in making appropriate choices. It is recommended that you take advantage of advising opportunities to answer any questions you may have.

Group advising is scheduled by year level during March and early April. In addition, individual advising appointments may be made through the Undergraduate Office.

Academic Honesty

The Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Pure and Applied Science, Atkinson Faculty of Professional and Liberal Studies, and the Department have policies on academic honesty and their enforcement is taken very seriously. Academic honesty is essentially giving credit where credit is due. When a student submits a piece of work it is expected that all unquoted and unacknowledged ideas (except for common knowledge) and text are original to the student. Unacknowledged and unquoted text, diagrams, etc., which are not original to the student, and which the student presents as their own work is academically dishonest. The deliberate presentation of part of another student's program text or other work as your own without acknowledgment is academically dishonest, and renders you liable to the disciplinary procedures instituted by the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science.

The above statement does not imply that students must work, study and learn in isolation. The Department encourages students to work, study and learn together, and to use the work of others as found in books, journal articles, electronic news and private conversations. In fact, most pieces of work are enhanced when relevant outside material is introduced. Thus faculty members expect to see quotes, references and citations to the work of others. This shows the student is seeking out knowledge, integrating it with their work, and perhaps more significantly, reducing some of the drudgery in producing a piece of work.

As long as appropriate citation and notice is given students cannot be accused of academic dishonesty.

A piece of work, however, may receive a low grade because it does not contain a sufficient amount of original work. In each course, instructors describe their expectations regarding cooperative work and define the boundary of what is acceptable cooperation and what is unacceptable. When in doubt it is the student's responsibility to seek clarification from the instructor. Instructors evaluate each piece of work in the context of their course and given instructions.

You should refer to the appropriate sections of the York University Undergraduate Calendar

<http://calendars.registrar.yorku.ca/calendars/index.htm>

and Senate policies

<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/legislation/senate/acadhone.htm>

for further information and the penalties when academic dishonesty occurs.

Concerns about Fairness

The Department's faculty members are committed to treating all students fairly, professionally, and without discrimination on non-academic grounds including a student's race or sex. Students who have concerns about fair treatment are encouraged to discuss the matter with their instructor or the course director. If this is not possible or does not resolve the problem, the matter should be brought to the attention of the Undergraduate Director, and if necessary, the Department Chair, for a departmental response.

Moving to New Program Requirements and new prerequisites

Computer Science is a relatively young and rapidly changing discipline. To ensure that our students graduate with current degree programs that are informed by the latest advances in the field, the department has determined the following principles governing the applicability of new degree program requirements:

- If you have been taking courses in consecutive years then the starting year in computer science is the year in which you take your first major COSC course, and it normally coincides with the year you were admitted into the program. If you have a break in your studies then your starting year changes to the year in which you start taking major COSC courses again. Since most Senate approved

degree program regulations become effective in the fall term following approval, your starting year is the current academic year if you start in the fall, winter, or the immediately following summer terms. For example: starting in fall 2001 you follow the 2001-02 program requirements; starting in winter 2002 or summer 2002 you also follow the 2001-2002 program requirements.

- If program requirements change you may continue with your studies using the program requirements in effect in your starting year. In this case the degree checklists in this calendar may not apply to you. You should use the degree checklists applicable to your starting year.
- If program requirements change you may elect to graduate under the new requirements—that is, those in effect in the year of your graduation—but you must meet all of them. You are not permitted to mix and match old and new requirements, or to pick and choose from among various requirements that were in effect between your starting year and graduation year.
- Changes in prerequisites to courses or to groups of courses are not changes in degree requirements, and apply to all students regardless of their year of entry or re-entry to the program. Prerequisite changes normally are effective starting with the term immediately following their approval.

Appeal Procedures

The Department expects a student's disagreement with an evaluation of an item of course work (e.g., final examination, assignment report, class test, oral presentation, laboratory presentation, class participation) to be settled with the instructor informally, amicably and expeditiously.

If however a formal appeal becomes necessary due to lack of an informal settlement, there are distinct procedures to follow for term work on one hand and for final examinations and final grades on the other. Of necessity, a formal appeal must involve only written work.

Term Work

An appeal against a grade assigned to an item of term work must be made to the instructor *within 14 days of the grade being made available*.

In the case of a multi-sectioned course (where the instructor is not the course director), a second appeal may be made to the course director *within 14 days of the decision of the instructor*.

If a student feels that their work has not been fairly reappraised by the course director, then they may appeal for a reappraisal by the departmental petitions committee. Such a request is made in writing using the appropriate form obtained from the Undergraduate Office. The request must be made *within 14 days of the decision of the course director*.

Final Exams and Final Grades

An appeal for reappraisal of a final grade must be made in writing on a standard

departmental form, obtained from the Undergraduate Office, *within 21 days of receiving notification of the grade* (see <http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/services/policies/grade.htm> for more details on the University's reappraisal policies).

The departmental petitions committee will discuss the appeal with the course director to ensure that no grade computation, clerical or similar errors have been made. If such an error is discovered, a correction will be made and the student and the Registrar's Office will be notified.

If a final examination is to be reappraised then the departmental petitions committee will select a second reader for the examination paper. The petitions committee will consider the report of the second reader and recommend a final grade, which may be lower than the original grade. The student will receive the report of the petitions committee and the Registrar's Office will be informed of any grade change. The decision of the department petitions committee can only be appealed on procedural grounds to the Executive Committee of the Faculty.

Grading System

Grading at York University is done on a letter scale. The following table shows the grading scale used. The number in parenthesis is the grade point that is used to determine the grade point average. The grade point average is a credit weighted average of all relevant courses.

- A+ (9) Exceptional — Thorough knowledge of concepts and/or techniques and exceptional skill or great originality in the use of those concepts and techniques in satisfying the requirements of a piece of work or course.
- A (8) Excellent — Thorough knowledge of concepts and/or techniques together with a high degree of skill and/or some elements of originality in satisfying the requirements of a piece of work or course.
- B+ (7) Very Good — Thorough knowledge of concepts and/or techniques together with a fairly high degree of skill in the use of those concepts and techniques in satisfying the requirements of a piece of work or course.
- B (6) Good — Good level of knowledge of concepts and/or techniques together with a considerable skill in using them in satisfying the requirements of a piece of work or course.
- C+ (5) Competent — Acceptable level of knowledge of concepts and/or techniques together with considerable skill in using them to satisfy the requirements of a piece of work or course.
- C (4) Fairly Competent — Acceptable level of knowledge of concepts and/or techniques together with some skill in using them to satisfy the requirements of a piece of work or course.

- D+ (3) Passing — Slightly better than minimal knowledge of required concepts and/or techniques together with some ability to use them in satisfying the requirements of a piece of work or course.
- D (2) Barely Passing — Minimum knowledge of concepts and/or techniques needed to satisfy the requirements of a piece of work or course.
- E (1) Marginally failing.
- F (0) Failing.

Course Fees

All computer science courses have an associated fee of \$10.00, with the following exceptions: All 4000-level courses; all service courses; COSC1019 3.0, COSC3001 1.0, COSC3002 1.0, COSC3121 3.0, COSC3122 3.0 and COSC3900 0.0. This fee is to offset consumable costs associated with operating the PRISM lab. This includes paper, toner, and maintaining and servicing printers within the lab.

The cost of these fees will be reviewed from year to year and adjusted accordingly. The associated course fee will not normally be refunded, but will be refunded if you withdraw from the course before the first lecture or because of Departmentally initiated de-enrolment.

Course Weights

Courses in Computer Science normally meet for three class hours a week for one term (these are 3 credit–courses whose numbers end in "3.0"). Some courses have required one-hour labs per week (e.g., COSC1020 3.0 and COSC1030 3.0). Catalogue numbers are assigned to the labs rather than the lectures and students use the REM to enrol by selecting an appropriate lab. Other courses have a similar registration system and lab requirements, but the associated labs are three hours per week, which entails a 4.0 weight for the course (e.g., COSC 2021, 3201, 3215 are "4.0 courses"). Many of the 3.0 courses at the 2000 and 3000 levels have optional tutorials. All COSC courses put heavy demands on the student's time by requiring the completion of take-home assignments or projects.

On the other hand, COSC3002, a course required of all honours students, has a weight of 1.0. This is a seminar course and meets once every second week for one hour each time, throughout two successive terms (Fall and Winter).

Course Descriptions: 1000-Level

Courses with second digit 5 (e.g. 1520, 1530, 1540, 2501, 2550, 2560) may be taken to satisfy Faculty degree requirements but do not count as Computer Science major credit, and the grades from such courses are not included in calculating the Computer Science prerequisite grade point average. In what follows, if a course is referenced by its rubric (e.g., MATH, COSC) and number only, then the Faculty prefix "AS/AK/SC/" is implied. If the prefix is different than this, then it will be explicitly given, e.g., "AK/COSC3503 3.0", "AS/AK/ITEC1620 3.0".

COSC 1019 3.0

Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science

(Cross listed with MATH 1019 3.0)

Introduction to abstraction. Use and development of precise formulations of mathematical ideas. Informal introduction to logic; introduction to naive set theory; induction; relations and functions; big-O notation; recursive definitions, recurrence relations and their solutions; graphs and trees. The detailed list of topics includes

1. Proof techniques (without using a formal system)
 - proof by contradiction
 - proof by cases
 - proving implications
 - proving statements with quantifiers
 - mathematical induction on natural numbers
2. Naive set theory
 - proving that one set is a subset of another
 - proving equality of two sets
 - basic operations on sets (union, intersection, Cartesian product, power sets, etc.)
 - cardinality of sets (finite and infinite)
 - strings
3. Functions and relations
 - review of basic definitions (relation, function, domain, range,
 - functions, 1-1 correspondence, function composition, closures of relations, etc.)
 - equivalence relations
4. Asymptotic notation
 - big-O, big- Ω , big- Θ notation
 - proving f is in $O(g)$, proving f is not in $O(g)$
 - classifying functions into a hierarchy of important classes, e.g.,
 $O(1)$, $O(\log n)$, $O(\sqrt{n})$, $O(n)$, $O(n^2)$, $O(n^{O(1)})$, $O(2^n)$
5. Recursive definitions and solving recurrences
 - recursive definitions of mathematical objects
 - solving simple recurrences
 - bounding divide-and-conquer recurrences of the form
 $f(n) = af(n/b) + g(n)$, for constants a and b .
 - using structural induction on recursively defined objects
6. Sums
 - summation notation
 - computing and bounding simple sums
7. Elementary graph theory
 - basic definitions of graphs
 - proving simple facts about graphs
 - trees

Prerequisites: MATH1190 3.0, or **both** of 12U Advanced Functions & Introductory Calculus **and** 12U Geometry & Discrete Mathematics.

Course Credit Exclusion: MATH2320 3.0

COSC 1020 3.0

Introduction to Computer Science I

The course lays the conceptual foundation of object-oriented programming. Topics include data types, control structures, API usage, encapsulation, and other abstractions. The course also covers the software development process; composition and inheritance; and exception handling. Implementation is done in Java with emphasis on software engineering principles and coding style. Three lecture hours and weekly laboratory sessions. The laboratory sessions form an integral part of the lectures and may cover examinable material that is not covered in class.

This course is an introduction to the discipline; it is not a survey course. As such the emphasis is on the development of a theoretical conceptual foundation and the acquisition of the intellectual and practical skills required for further courses in computer science. The course is intended for prospective computer science and computer engineering majors, i.e. those with a well-developed interest in computing as an academic field of study and with strong mathematical, analytical and language abilities; it is not intended for those who seek a quick exposure to applications or programming (for this purpose any of COSC1520, COSC1530 or COSC1540 would be more appropriate).

Warning: The work for this course includes a substantial number of exercises that require problem analysis, program preparation, testing, analysis of results, and documentation and submission of written reports. The course is demanding in terms of time, and requires the student to put in many hours of work per week outside of lectures.

Recommendation: You will benefit if you have prior practical experience with programming as well as using a computer. Students who wish to take a one-course exposure to the practical aspects of computing should consider enrolling in COSC1520 3.0 and COSC1530 3.0 instead (see the following descriptions).

Prerequisites: One of (1) – (4) below must be met:

(1) (New high school curriculum): ***Advanced functions & introductory calculus***, and ***geometry & discrete mathematics*** with minimum mathematics average of 75% and no mathematics grade below 65%.

(2) (Old high school curriculum): *OAC calculus* and one other OAC in mathematics (normally ***finite mathematics*** or ***algebra & geometry***) with an average grade of 75% in all OAC mathematics and no grade less than 65%.

(3) Completion of 6.0 credits from York University MATH courses (not including AK/MATH1710 6.0 or courses with second digit 5) with a grade average of 5.0 (C+) or better over these credits;

(4) Completion of AK/MATH1710 6.0, or 6.0 credits from York University mathematics courses whose second digit is 5, with an average grade not below 7.0 (B+).

