INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Computer Science major (CS) deals with computer theory, methods of information processing, hardware and software design, and applications. The major combines a rigorous technical program with background in the liberal arts and sciences. The CS major prepares students for technical careers or graduate school programs related to EECS or CS.

All students admitted to the College of Letters & Science are admitted as undeclared students. To declare CS, students must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 in CS61A, CS61B, & CS70. All students who meet this criteria are admitted into the major.

ONE DEPARTMENT, TWO PROGRAMS

There is no difference in the CS course content between the CS and EECS majors—the differences are what other subjects you would like to study and the admissions processes to the university and majors.

If you prefer greater flexibility in your coursework or have an interest double-majoring in an area outside engineering, the CS major might be a good choice. There is greater opportunity to explore other departments, like Economics, Business, and Music. If you have a great interest in electrical engineering or in double-majoring in another engineering major, the EECS major may be better suited for you.

RELATED MAJORS

- There are many ways to get exposure to CS other than via the CS major. The following majors are avenues to study CS and to help prepare students for industry and graduate school: Applied Math, Cognitive Science, Data Science, and Statistics.
- The CS minor is also a great option that equips students for industry and graduate school.

“CS isn’t something I could’ve done alone, so I’m grateful for the community here.”

— Steven Tan, CS student and CS Peer Advisor

ADVISING

Prospective students can make an appointment to meet with a CS advisor at berkeleycs.youcanbook.me. Current students should make a CS advising appointment through CalCentral.

Drop-in CS advising is available on Wednesdays, 10-12pm & 1-4pm in 349 Soda Hall.

Letters & Science College advising services can be found at ls.berkeley.edu/advising/advising-services.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
### Bachelor of Arts

#### Computer Science

**First Year**
- **Explore your major**
  - See CS requirements and declaration policies
  - Plan on 1 CS class & 1 math class/semester: Take CS10 and/or CS8 before CS61A, if no coding experience
  - Use the EECS website to help guide your B.A. program and the HKN course guide to think about future classes in CS/EE
  - Check in with a CS major advisor

**Second Year**
- **Connect and build community**
  - New to CS? Apply to CS Scholars
  - Get support in classes from resources and counselors
  - Become familiar with Disabled Students’ Program, Gender Equity Resource Center, Undocumented Student Program, Educational Opportunity Program

- **Discover your passions**
  - Enroll in a Freshman & Sophomore Seminar
  - Look for CS/EE 24 & 39
  - Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships to learn about research opportunities
  - Take a DeCal, a student-facilitated course

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Explore study abroad options now so you can incorporate them into your sophomore or junior year plans
  - Explore volunteer opportunities on campus

**Third Year**
- **Design your journey**
  - Complete the CS prerequisite coursework to declare your major. It is recommended to apply to CS by the end of your 2nd year
  - Use the EECS website to help guide your B.A. program, and the HKN course guide to think about future classes in CS/EE
  - Consider a minor

**Fourth Year**
- **Explore new career opportunities**
  - Complete CS lower-division requirements, begin taking upper-division courses
  - Check-in with a CS major advisor
  - Participate in faculty advising each semester once declared
  - If eligible and interested in research, consider the EECS Honors Program

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Examples gathered from the Career Destinations Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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**Fourth Year:**
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