Computer Science, BA

Learn how to apply design and development principles in the construction of software systems of varying complexity and how to communicate effectively with a wide range of audiences.

Program description

The BA program in computer science is anchored with core courses that provide a solid foundation in the practical aspects of computer science, and it ensures that students have the requisite critical thinking, effective programming and problem-solving skills for a future in industry. The program provides opportunities for students to customize their degree with other areas of interest with a robust offering of computing electives covering various disciplines such as:

- app development
- cybersecurity
- databases
- data science
- networking
- software development

GI Bill® benefits

This new program is not yet approved for use with GI Bill® benefits.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/.

At a glance
• **College/School:** Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering
  New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

• **Location:** West Valley

• **Second language requirement:** No

• **First required math course:** MAT 210 - Brief Calculus

• **Math intensity:** Substantial

**Required courses (Major Map)**

2024 - 2025 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

**Concurrent program options**

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

**Admission requirements**

**General university admission requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

**Tuition information**

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyoneâs situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

**Change of Major Requirements**

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the Change of Major form for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Transfer options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU® to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.
ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Global opportunities

Global experience
Students learn to thrive in a global environment through the rich educational and interpersonal experiences inherent in study abroad. A resume enhanced by the valuable study abroad experience will impress prospective employers, and it will also help the student stand out should they decide to pursue advanced study.

With over 300 Global Education program opportunities available, students are able to tailor their experience to their unique interests and skill sets. Whether in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, students build communication skills, learn to adapt and persevere, and are exposed to research and internships across the world, increasing their professional network.

Career opportunities

Graduates are well-prepared for pursuing careers in a wide variety of computing-related fields or to embark on further graduate studies. They secure employment in a variety of capacities, such as in computer and software design or the development of information technologies. Computer science graduates can excel in system and software development. Some computer science-related jobs include:

- creating computer games and graphics systems
- developing mobile computing applications
- developing security applications
- discovering data management and mining solutions

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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<th>Career</th>
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<td>Business Intelligence Analyst</td>
<td>35.2%</td>
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Information Technology Manager (IT Manager) ♥ 15.4% $164,070
Software Developer ♥ 25.7% $127,260
* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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