Strongly Recommended: Previous programming experience; for example, a high school programming course or COSC1530 3.0.

Course Credit Exclusion: AK/IAS/ITEC1620 3.0

COSC 1030 3.0

Introduction to Computer Science II

This course builds on COSC1020 and covers an introduction to object-oriented programming and design. The emphasis is on class implementation and design. Concepts of software reusability and software extensibility are introduced through the object-oriented techniques of inheritance and polymorphism. Case studies involving a collection of classes related by has-a and is-a relationships are designed and implemented in detail during lectures and tutorials. Other topics include system design, recursion, searching and sorting, and introductory data structures. Three lecture hours and weekly laboratory sessions.

The workload includes a number of assignments, a midterm and a final exam.

Prerequisites: COSC1020 3.0

Course Credit Exclusion: AK/IAS/ITEC2620 3.0

COSC 1520 3.0

Computer Use: Fundamentals

This course is appropriate for students who are **not majoring in Computer Science**, but who would like an introduction to the use of the computer as a problem-solving tool. No previous computing experience is assumed, but the course does involve extensive practical work with computers, so some facility with problem-solving and symbolic operations will be very helpful.

An introduction to the use of computers focusing on concepts of computer technology and organization (hardware and software), and the use of applications and information retrieval tools for problem solving.

Topics to be studied include: the development of information technology and its current trends; analysis of problems for solution by computers, report generation, file processing; spreadsheets; database; numeric and symbolic calculation; the functions of an operating system; interactive programs.

Students should be aware that like many other computer courses, this course is demanding in terms of time, and should not be added to an already heavy load. There is scheduled and unscheduled time in the Glade laboratory. The course is not appropriate for students who want more than an elementary knowledge of

computing and it cannot be used as a substitute for COSC1020 3.0/1030 3.0: *Introduction to Computer Science*.

Prerequisites: None

NCR Note: No credit will be retained if this course is taken after the successful completion of or simultaneously with COSC1020 3.0.

Note: This course counts as elective credits towards satisfying Faculty degree requirements but does not count as Computer Science major credits.

COSC 1530 3.0

Computer Use: Programming

Concepts of computer systems and technology — e.g. software engineering, algorithms, programming languages and theory of computation are discussed. Practical work focuses on problem solving using a high-level programming language. The course requires extensive laboratory work.

Note: This course is designed for students who are *not* Computer Science majors. However, those who wish to major in Computer Science but lack programming background may use it as preparation. Students who plan to major in Computer Science must also take COSC1020 3.0 and COSC1030 3.0. This course does not count as a Computer Science major credit.

Prerequisites: None

Course Credit Exclusions: COSC1540 3.0.

NCR Note: No credit will be retained if this course is taken after the successful completion of or simultaneously with COSC1020 3.0.

COSC 1540 3.0

Computer Use for the Natural Sciences

Introduction to problem solving using computers — top down and modular design; implementation in a procedural programming language — control structures, data structures, subprograms; application to simple numerical methods, modelling and simulation in the sciences; use of library subprograms. This course is intended for students in the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science and students in the BA Applied Math program.

Note: This course is not open to any student who has passed or is taking COSC1020 3.0. This course counts as elective credits towards satisfying Faculty degree requirements but does not count as Computer Science major credits.

Suggested reading:

- Nyhoff and Leestma, *Fortran 77 for Engineers and Scientists*, 3rd Edition, Maxwell Macmillan.
- Keiko Pitter et. al., *Every Student's Guide to the Internet* (Windows version), McGraw-Hill, 1995.

Prerequisites: None.

Course Credit Exclusion: COSC1530 3.0.

NCR Note: No credit will be retained if this course is taken after the successful completion of or simultaneously with COSC1020 3.0.

COSC 1550 3.0

Computer Use: Web and Database Systems

This course offers a practical way of learning the basics of how information is specified, acquired, and managed using database technology. It therefore incorporates four core practices:

- determining the information requirements for a system
- specifying those requirements
- developing a relational database to store the information
- using SQL to manipulate databases

These topics are introduced in a realistic context to promote understanding of how information is used to support business and other organizations. In particular, the course examines the use of database management systems to manage the information content of Web sites. Students also learn to:

- construct web pages in HTML
- design interactive web sites
- design and implement dynamic Web applications

The content for the course is organized in a modular fashion:

1. Introduction to Information Technology and the WWW
 - A. Introduction to Information and Database Systems
 - B. Internet Information Systems (Web Pages and HTML and Web Servers)
2. Designing and Specifying Information Systems
 - A. Data Models
 - B. Entity-Relationship Diagrams
3. Designing and Creating Relational Databases
 - A. Developing Relational Models
 - B. Defining Relational Databases in MS Access
 - C. Improving Designs
4. Manipulating Relational Information
 - A. Using MS Access
 - B. Using SQL
5. Creating Interactive Web Sites
 - A. Presenting information with HTML
 - B. Introduction to ASP and JavaScript

Database Applications for the Web.

Prerequisites: None

NCR Note: No credit will be retained if this course is taken after the successful completion of, or simultaneously with, COSC3421 3.0 or ITEC3220 3.0.

Note. This course does not count for Computer Science major credit.

Course Descriptions: 2000-Level

General Prerequisites

- COSC1030 3.0 with a grade of C+ or better
- COSC1019 3.0

Specific prerequisites may also apply to individual courses. Normally a maximum of three COSC courses may be taken in any one of the fall or winter terms at any level higher than 1000 provided that prerequisites are met.

COSC 2001 3.0

Introduction to the Theory of Computation

The course introduces different theoretical models of computers. Topics covered may include the following.

- Finite automata and regular expressions; practical applications, e.g., text editors
- Pushdown automata and context-free grammars; practical applications, e.g., parsing and compilers
- Turing machines as a general model of computers; introduction to unsolvability: the halting problem

Prerequisites: General prerequisites

COSC 2011 3.0

Fundamentals of Data Structures

This course discusses the fundamental data structures commonly used in the design of algorithms. At the end of this course, students will know the classical data structures, and master the use of abstraction, specification and program construction using modules. Furthermore, students will be able to apply these skills effectively in the design and implementation of algorithms.

Topics covered may include the following.

- Review of primitive data types and abstract data type — arrays, stacks, queues and lists
- Searching and sorting: a mixture of review and new algorithms
- Priority queues
- Trees: threaded, balanced (AVL-, 2-3-, and/or B-trees), tries
- Graphs: representations; transitive closure; graph traversals; spanning trees; minimum path; flow problems

Prerequisites: General prerequisites

COSC 2021 4.0

Computer Organization

This course provides a description of how computers work by following the abstraction trail from the high-level programming layer down to the digital-logic component layer. By understanding how the features of each abstraction layer are implemented in the one beneath it, one can grasp the tapestry of the software/hardware interface.

Topics include programming in assembly language, machine instructions and their encoding formats, translating and loading high-level programs, computer organization and performance issues, CPU structure, single/multi-cycle datapath and control, pipelining, and memory hierarchy. The course presents theoretical concepts as well as concrete implementations on a modern RISC processor.

The lab sessions (3 hours/week) involve experiments on assembly and machine language, hardware description languages and simulators, processor architectures, cache memories.

Suggested reading:

- Patterson, D. and Hennessy, J., Computer Organization and Design: The Hardware / Software Interface, 2nd Edition, Morgan Kaufmann Publishers, 1997.
- Tanenbaum, A.S., Structured Computer Organization, 5th ed., Prentice-Hall, 1999.
- Stallings, Wm., Computer Organization and Architecture, 5th ed., Macmillan, 2000.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites

COSC 2031 3.0

Software Tools

This course introduces software tools that are used for building applications and in the software development process. It covers the following topics:

- ANSI-C (stdio, pointers, memory management, overview of ANSI-C libraries)
- Shell programming
- Filters and pipes (shell redirection, grep, sort & uniq, tr, sed, awk, pipes in C)
- Version control systems and the "make" mechanism
- Debugging and testing
- All the above tools will be applied in practical programming assignments and/or small-group projects.

Suggested reading:

- Kernighan and Ritchie, The C Programming Language (ANSI C Edition).
- Kernighan and Pike, The Practice of Programming.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites

COSC 2501 1.0

Fortran and Scientific Computing

Covers computer-based problem solving in a variety of scientific and engineering settings. Introduces the FORTRAN programming language and its interface with scientific libraries

The first third of the course (4 weeks) is in lecture format (3 hours per week) covering the following topics.

- Data types, control structures and program structure
- Functions and subroutines
- Arrays
- I/O
- Errors in computations
- For the remainder of the term students work on their own on various projects. Project applications are drawn mainly from the following scientific areas.
- Numerical methods: linear systems; curve fitting; non-linear equations; optimisation; differential equations; Fourier transform
- Simulation: random numbers; distributions; queues
- Monte Carlo method
- Processing experimental data
- Data visualization
- Chaos and fractals

Prerequisites: COSC1020 3.0 or COSC1530 3.0

Course Credit Exclusion: COSC1540 3.0

COSC 2550 1.0

Introduction to C# Programming

Introduction to the C# programming language: programming constructs analogous to those taught in COSC1030 3.0; basic data structures if time permits.

[1 hour] Orientation

[2 hours] Comparison of C# vs. Java and C, C++. The VisualStudio.NET development environment. C# program structure.

[1 hour] Control structures (if/else, while, for, switch, break, continue)

[1 hour] Operator overloading

[2 hours] Arrays, strings

[1 hour] Exception handling

[5 hours] Classes, methods, namespaces, parameter passing, method and constructor overloading, inheritance, polymorphism, interfaces, abstract classes.

Prerequisites: COSC1030 3.0 or ITEC2620 3.0

Note: This course does not count for major credit towards a Computer Science degree.

COSC 2560 1.0

C# Programming Tools for Graphical User Interfaces

Introduction to programming graphical user interfaces (GUI) in the C# programming language: building GUIs in C# under the VisualStudio.NET IDE; the major GUI components and event handling mechanism of C#.

[1 hour] Orientation and general introduction

[2 hours] GUI development: General, C# and .NET specific

[3 hours] Events

[1 hour] Building Windows applications: Forms

[6 hours] GUI components of C#: Labels, TextBoxes, Buttons, GroupBoxes, Panels, CheckBoxes, RadioButtons, PictureBoxes, Menus, LinkLabels, ListBoxes. More advanced features as time permits (for example, colour control, font control, drawing, imaging, animation).

Prerequisite: COSC2550 1.0

Note: This course does not count for major credit towards a Computer Science degree

Course Descriptions: 3000-Level

General Prerequisites

- COSC2011 3.0
- One of COSC2001 3.0 or COSC2021 4.0 or COSC2031 3.0
- A cumulative grade point average of 4.5 or better over completed Computer Science courses (including only the most recent grades in repeated courses)
- MATH1300 3.0 and MATH1310 3.0
- One of MATH1090 3.0 or MATH1025 3.0

Specific prerequisites may also apply to individual courses.

Notes:

- Normally a maximum of three COSC courses may be taken in any one of the fall or winter terms at any level higher than 1000 provided that prerequisites are met.
- *Although Java is used in introductory courses, some upper level courses assume students have a working knowledge of C++, and/or the C programming language; therefore students may want to plan on completing COSC2031 3.0 before entering third year.*

COSC 3001 1.0

Organization and Management Seminar in Space and Communication Sciences

(Cross listed with SC/EATS3001 1.0 and SC/PHYS3001 1.0)

This is a seminar course taught by guest speakers from industry, government and the university. Content changes from year to year, but includes such topics as professional ethics, communications regulations, space law, space science policy, project management, privacy and security issues in computing.

Prerequisites: Eligibility to proceed in the Specialized Honours stream in SCS beyond the 2000-level requirements

Course Credit Exclusions: EATS 3001 1.0, PHYS 3001 1.0, COSC3002 1.0

COSC 3002 1.0

Organization and Management Seminar

This is a seminar course taught by guest speakers from industry, government and the university. Content changes from year to year, but includes topics such as professional ethics, communications regulations, project management, privacy and security, legal issues in computing.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites

Course Credit Exclusions: EATS 3001 1.0, PHYS 3001 1.0, COSC3001 1.0

COSC 3101 3.0

Design and Analysis of Algorithms

This course is intended to teach students the fundamental techniques in the design of algorithms and the analysis of their computational complexity. Each of these techniques is applied to a number of widely used and practical problems. At the end of this course, a student will be able to: choose algorithms appropriate for many common computational problems; to exploit constraints and structure to design efficient algorithms; and to select appropriate tradeoffs for speed and space.

