Computer Science

Department of Computer Science

B.S., B.S./M.S. Degrees

Minimum Requirements for Degrees: B.S.: 120 credits; B.S./M.S.: 141 credits

Computer science is the study of information handling and its application to the problems of the world. Computing is widely used in support of science, engineering, business, law, medicine, education and the social sciences. The employment potential for computer science graduates is one of the highest of all majors in the College of Natural Science and Mathematics.

The B.S. and M.S. degrees follow the recommendations of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and the Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE). The B.S. degree is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

The computer science undergraduate program introduces the fundamentals of computer programming, hardware and theory. It emphasizes the application of general principles to real-world problems. Mathematics and engineering play critical roles in the core. A solid background in fundamentals enables graduates to understand the uses of today's computers and to participate in future developments.

Major — B.S. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements. (See page 124. As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH F200X* and any approved ethics course.)

2. Complete the B.S. degree requirements. (See page 129. As part of the B.S. degree requirements, complete: MATH F201X*, PHYS F211X* and PHYS F212X*.)

3. Complete the following:* MATH F307—Discrete Mathematics .............................................3 STAT F300—Statistics ..........................................................3


5. Complete the following program (major) requirements:* CS F201—Computer Science I .............................................3 CS F202—Computer Science II ..........................................3 CS F301—Assembly Language Programming ................................3 CS F311—Data Structures and Algorithms ................................3 CS F321—Operating System ..................................................3 CS F331—Programming Languages ........................................3 CS F411—Analysis of Algorithms (3)

or CS F451—Automata and Formal Languages (3) .....................3 CS F441—Systems Architecture (3)

or EE F443—Computer Engineering (4) .................................3 – 4 CS F471W—Software Engineering ..........................................3 CS F472W—Senior Project and Professional Practice .................3 EE F341—Digital and Computer Analysis and Design ..................4 ENGL F314W/O—Technical Writing .......................................3 Electives in computer science at the F300- or F400-level or approved electives (such as EE F443) ........................................9

6. Minimum credits required ........................................................................120

Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

Major — B.S./M.S. Degree

1. Complete the following admission requirements:
a. CS major (junior preferred) or senior standing.
b. GPA 3.25 or above based on a minimum of 24 credits. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 to remain in the program.
c. Submit GRE (general) scores.
d. Submit a study goal statement.
e. Submit a UAF graduate application for admission.

2. Complete the general university requirements. (See page 124. As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH F200X* and any approved ethics course.)

3. Complete the B.S. degree requirements. (See page 129. As part of the B.S. degree requirements, complete: MATH F201X*, PHYS F211X* and PHYS F212X*.)

4. Complete the following program (major) requirements:* CS F201—Computer Science I .............................................3 CS F202—Computer Science II ..........................................3 CS F301—Assembly Language Programming ................................3 CS F311—Data Structures and Algorithms ................................3 CS F321—Operating System ..................................................3 CS F331—Programming Languages ........................................3 CS F441—Systems Architecture .............................................3 CS F471W—Software Engineering ..........................................3 CS F472W—Senior Project and Professional Practice .................3 EE F341—Digital and Computer Analysis and Design ...............4 ENGL F314W/O—Technical Writing .......................................3 Elective at F300 or F400 .........................................................3 MATH elective at F300 or F400 ................................................3 STAT F300—Statistics ..........................................................3
5. Complete the following master core courses:
   - CS F611—Complexity of Algorithms ........................................... 3
   - CS F631—Programming Language Implementation .................. 3
   - CS F641—Advanced Systems Architecture ................................. 3
   - CS F671—Advanced Software Engineering ................................. 3
   - CS F690—Graduate Seminar and Project .................................... 3
   - CS F691—Graduate Seminar and Project .................................... 3
   - CS upper-division/graduate level electives .................................. 3
   - CS graduate level electives ...................................................... 6

6. Pass a written comprehensive exam in the areas of computer algorithms/theory/complexity, computer architecture, computer language and software engineering.