Topics covered may include the following:

- Review: fundamental data structures, asymptotic notation, solving recurrences
- Sorting and order statistics: heapsort and priority queues, randomised quicksort and its average case analysis, decision tree lower bounds, linear-time selection
- Divide-and-conquer: binary search, quicksort, mergesort, polynomial multiplication, arithmetic with large numbers
- Dynamic Programming: matrix chain product, scheduling, knapsack problems, longest common subsequence, some graph algorithms
- Greedy methods: activity selection, some graph algorithms
- Amortization: the accounting method, e.g., in Graham's Scan convex hull algorithm
- Graph algorithms: depth-first search, breadth-first search, biconnectivity and strong connectivity, topological sort, minimum spanning trees, shortest paths

- Theory of NP-completeness

Suggested reading:

- T.H. Cormen, C.E. Leiserson, R.L. Rivest, *Introduction to Algorithms*, McGraw-Hill and The MIT Press, 1991.
- P. Gloor, S. Dynes, I. Lee, *Animated Algorithms CD-ROM*, The MIT Press 1993.
- D.E. Knuth, *The Stanford GraphBase: A platform for combinatorial computing*, Addison-Wesley & The ACM Press, 1993.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC2001 3.0 and MATH1090 3.0

COSC 3121 3.0

Introduction to Numerical Computations I

(Cross listed with AS/SC/MATH 3241 3.0)

This course is concerned with an introduction to matrix computations in linear algebra for solving the problems of linear equations, non-linear equations, interpolation and linear least squares. Errors due to representation, rounding and finite approximation are studied. Ill-conditioned problems versus unstable algorithms are discussed. The Gaussian elimination with pivoting for general system of linear equations, and the Cholesky factorisation for symmetric systems are explained. Orthogonal transformations are studied for computations of the QR decomposition and the Singular Values Decompositions (SVD). The use of these transformations in solving linear least squares problems that arise from fitting linear mathematical models to observed data is emphasized. Finally, polynomial interpolation by Newton's divided differences and spline interpolation are discussed as special cases of linear equations. The emphasis of the course is on the development of numerical algorithms, the use of intelligent mathematical software and the interpretation of the results obtained on some assigned problems.

Topics covered may include the following:

- Preliminaries—linear algebra, computer programming and mathematical software
- Number systems and errors—machine representation of numbers, floating-point arithmetic, simple error analysis, ill-conditioned problems and unstable algorithms
- Solution of systems of linear equations—Gaussian elimination and its computational complexity, pivoting and stability, special structures (Cholesky's factorisation for positive definite systems, banded systems, storage and computational complexities) error analysis, condition number and iterative refinement
- Solution of over determined systems of linear equations by linear least squares approximations—linear least squares problems, normal equations, orthogonal transformations (Given's and Householder's), QR and singular value decompositions (SVD), SVD and rank-deficient problems, computational complexities versus robustness

- Interpolation—Newton's divided differences spline interpolation; banded linear systems, error analysis for interpolation. Other interpolations (rational, B-splines)

Prerequisites: COSC1540 3.0 or COSC2031 3.0; MATH1010 3.0 or MATH1014 3.0 or MATH1310 3.0; MATH1025 3.0 or MATH1021 3.0 or MATH2021 3.0 or MATH2221 3.0

COSC 3122 3.0

Introduction to Numerical Computations II

(Cross listed with AS/SC/MATH3242 3.0)

The course is a continuation of COSC3121 3.0. The main topics include numerical differentiation, Richardson's extrapolation, elements of numerical integration, composite numerical integration, Romberg integration, adaptive quadrature methods, Gaussian quadrature, numerical improper integrals; fixed points for functions of several variables, Newton's method, Quasi-Newton methods, steepest descent techniques, and homotopy methods; power method, Householder method and QR algorithms.

The final grade will be based on assignments, tests and a final examination.

Prerequisite: COSC3121 3.0

COSC 3201 4.0

Digital Logic Design

Theory and design of logic circuits used in digital systems. This is an intermediate level course that uses a Hardware Design Language to illustrate modern design techniques and is supplemented by hardware laboratory exercises (2 hours per week).

The topics covered will include:

- Review of number systems, Boolean algebra, logic gates and their electrical characteristics.
- Analysis and design of Combinational Circuits including arithmetic units, multiplexers, data selectors, parity checkers etc.
- Hardware Description Languages (HDL). Use of VHDL in logic circuit design and simulation.
- Analysis and design of Sequential Circuits. Flip flops, synchronous and asynchronous circuits. Design using Algorithmic State Machines.
- Memory systems, programmable logic and their applications. Register transfer techniques, Bus concepts.
- Design examples.

Recommended Texts:

- M.Morris Mano, *Digital Design*, (Third Edition), Prentice Hall, 2002.
- S.Brown and Z. Vranesic, *Fundamentals of Digital Logic with VHDL Design*, McGraw Hill, 2001.
- R.S. Sandige, *Digital Design Essentials*, Prentice Hall.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC2021 4.0; PHYS3150 3.0 strongly recommended

COSC 3213 3.0

Computer Networks I

This course is an introduction to communications and networking. Topics covered include:

- Distinction between information and data, between signal and data, between symbol and data, and between analogue and digital data
- Transmission media; time domain and frequency domain
- Fundamental limits due to Shannon and Nyquist
- Protocol hierarchies; the OSI model
- Encoding of analogue/digital data as analogue/digital signals
- Data link protocols; error and flow control
- Medium access; Ethernet and token passing systems in LANs
- Routing of packets in networks, congestion control
- Internetworking
- Transport services and protocols
- High-level applications and their protocols, e.g. WWW(HTTP), e-mail (SMTP), Internet names (DNS)

Prerequisites: General prerequisites

Course Credit Exclusions: COSC3211 3.0

COSC 3215 4.0

Embedded Systems

Introduction to the design of embedded systems using both hardware and software. Topics include microcontrollers; their architecture, and programming; design and implementation of embedded systems using field programmable gate arrays.

The following is a detailed list of topics to be covered:

- Introduction to specific microcontroller architecture, its assembly language, and programming
- Input/Output ports, Interrupts, and timers
- Memory systems
- Analog to digital and digital to analog conversion
- Parallel and Serial Interfacing
- Hardware Modelling
- Structural specification of hardware
- Synthesis of combinational circuits using a Hardware Description Language
- Synthesis of sequential circuits using a Hardware Description Language
- Rapid Prototyping using field programmable gate arrays

References:

- Michael D. Ciletti, Modelling, Synthesis, and Rapid Prototyping with the VERILOG (TM) HDL, 1/e, Prentice-Hall, ISBN 0-13-977398-3 1.

- Richard E. Haskell, Design of Embedded Systems Using 68HC12/II Microcontrollers, Prentice-Hall, ISBN 0-13-083208-1.
- Frank Vahid and Tony Givargis, Embedded System Design: A Unified Hardware/Software Introduction, John Wiley & Sons, ISBN: 0471386782.
- John B Peatman, Design with Microcontrollers, Prentice Hall, ISBN 0-13-759259-0
- The 8051 Microcontroller 3/e. Prentice-Hall, ISBN 0-13-780008-8.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3201 4.0

COSC 3221 3.0

Operating System Fundamentals

(formerly COSC 3321 3.0—before S2000)

This course is intended to teach students the fundamental concepts that underlie operating systems, including multiprogramming, concurrent processes, CPU scheduling, deadlocks, memory management, file systems, protection and security. Many examples from real systems are given to illustrate the application of particular concepts. At the end of this course, a student will be able to understand the principles and techniques required for understanding and designing operating systems.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC2021 4.0; COSC2031 3.0

Course Credit Exclusion: COSC3321 3.0

COSC 3301 3.0

Programming Language Fundamentals

The topic of programming languages is an important and rapidly changing area of computer science. This course introduces students to the basic concepts and terminology used to describe programming languages. Instead of studying particular programming languages, the course focuses on the "linguistics" of programming languages, that is, on the common, unifying themes that are relevant to programming languages in general. The algorithmic, or procedural, programming languages are particularly emphasized. Examples are drawn from early and contemporary programming languages, including FORTRAN, Algol 60, PL/I, Algol 68, Pascal, C, C++, Eiffel, Ada 95, and Java.

This course is not designed to teach any particular programming language. However, any student who completes this course should be able to learn any new programming language with relative ease.

Topics covered may include the following:

- Classification of programming languages: language levels, language generations, and language paradigms
- Programming language specification: lexical, syntactic, and semantic levels of language definition
- Data, data types, and type systems: simple types, structured types, type composition rules
- Control primitives, control structures, control composition rules

- Subprograms: functions and procedures, argument-parameter binding, overloading
- Global program structure: modules, generic units, tasks, and exceptions
- Object-oriented language features: classes, encapsulation, inheritance, and polymorphism
- Critical and comparative evaluation of programming languages

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC2001 3.0

COSC 3311 3.0

Software Design

A study of design methods and their use in the correct construction, implementation, and maintenance of software systems. Topics include design, implementation, testing, documentation needs and standards, support tools.

This course focuses on design techniques for both small and large software systems. Techniques for the design of components (e.g., modules, classes, procedures, executables) as well as complex architectures will be considered. Principles for software design and rules for helping to ensure software quality will be discussed. The techniques will be applied in a set of small assignments, and a large-scale project, where students will design, implement, and maintain a non-trivial software system.

Specific topics to be discussed may include the following:

- software design principles: coupling and cohesion, information hiding, open-closed, interface design
- abstract data types
- seamless software construction and process models; a rational design process
- design-by-contract and its implementation in programming languages and design methods; writing and testing contracts; debugging contracts
- abstraction and data design; choosing data structures
- the Business Object Notation (BON) for modelling designs; alternative modelling languages like UML, data-flow diagrams, structure charts, etc.
- static software modelling; dynamic modelling and behavioural modelling
- case studies in design: designing architectures; comparisons; design of OO inheritance hierarchies; class library design
- methods for finding classes; designing class interfaces
- CASE tools: forward and reverse engineering of code from models
- software testing
- design patterns; applications of patterns; implementing patterns

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC2001 3.0, COSC2031 3.0 and MATH1090 3.0

COSC 3341 3.0

Introduction to Program Verification

(formerly COSC 3111 3.0—before S2000)

Every program implicitly asserts a theorem to the effect that if certain input conditions are met then the program will do what its specifications or documentation says it will. Making that theorem true is not merely a matter of luck or patient debugging; making a correct program can be greatly aided by a logical analysis of what it is supposed to do, and for small pieces of code a proof that the code works can be produced hand-in-hand with the construction of the code itself. Good programming style works in part because it makes the verification process easier and this in turn makes it easier to develop more complex algorithms from simple ones.

The course will provide an introduction to the basic concepts of formal verification methods. It will also include the use of simple tools to aid in verification.

Topics covered will include the following:

- The role of formal verification in the software life cycle; verification vs. testing and validation
- Introduction to propositional calculus; checking for tautologies and contradictions; annotating code with assertions
- Symbolic execution; proving relative correctness for small code segments; establishing termination
- Creating specifications with quantifiers; translating specifications into code

Suggested reading:

- Gries and Schneider, *A Logical Approach to Discrete Mathematics*, Springer-Verlag, 1993.
- R. Backhouse, *Program Construction and Verification*, Prentice-Hall, 1986

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including MATH1090 3.0

Course Credit Exclusion: COSC3111 3.0

COSC 3401 3.0

Functional and Logic Programming

This course covers functional and logic programming. Together with the students' background on procedural and object-oriented programming, the course allows them to compare the development of programs in these different types of languages.

"Functional programs work with values, not states. Their tools are expressions, not commands. How can assignments, arrays and loops be dispensed with? Does not the outside world have states? These questions pose real challenges. The functional programmer can exploit a wide range of techniques to solve problems." (Paulson, 1996)

"Based on predicate logic, it [logic programming] allows computing problems to be expressed in a completely 'declarative' way, without giving instructions for how the

problem is to be solved. An execution mechanism, like the one embodied in implementations of Prolog, can then be used to search efficiently and systematically for a solution of the problem." (Spivey, 1996)

Topics on functional programming may include: recursive, polymorphic and higher-order functions; recursive types and type inference. Topics on logic programming may include backtracking, resolution and unification.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites; COSC2031 3.0 and MATH1090 3.0

COSC 3402 3.0

Introduction to Concepts of Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence (AI) deals with building a system that can operate in an intelligent fashion. Neat as this simple definition is, it obscures the complex nature of intelligence. At the time of the Dartmouth Conference (1956), regarded by many as the start of AI, some researchers believed it would be possible to create a "thinking machine" in a matter of a few years. That was close to 40 years ago, and we are still far from our goal, but we have learned a lot on the way.

In this course, we begin by discussing differing definitions of artificial intelligence and go on to examine fundamental concepts in AI, building on material introduced in COSC3401 3.0: Introduction to Symbolic Computation. Topics to be covered include reasoning under uncertainty, search, constraint propagation, planning and problem solving.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites; COSC3401 3.0; MATH1090 3.0

COSC 3408 3.0

Simulation of Discrete Systems

Simulation is a technique for dealing with problems that do not admit exact (or "analytic") solutions via mathematical analysis. A model of the system to be studied is constructed, and then the model is run to see how it performs, either to predict how the system will behave, or, if the behaviour of the system is known, to test the validity of the model of the system. A computer is a tool for supporting a large amount of activity in the running of the model.

A "discrete system" simulation is one, which admits a discrete-event model that can be run in discrete steps that match the structure of the model. (For simulation of continuous systems see COSC3418 3.0)

Examples of discrete systems studied by simulation include games and other dynamic systems involving small populations where it is feasible to model individual's behaviour. Major sub-topics include the generation and use of random numbers, queuing systems, and the visual presentation of behaviour.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites; MATH2030 3.0 or MATH2560 3.0

Course Credit Exclusion: AK/COSC3451 3.0,¹ MATH4930B 3.0

COSC 3418 3.0

Simulation of Continuous Systems

Simulation is a technique for dealing with problems that do not admit exact (or "analytic") solutions via mathematical analysis. A model of the system to be studied is constructed, and then the model is run to see how it performs, either to predict how the system will behave, or, if the behaviour of the system is known, to test the validity of the model of the system. A computer is a tool for supporting a large amount of activity in the running of the model.

A "continuous system" may either be presumed to be inherently continuous or it may, at a fine enough scale, be actually composed of discrete events. However, in simulation, a "continuous system" is one for which the model, due to practical necessity, is described by continuous variables regardless of its physical structure. However, the running of a continuous model involves, also of necessity, discrete steps. Thus central to continuous system simulation is the problem of approximation. (For simulation of discrete systems see COSC3408 3.0)

Examples of continuous systems studied by simulation include dynamic systems involving very fine variations or large populations. Major sub-topics include chaotic behaviour, the numerical solution of differential equations by finite methods, and related issues of stability and errors.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites; MATH2560 3.0

COSC 3421 3.0

Introduction to Database Systems

Concepts, approaches and techniques in database management systems (DBMS) are taught. Topics include logical models of relational databases, relational database design, query languages, crash recovery, and concurrency control.

The purpose of this course is to introduce the fundamental concepts of database management, including aspects of data models, database languages, and database design. At the end of this course, a student will be able to understand and apply the fundamental concepts required for the design and administration of database management systems.

Topics may include the following:

- Overview of Database Management Systems
- Relational Model
- Entity-Relational Model and Database Design
- SQL
- Integrity Constraints
- Crash Recovery

¹ This old Atkinson COSC course is **not** to be confused with the current COSC 3451 3.0 below.

- Concurrency Control

Prerequisites: General prerequisites

Course Credit Exclusions: AK/COSC3503 3.0, AK/AS/ITEC3220 3.0, AK/AS/ITEC3421 3.0

COSC 3451 3.0

Signals and Systems

The study of computer vision, graphics and robotics requires background in the concept of discrete signals, filtering, and elementary linear systems theory. Discrete signals are obtained by sampling continuous signals.

In this course, students review the concept of a discrete signal, the conditions under which a continuous signal is completely represented by its discrete version, linear time-invariant systems.

Topics covered may include the following:

- Continuous and discrete signals
- Linear time-invariant systems
- Fourier analysis in continuous time
- Fourier analysis in discrete time
- Sampling
- Filtering, image enhancement
- Laplace transform
- Z transform
- Linear feedback systems
- Random signals, image coding
- Kalman filtering
- Statistical pattern recognition

Prerequisites: General prerequisites

Course Credit Exclusions: COSC4242 3.0, COSC4451 3.0, EATS4020 3.0, MATH4130B 3.0, MATH4830 3.0, PHYS4060 3.0

COSC 3461 3.0

User Interfaces

This course introduces the concepts and technology necessary to design, manage and implement user interfaces UIs. Users are increasingly more critical towards poorly designed interfaces. Consequently, for almost all applications more than half of the development effort is spent on the user interface.

The first part of the course concentrates on the technical aspects of user interfaces (UIs). Students learn about event-driven programming, windowing systems, widgets, the Model-view-controller concept, UI paradigms, and input/output devices.

The second part discusses how to design and test user interfaces. Topics include basic principles of UI design, design guidelines, UI design notations, UI evaluation techniques, and user test methodologies

The third part covers application areas such as groupware (CSCW), multi-modal input, UIs for Virtual Reality, and UIs for the WWW.

Students work in small groups and utilize modern toolkits and scripting languages to implement UIs. One of the assignments focuses on user interface evaluation.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites

Course Credit Exclusion: AK/AS/ITEC3230 3.0, AK/AS/ITEC3461 3.0

NCR Note: No credit will be retained by students who successfully completed AS/SC/COSC4341 3.0 or AS/SC/COSC4361 3.0 before FW99.

COSC 3900 0.0

Internship Co-op Term

The objective of the course is to provide qualified students a hands-on, practical work experience that formally integrates the student's academic knowledge with real-world situations in a "co-operative" work setting. Enrolment in the course is mandatory in each term that a student undertakes a work placement. Students will be assigned a faculty supervisor, although the Internship Co-op Coordinator and the Internship Office will take the lead in placement and interaction with the placement site.

Prerequisites:

Successful completion of at least 12.0 computer science credits at the 3000 level including COSC3311 3.0 (Software Design) and an overall average of at least B in Mathematics and Computer Science courses completed. To qualify, *in the first instance*, the student must be enrolled full-time in the Honours Program and attend all mandatory preparatory sessions as outlined by the Internship Co-op Office.

Notes:

- This course does not count for degree credit in any program. Registration in sections of COSC3900 while on an internship placement provides a transcript notation of the student's participation in the internship program.
- Students are required to register in this course in every term of their work term (internship co-op).
- Every student registered in the course will be assigned a faculty supervisor who will assess the student's performance during the internship.

Evaluation:

Performance in each term (COSC3900 0.0) will be graded on a pass/fail basis. To receive a passing grade, the student must pass each of the required components. Note that not all components are required for each Internship term if the Placement consists of more than two terms.

These components are:

- *Employer Evaluation.* Completed by the employer, this summarizes the performance of the student at the placement. If the student is engaged in a 12 or 16-month work term placement at the same company, only two evaluations are required. These are due in the second and final term of the

placement. The employer evaluation will be submitted to the Internship Coordinator.

- *Internship Coordinator Evaluation.* Completed by the Internship Co-op Coordinator, this report is completed based on a minimum of two meetings, at least one normally conducted at the work site. The first one will be conducted at the work site within the first term, and the second as a follow-up either on-site or by telephone or email.
- *Work Report.* Submitted by the student upon his/her return to campus to the faculty supervisor at the end of every work term. This is a short (3-5 page) summary of the work performed during the internship and an assessment of the value of the opportunity. The supervisor will grade the work report and forward it to the Internship Coordinator.

The faculty supervisor assigns the course grade based upon the Employer Evaluation, Internship Coordinator Evaluation, and Work Report.

Course Descriptions: 4000-Level

General Prerequisites

Before enrolment is permitted in any 4000-level computer science course the following requirements must be met.

- completed¹ COSC2001 3.0, COSC2011 3.0, COSC2021 4.0, COSC2031 3.0
- completed at least 12 credits in COSC courses at the 3000-level
- a cumulative grade point average of 4.5 or better over completed computer science courses (including only the most recent grades in repeated courses)
- completed MATH1090 3.0

Specific prerequisites may apply to individual courses.

Note: Normally a maximum of three COSC courses may be taken in any one of the fall or winter terms at any level higher than 1000 provided that prerequisites are met.

COSC 4001 6.0 (Cross listed with SC/EATS4001 6.0 and SC/PHYS4001 6.0)

Space and Communication Sciences Workshop

Individual projects will be assigned by mutual agreement between the student and a faculty member. The work may be done under supervision by the faculty member or under supervision of an industrial associate to that faculty member. The projects will be self-contained problems of a design nature, and will be pursued in the manner of a space project. Thus, the first step is to define the requirements of the design, the second to carry out a review of previous work, and the third to execute the design. Following that, the design shall be tested, normally through simulation, and conclusions drawn. A report of professional quality shall be written and submitted.

¹ "Completed" means "passed".

Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of the 3000-level courses in the Space and Communication Science core

Course Credit Exclusions: COSC4080 3.0, COSC4081 6.0, COSC4082 6.0, COSC4084 6.0, EATS4001 6.0, PHYS4001 6.0

COSC 4080 3.0

Computer Science Project

This is a course for advanced students, normally those in the fourth year of an honours program, or students who have completed 36 computer science credits. Students who have a project they wish to do, need to convince a member of the faculty in the department that it is appropriate for course credit.

Alternatively, students may approach a faculty member in the department (typically, one who is teaching or doing research in the area of the project) and ask for project suggestions. Whatever the origin of the project, a "contract" is required. It must state the scope of the project, the schedule of work, the resources required, and the criteria for evaluation. The contract must be signed by the student and his/her project supervisor and be acceptable to the course director. *A critical course component that must be included in the contract is a formal seminar presentation.* The course director will arrange the seminar sessions, and students and their faculty supervisors are required to participate. The seminar talks will have a typical length of 15-20 minutes, and will be evaluated by the individual supervisor, the course director and one more faculty member. This talk will be worth 30% of the final mark. The remaining 70% of the course mark is the responsibility of the individual supervisor. Internship students may apply to receive credit for their internship as a project course. A "contract" including the seminar presentation is still required.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites and permission of the course director. Restricted to students who have completed 36 credits in Computer Science.

Course Credit Exclusions: COSC4001 6.0, COSC4081 6.0, COSC4082 6.0, COSC4084 6.0

COSC 4081 6.0

Intelligent Systems Project

This is an honours thesis course in Intelligent Systems. Although a course coordinator will be assigned to the course, the bulk of the course will take place through the interaction between a supervisor and a single student (or group of students). After two organizational meetings in September, the student will work with his/her supervisor directly. The course requires an initial project proposal that will be submitted to and approved by the supervisor and the course coordinator (director). This is, in essence, a contract for the project to follow. The supervisor will evaluate the performance of the student in early January. The format of this evaluation will vary from project to project, but the requirements of this evaluation will be specified in the original project proposal. At the beginning of the course, the course director (coordinator) will establish a date and format for the public presentation of all Intelligent System Projects. Normally held between reading week and the third last week of term, this presentation will normally consist of either a short public oral or poster presentation of the project. (The actual format may change from year to

year.) All of the faculty associated with the Intelligent Systems Stream will be invited to attend this presentation. The individual supervisor, the course coordinator and one more faculty member will mark this presentation. The final report will be due at the end of the term and will be marked by the individual supervisor.

The actual nature of the project will vary from student to student. Although projects that involve significant implementation are anticipated, purely theoretical projects are possible as well.

Marking Scheme:

Mid-term evaluation: 30%

Public presentation evaluation: 30%

Final report: 40%

Prerequisites: Only open to students in the Intelligent Systems Stream who have completed COSC3401 3.0 and COSC3402 3.0 with a minimum grade of B; and permission of the instructor.

Course Credit Exclusions: COSC4001 6.0; COSC4080 3.0; COSC4082 6.0; COSC4084 6.0

COSC 4082 6.0

Interactive Systems Project

This is an honours thesis course in Interactive Systems. Although a course coordinator will be assigned to the course, the bulk of the course will take place through the interaction between a supervisor and a single student (or group of students). After two organizational meetings in September, the student will work with his/her supervisor directly. The course requires an initial project proposal that will be submitted to and approved by the supervisor and the course coordinator (director). This is, in essence, a contract for the project to follow. The supervisor will evaluate the performance of the student in early January. The format of this evaluation will vary from project to project, but the requirements of this evaluation will be specified in the original project proposal. At the beginning of the course, the course director (coordinator) will establish a date and format for the public presentation of all Interactive System Projects. Normally held between reading week and the third last week of term, this presentation will normally consist of either a short public oral or poster presentation of the project. (The actual format may change from year to year.) All of the faculty associated with the Interactive Systems Stream will be invited to attend this presentation. The individual supervisor, the course coordinator and one more faculty member will mark this presentation. The final report will be due at the end of the term and will be marked by the individual supervisor.

The actual nature of the project will vary from student to student. Projects will involve the design, implementation and evaluation of an interactive system. While theoretical projects are possible, the expectation is that all projects evaluate the implementation with human participants and include an analysis of these results in the presentation and final report. For projects that will involve significant subject testing and performance evaluation, it is expected that a complete draft implementation of the system will be available by January. Projects must deal with

systems that interact with a human user. This interaction must be a critical component of the system

Marking Scheme:

Mid-term evaluation: 30%

Public presentation evaluation: 30%

Final report: 40%

Prerequisites: Only open to students in the Interactive Systems Stream who have completed COSC3311 3.0 and COSC3461 3.0, and have prior permission of the instructor.