7. Minimum credits required for both degrees ............................ 141
   * Student must earn a C grade or better in each course required for the B.S. degree.

Note: For the master's degree, a student must earn an A or B grade in F400-level courses. The C grade will be accepted in 600-level courses provided a B grade point average is maintained.

Note: This degree program must be completed in seven years or the student will be disqualified from the program. If a student is disqualified, a B.S. in computer science will be awarded if: 1) completed in 10 years, and 2) student meets the B.S. degree requirements for computer science with the option of substituting CS F411/F451 for CS F611/F651.

Baccalaureate Core Requirements
All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses. Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

COMMUNICATION (9)
Complete the following:
   - ENGL F111X ............................................................................. (3)
     - ENGL F190H may be substituted.
   - Complete one of the following:
     - ENGL F211X OR ENGL F213X .............................................. (3)
   - Complete one of the following:
     - COMM F131X OR COMM F141X ........................................... (3)

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)
Complete all of the following four courses:
   - ANTH F100X/SOC F100X ......................................................... (3)
   - ECON F100X OR PS F100X ..................................................... (3)
   - HIST F100X ............................................................................. (3)
   - ENGL/FL F200X ..................................................................... (3)

Complete one of the following three courses:
   - ART/MUS/THR F200X, HUM F201X OR ANS F202X ............. (3)

Complete one of the following six courses:
   - BA F323X, COMM F300X, JUST F300X, NRM F303X, PS F300X OR PHIL F322X .................................................. (3)

OR complete 12 credits from the above courses PLUS
   - two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language OR
   - three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

MATHEMATICS (3)
Complete one of the following:
   - MATH F103X, MATH F107X, MATH F161X OR
   - STAT F200X ............................................................................ (3 – 4)

* No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.

OR complete one of the following:* MATH F200X, MATH F201X, MATH F202X, MATH F262X OR MATH F272X .................................................. (4)

*NATURAL SCIENCES (8)
Complete any two (4-credit) courses:
   - ATM F101X ............................................................................ (4)
   - BIOL F100X ............................................................................. (4)
   - BIOL F103X ............................................................................. (4)
   - BIOL F104X ............................................................................. (4)
   - BIOL F111X ............................................................................. (4)
   - BIOL F112X ............................................................................. (4)
   - BIOL F115X ............................................................................. (4)
   - BIOL F116X ............................................................................. (4)
   - CHEM F100X .......................................................................... (4)
   - CHEM F103X .......................................................................... (4)
   - CHEM F104X .......................................................................... (4)
   - CHEM F105X .......................................................................... (4)
   - CHEM F106X .......................................................................... (4)
   - GEOG F205X .......................................................................... (4)
   - GEOS F100X .......................................................................... (4)
   - GEOS F101X .......................................................................... (4)
   - GEOS F112X .......................................................................... (4)
   - GEOS F120X .......................................................................... (4)
   - GEOS F125X .......................................................................... (4)
   - MSL F111X ............................................................................. (4)
   - PHYS F102X ............................................................................. (4)
   - PHYS F103X ............................................................................. (4)
   - PHYS F104X ............................................................................. (4)
   - PHYS F113X ............................................................................. (4)
   - PHYS F116X ............................................................................. (4)
   - PHYS F175X ............................................................................. (4)
   - PHYS F211X ............................................................................. (4)
   - PHYS F212X ............................................................................. (4)
   - PHYS F213X ............................................................................. (4)

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0 – 1)
Successful completion of library skills competency test OR
   LS F100X or F101X prior to junior standing ................................ (0 – 1)

UPPER-DIVISION WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (0)
Complete the following:
   - Two writing intensive courses designated (W) ................................ (0)
   - One oral communication intensive course designated (O) .......... (0)
   - OR two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2), at the upper-division level (see degree and/or major requirements) ...... (0)

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED .................................................................... 38 – 39