Course Credit Exclusions: COSC4001 6.0, COSC4080 3.0, COSC4081 6.0, COSC4084 6.0

COSC 4084 6.0

Communication Networks Project

This is an honours thesis course in Communication Networks. Although a course coordinator will be assigned to the course, the bulk of the course will take place through the interaction between a supervisor and a single student (or group of students). After two organization meetings in September, the student will work with his/her supervisor directly. The course requires an initial project proposal that will be submitted to and approved by the supervisor and the course coordinator (director). This is, in essence, a contract for the project to follow. The supervisor will evaluate the performance of the student in early January. The format of the evaluation will vary from project to project, but the requirements of this evaluation will be specified in the original project proposal. At the beginning of the course, the course director (coordinator) will establish a date and format for the public presentation of all Communication Networks projects. Normally held between reading week and the third last week of the term, this presentation will normally consist of either a short public oral or poster presentation of the project. (The actual format may change from year to year). All of the faculty associated with the Communication Networks Stream will be invited to attend the presentation. The individual supervisor, the course coordinator and one more faculty member will mark this presentation. The final report will be due at the end of the term and will be marked by the individual supervisor.

The actual nature of the project will vary from one student to another. Although projects that involve significant implementation are anticipated, purely theoretical or analysis projects are possible as well.

Marking Scheme:

Mid-term evaluation: 30%

Public presentation evaluation: 30%

Final report: 40%

Prerequisites: Only open to students in the Communication Networks Stream who have received a grade of at least B in COSC3451 3.0 and COSC3213 3.0, and have prior permission of the instructor.

Course Credit Exclusions: COSC4001 6.0, COSC4080 3.0, COSC4081 6.0, COSC4082 6.0

COSC 4101 3.0 (integrated with COSC5101 3.0)

Advanced Data Structures

The course discusses advanced data structures: heaps, balanced binary search trees, hashing tables, red-black trees, B-trees and their variants, structures for disjoint sets, binomial heaps, Fibonacci heaps, finger trees, persistent data structures, etc. When feasible, a mathematical analysis of these structures will be presented, with an emphasis on average case analysis and amortized analysis. If time permits, some lower bound techniques may be discussed, as well as NP-completeness proof techniques and approximation algorithms.

The course may include the following topics:

- Amortized and worst-case analysis of data structures
- Data structuring paradigms: self-adjustment and persistence
- Lists: self-adjustment with the move-to-front heuristic
- Search trees: splay trees, finger search trees
- Heaps: skew heaps, Fibonacci heaps
- Union-find trees
- Link-and-cut trees
- Multidimensional data structures and dynamization

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3101 3.0

COSC 4111 3.0 (integrated with COSC 5111 3.0)

Automata and Computability

This course is the second course in the theory of computing. It is intended to give students a detailed understanding of the basic concepts of abstract machine structure, information flow, computability, and complexity. The emphasis will be on appreciating the significance of these ideas and the formal techniques used to establish their properties. Topics chosen for study include: models of finite and infinite automata, the limits to computation, and the measurement of the intrinsic difficulty of computational problems.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3101 3.0

COSC 4115 3.0

Computational Complexity

This course provides an introduction to complexity theory, one of the most important and active areas of theoretical computer science. Students learn basic concepts of the field and develop their abilities to read and understand published research literature in the area and to apply the most important techniques in other areas.

Topics include:

- Models of computation for complexity: Turing Machines, Random Access Machines, Circuits and their resources such as time, space, size, and depth

- Time- and space-bounded diagonalisation, complexity hierarchies, resource bounded reducibility such as log space and polynomial time reducibility
- P vs. NP: Nondeterminism, Cook's Theorem and techniques for proving NP-Completeness
- Nondeterministic space: The Savitch and Immerman/Szelepsenyi Theorems
- Important complexity Classes (and natural problems complete for them) including: P, NP, co-NP, the Polynomial time Hierarchy, log space, Polynomial SPACE and Exponential time
- If time permits the course may also include one or more advanced topics such as parallel complexity classes, interactive proofs, applications to cryptography, and probabilistic classes including random polynomial time

Possible Text:

- C.H. Papadimitriou, *Computational Complexity*, ISBN: 0-201-53082-1, Addison Wesley, 1994.

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Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3101 3.0

COSC 4161 3.0

Introduction to Cryptography

(Cross listed with MATH 4161 3.0)

Probability, information theory and number theory and applications to cryptography. Classical codes such as Caesar shift, Vigenere, ADFGVX, rectangular substitution, and others. Other topics: comma free codes, perfect secrecy, index of coincidence, public key systems, primality testing and factorisation algorithms.

An outline of course topics:

Early Ciphers

- Caesar
- Vigenere
- Rectangular transposition
- Monoalphabetic substitutions
- Polyalphabetic substitutions
- Playfair

- ADFGVX
- Vernan's two-tape system
- Hill encipherment

Probability Theory

- Basics
- Statistical models of English text
- Random number generators
- Breaking Vigenere
- Breaking Rectangular transposition
- Breaking ADFGVX
- Breaking Monoalphabetic substitutions

Information Theory

- Basics on the concept of information
- Entropy and information
- Redundancy of English text
- File and text compression
- Perfect secrecy systems

Number Theory

- Euclidean algorithm
- Residue systems
- The Euler phi-function
- Primitive roots
- Quadratic residues
- Quadratic reciprocity and the Jacobi symbol
- Primality testing
- RSA encipherment system
- Public key systems

The course will cover three main topics of mathematics (probability, information and number theory) and use the historical and practical applications in cryptography to develop these topics. Other topics as time permits may include quantum cryptography, elliptic curves, DES, knapsack and digital signatures.

The weekly scheduled quizzes encourage the students to keep good study habits and encourage attendance. They also prepare the students for the final. There will be a programming assignment to complement the material presented in class.

Prerequisites: At least 12 credits from 2000-level (or higher) MATH courses (without second digit 5, or second digit 7 in the case of Atkinson); or COSC 3101 3.0; or permission of the instructor.

COSC 4201 3.0 (integrated with COSC 5501 3.0)

Computer Architecture

This course presents the core concepts of computer architecture and design ideas embodied in many machines, and emphasizes a quantitative approach to

cost/performance tradeoffs. This course concentrates on uniprocessor systems. A few machines are studied to illustrate how these concepts are implemented; how various tradeoffs that exist among design choices are treated; and how good designs make efficient use of technology. Future trends in computer architecture are also discussed.

Topics covered may include the following:

- Fundamentals of computer design
- Performance and cost
- Instruction set design and measurements of use
- Basic processor implementation techniques
- Pipeline design techniques
- Memory-hierarchy design
- Input-output subsystems
- Future directions

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3201 4.0, and COSC3221 3.0 (or COSC3321 3.0)

COSC 4210 3.0

Architecture and Hardware for Digital Signal Processing

The field of DSP is driven by two major forces, advances in DSP algorithms, and advances in VLSI technology that implements those algorithms. This course addresses the methodologies used to design custom or semi-custom VLSI circuits for DSP applications, and the use of microcontrollers and digital signal processors to implement DSP algorithms. It also presents some examples of advances in fast or low power design for DSP.

The topics may include

- Basic CMOS circuits: manufacturing process, area, delay, and power dissipation.
- Implementation of fundamental operations: Carry lookahead adders, carry select adders, carry save adders, multipliers, array multipliers, Wallace tree multipliers, Booth array multipliers, dividers, array dividers.
- Array processor architectures: Mapping algorithms into array processors.
- High level architectural transformation for mapping algorithms into hardware: pipelining, retiming, folding, unfolding:
- Mapping DSP algorithms (FIR, IIR, FFT, and DCT) into hardware.
- Implementing DSP algorithms using microcontrollers.
- DSP support in general-purpose processors.
- The effect of scaling and roundoff noise.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3201 4.0 and COSC3451 3.0

COSC 4211 3.0 (integrated with COSC5422 3.0)

Performance Evaluation of Computer Systems

Topics covered may include the following:

- Review of Probability Theory—probability, conditional probability, total probability, random variables, moments, distributions (Bernoulli, Poisson, exponential, hyperexponential, etc.)
- Stochastic Processes—Markov chains and birth and death processes
- Queuing Theory—M/M/1 Queuing system in detail; other forms of queuing systems including limited population and limited buffers
- Application — A case study involving use of the queuing theory paradigm in performance evaluation and modelling of computer systems such as open networks of queues and closed queuing networks. Use of approximation techniques, simulations, measurements and parameter estimation.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including MATH2030 3.0; COSC3211 3.0 or COSC3213 3.0

COSC 4213 3.0

Computer Networks II

More advanced topics in networking, concentrating on higher-level protocols, security, network programming and applications. Topics covered may include the following:

- Higher level protocols
- Security: encryption, authentication, firewalls
- Network programming; RPC
- Multimedia: compression and multimedia standards
- The web: URL/http, CGI programming, dynamic html, proxy servers, wireless networks

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3212 3.0 or COSC3213 3.0

COSC 4214 3.0

Digital Communications

Digital communications has become a key enabling technology in the realization of efficient multimedia systems, wireless and wired telephony, computer networks, digital subscriber loop technology and other communication and storage devices of the information age. The course provides an introduction to the theory of digital communications and its application to the real world. Emphasis will be placed on covering design and analysis techniques used in source and channel coding, modulation and demodulation, detection of signal in the presence of noise, error detection and correction, synchronization, and spread spectrum. An introduction to information theory and recent development in the area will also be covered. Topics covered in the course will be chosen from:

- Review of Probability and Random Variables
- Introduction to Stochastic Processes and Noise
- Introduction to Information theory: Shannon's Source Coding and Channel Coding theorems
- Source Coding: Lossless Coding (Huffman, Arithmetic, and Dictionary Codes) versus Lossy Coding (Predictive and Transform Coding)

- Analog to Digital Conversion: Sampling and Quantization
- Baseband Transmission
- Binary Signal Detection and Matched filtering
- Intersymbol Interference (ISI), Channel Capacity
- Digital Bandpass Modulation and Demodulation Schemes
- Error Performance Analysis of M-ary schemes
- Channel Coding: Linear Block, Cyclic, and Convolutional Codes
- Decoding Techniques for Convolutional Codes, Viterbi Algorithm
- Application of Convolutional codes to Compact Disc (CD)
- Synchronization Techniques
- Spread Spectrum Modulation: Direct Sequence and Frequency Hopping

References:

- Bernard Sklar, Digital Communications: Fundamentals and Applications, NY: Prentice Hall, 2001, 2nd edition, ISBN # 0-13-084788-7 (required).
- John G. Proakis, Digital Communications, Third Edition, McGraw Hill (suggested).
- Simon Haykin, Digital Communications, John Wiley & Sons (suggested).
- Marvin K. Simon, Sami M. Hinedi, and William C. Lindsey, Digital Communication Techniques, NY: Prentice Hall, 1995 (suggested).
- Marvin E. Frerking, Digital Signal Processing in Communication Systems, NY: International Thomson Publishing (ITP), 1994 (suggested).

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3213 3.0, MATH2030 3.0 and one of COSC3451 3.0, EATS 4020 3.0, PHYS 4250 3.0

COSC 4215 3.0 (integrated with COSC 5502 3.0)

Mobile Communications

Wireless mobile networks have undergone rapid growth in the past several years. The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of the latest developments and trends in wireless mobile communications, and to address the impact of wireless transmission and user mobility on the design and management of wireless mobile systems. Topics covered may include the following:

- Overview of wireless transmission.
- Wireless local area networks: IEEE 802.11, Bluetooth.
- 2.5G/3G wireless technologies.
- Mobile communication: registration, handoff support, roaming support, mobile IP, multicasting, security and privacy.
- Routing protocols in mobile ad-hoc networks: destination-sequence distance vector routing (DSDV), dynamic source routing (DSR), ad-hoc on-demand distance vector routing (AODV), and a few others.
- TCP over wireless: performance in and modifications for wireless environment.
- Wireless sensor networks: applications; routing.

- Satellite systems: routing, localization, handover, global positioning systems (GPS).
- Broadcast systems: digital audio/video broadcasting.
- Applications to file systems, world wide web; Wireless Application Protocol and WAP 2.0; i-mode; SyncML.
- Other issues such as wireless access technologies, quality of service support, location management in mobile environments, and impact of mobility on performance.

The pedagogical components of the course include lectures, office hours, hands-on laboratories and exercises, assignments, tests, and a project that addresses recent research issues in wireless mobile networking.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3213 3.0

COSC 4221 3.0 (integrated with COSC 5421 3.0)

Operating System Design

An operating system has four major components: process management, input/output, memory management, and the file system. This project-oriented course puts operating system principles into action. This course presents a practical approach to studying implementation aspects of operating systems. A series of projects is included, making it possible for students to acquire direct experience in the design and construction of operating system components. A student in this course must design and implement some components of an operating system and have each interact correctly with existing system software. The programming environment is C++ under Unix. At the end of this course, a student will be able to design and implement the basic components of operating systems.

A solid background in operating systems concepts, computer architecture, C, and UNIX is expected.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3221 3.0 or COSC3321 3.0

Course Credit Exclusion: COSC4321 3.0

COSC 4301 3.0 (integrated with COSC5423 3.0)

Programming Language Design

This course is a continuation of COSC3301 3.0 Programming Language Fundamentals. Like its predecessor, the course focuses on the linguistics of programming languages; that is, on the common, unifying themes that are relevant to programming languages in general. Both algorithmic and non-algorithmic language categories are examined. Current techniques for the formal specification of the syntax and semantics of programming languages are studied. Skills are developed in the critical and comparative evaluation of programming languages.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3301 3.0

COSC 4302 3.0 (integrated with COSC5424 3.0)

Compilers and Interpreters

Principles and design techniques for compilers and interpreters. Compiler organization, compiler writing tools, scanning, parsing, semantic analysis, run-time storage organization, memory management, code generation, and optimisation. Students will implement a substantial portion of a compiler in a project.

This course is a hands-on introduction to the design and construction of compilers and interpreters. At the end of the course, you will understand the architecture of compilers and interpreters, their major components, how the components interact, and the algorithms and tools that can be used to construct the components. You will implement several components of a compiler or interpreter, and you will integrate these components to produce a working compiler or interpreter.

Specific topics to be covered may include the following:

- Compiler architecture: single-pass vs. multiple-pass translation
- Lexical analysis (scanning): design of scanners using finite automata; tabular representations; tools for building scanners
- Parsing (syntax analysis): top-down vs. bottom-up parsing; parse trees and abstract syntax trees; tabular representations for parsers; parser generators
- Symbol tables: efficient algorithms and data structures; representing data types in symbol tables
- Type checking: scope control; static vs. dynamic type checking
- Memory management: static allocation; register allocation; stack allocation; heap allocation; garbage collection
- Code generation: translating imperative programming constructs; function and procedure calls; branching code; translating object-oriented constructs and modules
- Optimisation: local and global optimisations; dead code removal; control flow analysis

Prerequisites: General prerequisites; COSC3301 3.0 recommended

COSC 4311 3.0

System Development

System Development deals with the construction of systems of interacting processes. The course focuses on abstraction, specification, and analysis in software system development. Abstraction and specification can greatly enhance the understandability, reliability and maintainability of a system. Analysis of concurrency and interaction is essential to the design of a complex system of interacting processes.

The course is split into three parts. The first part discusses a semiformal method, Jackson System Development (JSD) by Michael Jackson. JSD is used to build an understanding of what system development entails and to develop a basic method of constructing practical systems of interacting processes. JSD gives precise and

useful guidelines for developing a system and is compatible with the object-oriented paradigm. In particular, JSD is well suited to the following:

- Concurrent software where processes must synchronize with each other
- Real time software. JSD modelling is extremely detailed and focuses on time at the analysis and design stages.
- Microcode. JSD is thorough; it makes no assumptions about the availability of an operating system.
- Programming parallel computers. The JSD paradigm of many processes may be helpful.

The second part of the course discusses the mathematical model CSP (Communicating Sequential Processes by C.A.R. Hoare). While CSP is not suitable to the actual design and development of a system of interacting processes, it can mathematically capture much of JSD. Consequently, it is possible to use formal methods in analysing inter-process communication arising out of JSD designs.

The third part of the course discusses Z notation and its use in the specification of software systems. Z has been successfully used in many software companies — such as IBM and Texas Instruments — to specify and verify the correctness of real systems.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3311 3.0 or COSC3221 3.0 or COSC3321 3.0

COSC 4312 3.0

Software Engineering Requirements

This course deals with the elicitation, specification and analysis of software requirements. It provides a critical description of available methods and tools, and practical exercises on applying these methods and tools to realistic problems. On completion of this module, students will have a grounding in:

- Requirements and system concepts
- Traceability through requirements into design
- Current requirements methods, techniques, and tools
- Industrial practice and standards
- Specific topics to be covered include:
- Introduction: Problems, principles and processes of requirements engineering
- Requirements elicitation processes and methods
- Introduction to Use Cases and UML
- Specification techniques: Requirements models; data modelling; functional models; the application of formal requirements methods
- Goal-oriented requirements modelling
- Non-functional requirements: safety, security and other nonfunctional requirements
- Pragmatic requirements engineering; Technology transfer; Traceability

- Current Requirements Standards, e.g., IEE 830 Recommended Practice for Requirements Engineering
- Requirements Categorization for Resource Allocation
- Why-Because Analysis

References:

- G. Kotonya and I. Somerville. Requirements Engineering: Processes and Techniques, Wiley, 1998.
- A. Davis, Software Requirements, Addison-Wesley, 1992.
- S. Robertson and J. Robertson, Mastering the Requirements Process, Addison-Wesley, 1999.
- M. Jackson, Problem Frames, Addison-Wesley, 2000.
- M. Jackson, Software Requirements and Specifications, Addison-Wesley, 1995.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3311 3.0

COSC 4313 3.0

Software Engineering Testing

An introduction to systematic methods of testing and verification, covering a range of static and dynamic techniques and their use within the development process. The course emphasizes the view that design should be carried out with verification in mind to achieve overall project goals.

Students should:

- understand the importance of systematic testing
- understand how verification is an integral part of the development process and not a bolt on activity
- understand the strengths and weaknesses of particular techniques and be able to select appropriate ones for a given situation
- All too often software is designed and then tested. The real aim must be to take a more holistic view, where design is carried out with verification in mind to achieve overall project goals. We shall take a fairly liberal view of testing. This includes various automated and manual static analysis techniques. In addition, we shall show how increased rigor at the specification stage can significantly help lower-level testing.
- Black box and white box testing. Unit level testing techniques and practical exercises. Mutation testing, domain testing, data flow and control flow testing. Coverage criteria. Theoretical background (e.g., graph theory).
- Static analysis techniques (including program proof tools such as the Spark Examiner or ESC/Java).
- Higher level testing (integration, system, performance, configuration testing etc). Testing tools and instrumentation issues.
- The testing of object oriented programs. Specific problems and existing techniques, e.g., Junit, automatic test case generation via UML diagrams.

- Testing non-functional properties of high integrity systems. Worst case execution times, stack usage. Hazard directed testing. Software fault injection, simulation and hardware testing techniques.
- Management issues in the testing process. Planning, configuration management. Q.A. Controlling the test process. Inspections reviews, walkthroughs and audits. Influence of standards.
- Regression testing.

References:

Primary:

- Robert Binder, *Testing Object-Oriented Systems*, Addison-Wesley, 2000.

Supplementary:

- Lisa Crispin, *Testing Extreme Programming*, Addison-Wesley, 2002.
- K. Beck, *Test Driven Development By Example*, Addison-Wesley, 2002.
- E. Kit, *Software Testing in the Real World*, Addison-Wesley, 1995.
- C. Kaner, J. Falk, and H. Nguyen, *Testing Computer Software*, Wiley, 1999.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3311 3.0

COSC 4351 3.0 (integrated with COSC5441 3.0)

Real-Time Systems Theory

In real-time computing systems the correctness of the system depends not only on the logical result of the computation but also on the time at which the results are produced. For example, a computer controlling a robot on the factory floor of a flexible manufacturing system must stop or turn the robot aside in time to prevent a collision with some other object on the factory floor. Other examples of current real-time systems include communication systems, traffic systems, nuclear power plants and space shuttle and avionic systems.

Real-time programs in many safety-critical systems are more complex than sequential programs or concurrent programs that do not have real-time requirements. This course will deal with the modelling, simulation, specification, analysis, design and verification of such real-time programs. The objective of the course is to expose the student to current techniques for formally proving the correctness of real-time behaviour of systems.

Topics covered may include the following:

- Techniques for expressing syntax and semantics of real-time programming languages
- Modelling real-time systems with discrete event calculi (e.g. Petri net and state machine formalisms)
- Specification of concurrency, deadlock, mutual exclusion, delays and timeouts
- Scheduling of tasks to meet hard time bounds

- CASE tools for analysis and design. At the end of the course the student will be able to model and specify real-time systems, design and verify correctness of some real-time systems.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3311 3.0 or COSC3221 3.0 (or COSC3321 3.0) or COSC3341 3.0 (or COSC3111 3.0)

COSC 4352 3.0 (integrated with COSC5442 3.0)

Real-Time Systems Practice

In real-time computing systems the correctness of the system depends not only on the logical result of the computation but also on the time at which the results are produced. For example, a computer controlling a robot on a factory floor must stop the robot in time to prevent a collision. Other examples of real-time systems include communication systems, traffic systems, nuclear power plants and avionic systems. Real-time systems are complex and require knowledge of reactive programs for their design. A reactive program maintains an ongoing non-terminating interaction with its environment rather than computing some final value on termination.

The course will focus on the design, construction and verification of soft and hard real-time systems. Topics may include:

- models of concurrent processes with access to a clock (e.g. by fair transition systems with timeouts and clock variables)
- semaphores and synchronization
- process communication and fairness
- temporal logic for specifying safety properties (e.g. freedom from deadlock)
- liveness and real-time response
- verification of real-time systems using temporal logic model-checking tools such as StateClock/SteP
- examples from real-time programming languages (Ada and Java)

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3301 3.0 or COSC3311 3.0 or COSC3221 3.0 (or COSC3321 3.0)

COSC 4401 3.0 (integrated with COSC 5326 3.0)

Artificial Intelligence

This course will be an in-depth treatment of one or more specific topics within the field of Artificial Intelligence. Possible topics include the following:

- Machine learning: deduction, induction, and abduction, explanation-based learning, learning k-DNF
- Statistical learning: reinforcement learning, genetic learning algorithms, and connectionist learning systems, supervised and unsupervised
- Statistical and structural pattern recognition
- Speech recognition
- Artificial intelligence programming paradigms: search, pattern-directed inference, logic- and object-oriented programming, symbolic mathematics, constraint satisfaction and symbolic relaxation, building problem solvers, efficiency issues

- Sensor-based robotics: path planning, position estimation, map building, object recognition, robotic sensor and actuator hardware, software, and interfacing

Contact the course director for information regarding the focus of the course this year.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3402 3.0

COSC 4402 3.0 (integrated with COSC 5311 3.0)

Logic Programming

Logic programming has its roots in mathematical logic and it provides a view of computation that contrasts in interesting ways with conventional programming languages. Logic programming approach is rather to describe known facts and relationships about a problem, than to prescribe the sequence of steps taken by a computer to solve the problem.

One of the most important problems in logic programming is the challenge of designing languages suitable for describing the computations that these systems are designed to achieve. The most commonly recognized language is PROLOG.

When a computer is programmed in PROLOG, the actual way the computer carries out the computation is specified partly by the logical declarative semantics of PROLOG, partly by what new facts PROLOG can "infer" from the given ones, and only partly by explicit control information supplied by the programmer. Computer Science concepts in areas such as artificial intelligence, database theory, software engineering knowledge representation, etc., can all be described in logic programs.

Topics covered may include the following:

- Logical preliminaries: syntax and semantics of first order predicate logic and its Horn logic fragment
- Logical foundations of logic programming: unification, the resolution rule, SLD-resolution and search trees
- PROLOG as a logic programming system
- Programming techniques and applications of PROLOG
- Constrained logic programming systems

At the end of this course a student will be familiar with fundamental logic programming concepts and will have some programming expertise in PROLOG.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3401 3.0, and COSC3101 3.0 or COSC3341 3.0

COSC 4411 3.0

Database Management Systems

This course is the second course in database management. It introduces concepts, approaches, and techniques required for the design and implementation of database management systems.

Topics may include the following:

- Query Processing
- Transactions
- Concurrency Control
- Recovery
- Database System Architectures
- Distributed Databases
- Object-Oriented Databases

Suggested reading:

- R. Elmasri and S.B. Navathe, *Fundamentals of Database Systems*, 2nd Ed., Benjamin Cummings, 1994.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, COSC3421 3.0

COSC 4412 3.0

Data Mining

Data mining is computationally intelligent extraction of interesting, useful and previously unknown knowledge from large databases. It is a highly inter-disciplinary area representing the confluence of machine learning, statistics, database systems and high-performance computing. This course introduces the fundamental concepts of data mining. It provides an in-depth study on various data mining algorithms, models and applications. In particular, the course covers data pre-processing, association rule mining, sequential pattern mining, decision tree learning, decision rule learning, neural networks, clustering and their applications. The students are required to do programming assignments to gain hands-on experience with data mining.

Suggested reading:

- Jiawei Han and Micheline Kamber, *Data Mining — Concepts and Techniques*, Morgan Kaufmann Publishers, 2001
- David Hand, Heikki Mannila and Padhraic Smyth, *Principles of Data Mining*, MIT Press, 2001
- Ian Witten and Eibe Frank, *Data Mining — Practical Machine Learning Tools and Techniques with Java Implementations*, Morgan Kaufmann Publishers, 1999.
- S.M. Weiss and N. Indurkha, *Predictive Data Mining*, Morgan Kaufmann, 1998.
- Tom Mitchell, *Machine Learning*, McGraw Hill, 1997.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3421 3.0 and one of MATH2030 3.0 or MATH1131 3.0

COSC 4413 3.0

Building E-Commerce Systems

A study of technological infrastructure for Electronic Commerce on the Internet discussing terminology, possible architectures, security and cryptography, content

presentation, web protocols, adaptive and intelligent agents, data mining, and vertical applications.

Topics covered may include the following:

- Basic e-commerce concepts. Examples of e-commerce stores
- Internet as the infrastructure for e-commerce; network layers and protocols; network and transport layer; TCP/IP; web server design; DNSs, URLs, and HTTP; proxies, caching
- Security and encryption; basic concepts of computer cryptography; symmetric and asymmetric cryptosystems; DES; public key cryptosystems; RSA; Diffie-Hellmann; elliptic codes; PGP; breaking computer cryptography with massive parallelism
- Electronic store content and presentation; HTML, CGI, Dynamic HTML, JavaScript. Applets; push and pull content; MIME and cookies; future representations — XML, WAP
- Intelligent e-commerce; data mining in e-commerce; agents; product and merchant brokerage; mobile agents; negotiations

Prerequisites: General prerequisites; COSC3212 3.0 or COSC3213 3.0; COSC3321 or COSC3221 3.0; COSC3421 3.0

COSC 4421 3.0 (integrated with COSC 5324 3.0)

Introduction to Robotics

The course introduces the basic concepts of robotic manipulators and autonomous systems. After a review of some fundamental mathematics the course examines the mechanics and dynamics of robot arms, mobile robots, their sensors and algorithms for controlling them. A Robotics Laboratory is available equipped with a manipulator and a moving platform with sonar, several workstations and an extensive collection of software.

Prerequisites: MATH1025 3.0 and: either general prerequisites for 4000-level COSC courses; or COSC2011 3.0, COSC2031 3.0, co-requisite: ENG 4000 6.0

COSC 4422 3.0 (integrated with COSC 5323 3.0)

Computer Vision

Computer Vision is a very challenging problem with wide applications. It spans several disciplines within science and engineering: computer science, computer engineering, photogrammetry, telecommunications, robotics, medicine and the list goes on. This course introduces the fundamental concepts of vision with emphasis on computer science.

In particular the course covers the image formation process, colour analysis, image processing, enhancement and restoration, feature extraction and matching, 3-D parameter estimation and applications. A Vision Laboratory is available where students can gain practical experience. The Lab includes several workstations equipped with video cameras, digitisers and image processing software.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3121 3.0

COSC 4431 3.0 (integrated with COSC 5331 3.0)

Computer Graphics

This course introduces the fundamental concepts of three-dimensional computer graphics. Algorithms for image generation and the components of interactive graphics systems are presented. The course discusses also virtual reality systems, how interactive entertainment systems, such as games, work and how animations for film and TV are created.

The first half of the course concentrates on the fundamentals of image generation: the graphics pipeline, modelling, graphics data structures, transformations, camera & perspective, visibility, raster graphics, shading.

The second part covers more advanced techniques and application areas: texturing, anti-aliasing, ray tracing, free form surfaces, Interactive graphics systems, virtual reality, animation.

The assignments use current graphics toolkits to implement interactive graphics programs. Students work in small groups. Students are expected to be familiar with C and UNIX and will be using the X window environment on the undergraduate workstations.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites; MATH1025 3.0

Course Credit Exclusion: COSC4331 3.0

COSC 4441 3.0 (integrated with COSC 5351 3.0)

Human Computer Interaction

- Introduction (Goals, Motivation, Human Diversity)
- Theory of Human-Computer Interaction (Golden Rules, Basic Principles, Guidelines)
- The Design Process (Methodologies, Scenario Development)
- Expert Reviews, Usability Testing, Surveys and Assessments
- Software Tools (Specification Methods, Interface-Building Tools)
- HCI Techniques
- Interaction Devices (Keyboards, Pointing Devices, Speech Recognition, Displays, Virtual Reality Devices)
- Windows, Menus, Forms and Dialog Boxes
- Command and Natural Languages (Command Line and Natural Language Interfaces)
- Direct Manipulation and Virtual Environments
- Manuals, Help Systems, Tutorials
- Hypermedia and the World Wide Web (Design, Creation, Maintenance of Documents)
- Human Factors—Response Time and Display Rate; Presentation Styles—Balancing Function and Fashion (Layout, Colour); Societal Impact of User Interfaces (Information Overload); Computer Supported Cooperative Work

(CSCW, Synchronous and Asynchronous); Information Search and Visualization (Queries, Visualization, Data Mining)

The topics of this course will be applied in practical assignments and/or group projects. The projects will consist of a design part, an implementation part and user tests to evaluate the prototypes.

Suggested reading:

- Alan Dix, Janet Finlay, Gregory Abowd, Russell Beale, Human-Computer Interaction, 2nd ed, Prentice Hall, 1998.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites; including COSC3461 3.0

Course Credit Exclusion: COSC4341 3.0

COSC 4452 3.0

Digital Signal Processing: Theory and Applications

Digital signal processing (DSP) has become the foundation of various digital systems and communication and entertainment applications in today's computer era. This course consists of two parts. The first part introduces students to the fundamental DSP concepts, principles and algorithms. In the second part, it covers some important DSP-based applications in the real world.

The topics to be covered may include:

Part A: DSP theory

- A.1 Review of discrete-time systems and sampling
- A.2 Review of Z-transforms
- A.3 Discrete Fourier transform (DFT)
- A.4 Fast Fourier transform (FFT)
- A.5 Digital filter design
 - A.5.1 Classical filter theory
 - A.5.2 FIR filters
 - A.5.3 IIR filters
 - A.5.4 Filter banks
- A.6 Adaptive digital filters
- A.7 Spectral estimation and analysis

Part B: DSP applications (selectively covered by the instructor)

- B.1 Embedded DSP systems:
 - B.1.1. Introduction to DSP processors
 - B.1.2 DSP processor architecture and programming
 - B.1.3 Design embedded DSP systems with TMS320 series
- B.2 Speech and audio processing:
 - B.2.1 Digital waveform coding: PCM, u-law, A-law.
 - B.2.2 Time domain analysis
 - B.2.3 Short-time spectrum analysis
 - B.2.4 Linear prediction analysis
 - B.2.5 Pitch detection and tracking

- B.2.6 Speech coding
- B.2.7 Music processing
- B.3 Image processing:
 - B.3.1 Two-dimensional signals and systems
 - B.3.2 Image compression
 - B.3.3 Image enhancement and restoration
 - B.3.4 Image segmentation
- B.4 Radar and sonar signal processing
- B.5 Array signal processing

Prerequisites: General prerequisites including COSC3451 3.0

COSC 4461 3.0

Hypermedia and Multimedia Technology

The course focuses this year on the design and implementation of hypermedia presentation systems. "Hypermedia" refers to the non-linear organization of digital information, in which items (such as a word in a text field or a region of an image) are actively linked to other items. Users interactively select and traverse links in a hypermedia presentation system in order to locate specific information or entertainment, or to browse in large archives of text, sound, images, and video. Well-structured hypermedia gives users a way of coping with the "navigation" problem created by availability of low-cost, fast access, high-density storage media.

We will explore the following topics.

- The historical roots of hypermedia: Bush, Engelbart, and Nelson
- The digital representation of media: rich text, sound, speech, images, animation, and video
- Enabling technologies for creating hypermedia
- The role of scripting and mark-up languages
- Networked hypermedia (e. g. HTTP browsers); performance and compression issues
- Development Tool Kits
- Distribution and Intellectual Property Issues

Students will be expected to familiarize themselves quickly with the Macintosh interface and basic features of the operating system. Students will be asked to schedule themselves for at least six-hours/week lab time in the Department's Multimedia Lab, as the course work will involve a significant amount of exploration and development of multimedia/hypermedia materials. Students will be divided into small teams with specific responsibilities for individual exploration and programming tasks assigned in connection with the course topics. Tasks may take the form of constructing presentations, prototype applications, or the programming of useful scripts. The teams will be asked to write short reports on their work that will be presented in class.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites, including COSC3461 3.0

Course Credit Exclusion: COSC4361 3.0

COSC 4471 3.0

Introduction to Virtual Reality

This course introduces the basic principles of Virtual Reality and its applications. The necessary hardware and software components of interactive 3D systems as well as human factors are discussed. The material is reinforced by practical assignments and projects. The topics will be approximately as follows:

- Introduction: applications, human sensory/motor system & capabilities
- Interactive 3D Graphics Programming: 3D coordinate systems & geometry, transformations, scene modelling & graphics primitives, scene graphs, camera model, z-buffering, lighting, texturing, anti-aliasing, real-time rendering (levels-of-detail, impostors, etc.), graphics hardware, distributed rendering
- Virtual Reality Technology (VR): VR input devices, filtering & tracking, VR output devices, Augmented Reality (AR) hardware, spatial audio, haptics
- Virtual Environments (VE): event driven simulation, procedural animation, physics-based modelling, collision detection & response, simulation & rendering in parallel, interaction with VE, haptic and auditory simulation
- Human Factors: presence, immersion, simulator sickness (frame-rate, latency, vergence vs. accommodation, visual vs. vestibular, etc), training (fidelity, transfer)
- Applications: training, collaborative virtual environments, medical, visualization & decision support, design, entertainment, augmented reality, space applications, teleoperation, computer games.

Prerequisites: General prerequisites for 4000-level COSC courses, or ENG 4000 6.0 taken as a co-requisite; and COSC3221 3.0, COSC3311 3.0, MATH1025 3.0

Required Mathematics Courses

The introductory courses COSC1019 3.0, MATH1090 3.0, MATH1300 3.0, MATH1310 3.0 are required of all Computer Science majors. Students who have not taken 12U or OAC calculus should consult advisors in the Mathematics Department to determine which courses they should take before attempting MATH1300 3.0. In addition some combination, or all of, the following courses are also required, depending on the degree program—MATH1025 3.0, and MATH2030 3.0.

Mathematics Substitute Course List

<i>Course</i>	<i>Allowed Substitutions for COSC degree requirements</i>
COSC1019 3.0	MATH2320 3.0 ¹
MATH1025 3.0	MATH2221 3.0, MATH1021 3.0 (formerly MATH2021 3.0)

¹ Faculty of Science and Engineering students who use this substitution must ensure that they satisfy General Regulation 4 (found at this [link](#))

MATH1090 3.0 **No substitute** (see however next section)
MATH1300 3.0 MATH1000 3.0, MATH1013 3.0
MATH1310 3.0 MATH1010 3.0, MATH1014 3.0

Although not formally required for a computer science degree many other areas of mathematics are relevant to computer science. They include

- Probability and statistics: MATH1131 3.0, MATH2131 3.0, MATH3131 3.0, MATH3132 3.0
- (More) algebra: MATH2222 3.0, MATH2022 3.0, MATH3020 6.0, MATH3140 6.0
- Combinatorics and graph theory: MATH2260 3.0, MATH3260 3.0

But in selecting mathematics courses please remember that most computer science honours degrees require you to take at least 30 credits that are neither COSC nor MATH. The breadth of education implied by such a requirement is important for a computer science professional.

Advice for Atkinson Faculty Students

Prerequisite and new-degree-requirement substitutes

Old Atkinson Faculty Computer Science courses completed before fall 1999/2000 will be accepted as prerequisites for courses in the combined AK/AS/SC/COSC course list according to the following table of prerequisite substitutes. The same substitutes will also be accepted in cases in which specific courses are required under the new degree requirements or for satisfying breadth requirements:

For current AK/AS/SC/MATH courses	Substitute old AK/MATH
1090+2090	2441+2442 (or 2440 6.0)
1090+2320	2441+2442 (or 2440 6.0)
1019+1090	2441+2442 (or 2440 6.0)

Current AK/AS/SC/COSC courses	Substitute old AK/COSC
1020+1030	2411+2412 (or 2410 6.0)
2001	3431
2011	3501 (or 3500 6.0)
2021	3411 (or 3410 6.0)
2031	No substitute
3101	3432 (or 3430 6.0)
3121	3511
3122	3512
3201	No substitute

3211	3409A
3212	3409B
3221	3470
3301	No substitute
3311	No substitute
3331	3650
3341	No substitute
3401	3551
3402	3551
3408	3451
3418	4071
3421	3503
3461	No substitute
3530	No substitute
4101	No substitute
4111	4021

Old-degree-requirement substitutes

For continuing Atkinson Faculty Computer Science students who choose and are able¹ to graduate under the old degree requirements (before Fall 1999) that were in effect when they took their first computer science course at the Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies, new AK/AS/SC/COSC courses will be accepted as substitutes for specific old degree requirements that have not yet been completed, according to the following tables:

For old AK/MATH course	Substitute current AK/AS/SC/MATH course
2441+2442	1019+1090 (or 1090+2090, or 1090+2320)

For old AK/COSC course	Substitute current AK/AS/SC/COSC course
3411	2021
3412	No substitute
3431	2001
3432	3101
3460	3201
3501	2011
3502	Any 32xx or 33xx course
3511	3121

¹ See the departmental FAQ, item #1, url: <http://www.cs.yorku.ca/undergrad/guides/programmeFAQ.html>

3512	3122
3650	3331 (discontinued)

Upper Level Computer Science Requirements—All Faculties

Breadth in Computer Science Requirement

Courses are classified into four areas at the 3000- and 4000-levels under the following headings. Degree requirements in all programs of study are such that students shall take at least one course from each area in order to obtain a broad grounding in the theories and techniques of Computer Science.

- **Theory and Numerical Computation** — Course numbers: COSC31xx 3.0, COSC41xx 3.0. Topics: algorithms, data structures, complexity, automata and computability, scientific and numerical computing.
- **Systems** — Course numbers: COSC32xx 3.0, COSC42xx 3.0. Topics: digital logic, architecture, operating systems, data communication, and networks.
- **Software Development** — Course numbers: COSC33xx 3.0, COSC43xx 3.0. Topics: programming languages, software systems design and verification.
- **Applications** — Course numbers: COSC34xx 3.0, COSC44xx 3.0. Topics: artificial intelligence, expert systems, logic programming, databases, data mining, simulation, machine learning, robotics, computer vision, human computer interfaces, hypermedia and multimedia technologies, e-commerce systems, virtual reality.

All degree programs require COSC3101 3.0, COSC3221 3.0 and COSC3311 3.0 to partially satisfy the breadth requirement at the 3000-level. All non-honours degree programs require at least one course COSC34xx 3.0 from the applications area, to complete the 3000-level breadth requirement. All honours degree programs require COSC3401 3.0 in the applications area to complete the 3000-level breadth requirement. All honours degree programs also require COSC3002 1.0 (as of 2003-04).

The Specialised Honours degrees require, in addition, one of COSC4101 3.0 or COSC4111 3.0 or COSC4115 3.0 (the last choice added as of 2004/05).

Exceptions to Course Numbering

Service courses at all levels have second digit 5. These courses do not satisfy requirements in Computer Science and grades will not be included in the Computer Science prerequisite grade point average calculation.

Other courses falling outside the course numbering conventions are the following.

- COSC3001 1.0— Organization and Management Seminar in Space and Communication Sciences
- COSC3002 1.0 — Organization and Management Seminar

- COSC3900 0.0 — Internship Co-op Term
- COSC4001 6.0 — restricted to SCS stream students
- COSC408x y.0 — Computer Science Project courses (x=0, 1, 2, 4; y=3, 6)

Normal Order of Study

This section presents a summary of the department's course requirements, by suggesting the normal order in which courses should be taken. *See also p.5 under the heading "Limits on Course Enrolment".* There are also checklists for each program type at the end of this calendar (hard copy version).

The indication of first year, second year, etc., indicates the year of study for normal progress by full-time students.

1000-level — first year

- Fall — COSC1020 3.0, COSC1019 3.0, MATH1300 3.0
- Winter — COSC1030 3.0, MATH1310 3.0.
- 15 additional credits satisfying general education, Faculty, second major program, or elective requirements
- * Normal progress is one COSC course per term.

2000-level — second year

- COSC2001 3.0, COSC2011 3.0, COSC2021 4.0, COSC2031 3.0
- *Specialized Honours:* MATH1090 3.0, MATH1025 3.0, MATH2030 3.0
Other Honours programs: MATH1090 3.0; MATH2030 3.0
BA and BSc (90-credit) programs: MATH1090 3.0¹
- 8 to 14 additional credits satisfying general education, Faculty, second major program, or elective requirements
- Normal progress is three COSC courses per term.

3000-level — third year

- 9 COSC credits at the 3000-level satisfying the breadth requirement — COSC3101 3.0, COSC3221 3.0, COSC3311 3.0
- *BA and BSc (90-credit) programs:* COSC34xx 3.0
All BA and BSc Honours (120-credit) programs: COSC3002 1.0 and COSC3401 3.0
- *BA and BSc (90-credit) programs:* 6 additional COSC 3000-level credits
BA and BSc Specialized Honours programs: 6 additional COSC 3000-level credits
- 11 to 17 additional credits satisfying general education, Faculty, second major program, or elective requirements

¹ Although MATH1090 is not a 3000-level general prerequisite it is required for some 3000-level core courses and therefore students should plan to complete it in year two.

- Normal progress is three COSC course per term.

4000-level — fourth year, honours programs only

- 12 COSC credits at the 4000-level (except for the Honours Minor BA degree which requires 6 credits at the 4000-level), including one of COSC4111 3.0 or COSC4101 3.0 or COSC4115 3.0 for the Specialized Honours programs
- 6 additional COSC credits at the 3000- or 4000-level for Specialized Honours programs
- 12 to 18 additional credits satisfying general education, Faculty, second major program, or elective requirements
- Normal progress is three COSC courses per term

Prerequisites for Computer Science Courses¹

It is essential that students fulfil prerequisites for courses they wish to take.

There are both **general** prerequisites that are required for all COSC courses *at the specified level* and **specific** prerequisites for each course that are in addition to the general prerequisites. Both types of prerequisites include computer science courses and mathematics courses, and in all cases there are grade requirements in the prerequisite courses. The prerequisites are listed after each course description and summarized in the following tables.

The prerequisites table is useful to determine what courses must be taken in order to enrol in a particular course, or to determine if you are permitted to enrol in a course.

<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Prerequisite(s)²</u>
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1000-Level

COSC1020 3.0	Intro. to Computer Science I	See course description
COSC1030 3.0	Intro. to Computer Science II	COSC1020 3.0

2000-Level

General Prerequisites:

- COSC1030 3.0 completed with a grade of C+ or better
- COSC1019 3.0

COSC2001 3.0	Intro. to the Theory of Computation	General prerequisites
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¹ In exceptional circumstances some prerequisites or co requisites may be waived at the discretion of the undergraduate director in consultation with the course director. All petitions to have pre- and co requisites waived must be submitted to the undergraduate office. Course directors may not waive prerequisites.

² A semicolon is interpreted as “and” in a prerequisite list.

COSC2011 3.0	Fundamentals of Data Structures	General prerequisites
COSC2021 4.0	Computer Organization	General prerequisites
COSC2031 3.0	Software Tools	General prerequisites

3000-Level

General Prerequisites:

- COSC2011 3.0, and one of COSC2001 3.0 or COSC2021 4.0 or COSC2031 3.0
- MATH1300 3.0 and MATH1310 3.0
- one of MATH1025 3.0 or MATH1090 3.0
- a cumulative GPA of 4.5 or better over all completed Computer Science courses.

<u>Theory and Numerical Computation</u>	<u>Specific Prerequisites</u>
COSC3101 3.0 Design and Analysis of Algorithms	COSC2001 3.0 and MATH1090 3.0
COSC3121 3.0 Intro. to Numerical Computations I	One of COSC1540 3.0, COSC2031 3.0; one of MATH1010 3.0, MATH1310 3.0, or MATH1014 3.0; one of MATH1021 3.0, MATH1025 3.0, or MATH2221 3.0
COSC3122 3.0 Intro. to Numerical Computations II	COSC3121 3.0

Systems

COSC3201 4.0 Digital Logic Design	COSC2021 4.0. PHYS3150 3.0 is strongly recommended
COSC3213 3.0 Computer Networks	
COSC3215 4.0 Embedded Systems	COSC3201 4.0
COSC3221 3.0 Operating System Fundamentals	COSC2021 4.0; COSC2031 3.0

Software Development

COSC3301 3.0 Programming Language Fundamentals	COSC2001 3.0
COSC3311 3.0 Software Design	COSC2001 3.0; COSC2031 3.0; MATH1090 3.0
COSC3341 3.0 Intro. To Program Verification	MATH1090 3.0

Applications

COSC3401 3.0 Functional and Logic Programming	COSC2031 3.0 and MATH1090 3.0
COSC3402 3.0 Intro. to Concepts of Artificial Intelligence	COSC3401 3.0 and MATH1090 3.0

COSC3408 3.0 Simulation of Discrete Systems	MATH2030 3.0 or MATH2560 3.0
COSC3418 3.0 Simulation of Continuous Systems	MATH2560 3.0
COSC3421 3.0 Introduction to Database Systems	
COSC3451 3.0 Signals and Systems	
COSC3461 3.0 User Interfaces	

Other Courses:

COSC3001 1.0 Org. & Management Seminar in SCS	In 3rd year of SCS streams in FSE
COSC3002 1.0 Organization and Management Seminar	(Required of all COSC honours degrees.)

4000-Level

General Prerequisites:

- COSC2001 3.0; COSC2011 3.0; COSC2021 4.0; COSC2031 3.0
- MATH1090 3.0
- at least 12 credits in computer science 3000-level courses.
- a cumulative GPA of 4.5 or better over all completed computer science courses

Theory Courses	Specific Prerequisites
COSC4101 3.0 Advanced Data Structures	COSC3101 3.0
COSC4111 3.0 Automata and Computability	COSC3101 3.0
COSC4115 3.0 Computational Complexity	COSC3101 3.0
COSC4161 3.0 Introduction to Cryptography	At least 12 credits from 2000-level (or higher) MATH courses (without second digit 5, or second digit 7 in the case of Atkinson); or COSC3101 3.0

Systems Courses

COSC4201 3.0 Computer Architecture	COSC3201 4.0; COSC3221 3.0
COSC4210 3.0 Architecture and Hardware for Digital Signal Processing	COSC3201 4.0; COSC3451 3.0
COSC4211 3.0 Performance Evaluation of Computer Systems	MATH2030 3.0; COSC3211 3.0 or COSC3213 3.0
COSC4213 3.0 Computer Networks II	COSC3213 3.0
COSC4214 3.0 Digital Communications	COSC3213 3.0; MATH2030 3.0; one of COSC3451 3.0, EATS 4020 3.0, PHYS 4250 3.0

COSC4215 3.0 Mobile Communications	COSC3213 3.0
COSC4221 3.0 Operating System Design	COSC3221 3.0

Software Courses

COSC4301 3.0 Programming Language Design	COSC3301 3.0
COSC4302 3.0 Compilers and Interpreters	(COSC3301 3.0 recommended)
COSC4311 3.0 System Development	COSC3311 3.0 or COSC3221 3.0
COSC4312 3.0 Software Engineering Requirements	COSC3311 3.0
COSC4313 3.0 Software Engineering Testing	COSC3311 3.0
COSC4351 3.0 Real-Time Systems Theory	COSC3341 3.0 or COSC3311 3.0 or COSC3221 3.0
COSC4352 3.0 Real-Time Systems Practice	COSC3301 3.0 or COSC3311 3.0 or COSC3221 3.0

Applications Courses

COSC4401 3.0 Artificial Intelligence	COSC3402 3.0
COSC4402 3.0 Logic Programming	COSC3401 3.0; COSC3101 3.0 or COSC3341 3.0
COSC4411 3.0 Database Management Systems	COSC3421 3.0
COSC4412 3.0 Data Mining	COSC3421 3.0 and one of MATH2030 3.0 or MATH1131 3.0
COSC4413 3.0 Building E-Commerce Systems	COSC3212 3.0 or COSC3213 3.0; COSC3321 or COSC3221 3.0; COSC3421 3.0
COSC4421 3.0 Introduction to Robotics	MATH1025 3.0 and either: general prerequisites for 4000-level COSC courses, or: COSC2011 3.0; COSC2031 3.0; ENG 4000 6.0 as a co-requisite
COSC4422 3.0 Computer Vision	COSC3121 3.0 (MATH3241 3.0)
COSC4431 3.0 Computer Graphics	MATH1025 3.0
COSC4441 3.0 Human Computer Interaction	COSC3461 3.0
COSC4452 3.0 Digital Signal Processing; Theory and Applications	COSC3451 3.0
COSC4461 3.0 Hypermedia and Multimedia Technologies	COSC3461 3.0
COSC4471 3.0 Introduction to Virtual Reality	General prerequisites, or ENG 4000 6.0 taken as a co-requisite; and COSC3221 3.0; COSC3311 3.0; MATH1025 3.0

Other Courses

COSC4001 6.0 Space and Comm. Sciences Workshop	3000-level of SCS core
COSC4080 3.0 Computer Science Project	Permission of course director; 36 COSC credits
COSC4081 6.0 Intelligent Systems Project	Open only to students in the Intelligent Systems Stream; permission of the instructor; COSC3401 3.0 and COSC3402 3.0 with gpa >= 6.0
COSC4082 6.0 Interactive Systems Project	Open only to students in the Interactive Systems Stream; permission of the instructor; COSC3311 3.0 and COSC3461 3.0
COSC4084 6.0 Communication Networks Project	Open only to students in the Communication Networks Stream; permission of the instructor; COSC3451 3.0 and COSC3213 3.0 with gpa >= 6.0
