

# COMPUTER SCIENCE (BS)

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## Program Description

Computer science focuses on how to design, build, and effectively use the computers and systems that we interact with every day from the smart phones in our hands to the complex databases in our banks and hospitals. Because computer technology powers the most essential functions of business, industry, government and entertainment, computer scientists have tremendous opportunities for growth and exploration.

In addition to the BS degree in Computer Science, the Computer Science and Engineering department offers minors in Computer Science, Cybersecurity, and Game Engineering. The NYU Tandon School of Engineering also offers a BS/MS Program that enables students to earn both a BS and an MS degree at the same time. For instance, a student can receive a BS in Computer Science and MS in Computer Science, a BS in Computer Engineering and MS in Computer Science, or a BS in Electrical Engineering and MS in Computer Science. Depending on the student's preparation and objectives, they can complete both degrees within 5 years. More information on the BS/MS program can be found on the "Undergraduate Academic Requirements and Policies" section of the catalog.

The program provides research labs for specialized study in areas such as cybersecurity, game engineering, and big data, areas in which our department has a distinctive strength. In addition, the program's close ties to our graduate division immerse students in a vibrant, intellectual atmosphere.

## Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see How to Apply (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

## Program Requirements

The program requires the completion of 128 credits, comprised of the following:

| Course                          | Title                                  | Credits |
|---------------------------------|--|---------|
| <b>Major Requirements</b>       |  |         |
| <i>Computer Science</i>         |  |         |
| CS-UY 1114                      | INTRO TO PROGRAMMING & PROBLEM SOLVING | 4       |
| CS-UY 1134                      | Data Structures and Algorithms         | 4       |
| CS-UY 2124                      | Object Oriented Programming            | 4       |
| CS-UY 1122                      | Introduction to Computer Science       | 2       |
| CS-UY 2214                      | COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE AND ORGANIZATION | 4       |
| CS-UY 3224                      | INTRO TO OPERATING SYSTEM              | 4       |
| CS-UY 2413                      | DESIGN & ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS        | 3       |
| CS-UY 4513                      | Software Engineering                   | 3       |
| CS-UY 4523                      | Design Project                         | 3       |
| <i>Mathematics</i> <sup>1</sup> |  |         |
| MA-UY 1024                      | Calculus I for Engineers               | 4       |
| MA-UY 1124                      | Calculus II for Engineers              | 4       |

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| MA-UY 2314  | Discrete Mathematics                       | 4          |
| MA-UY 2224  | Data Analysis                              | 4          |
| <i>Engineering</i>  |  |            |
| EG-UY 1004  | Introduction to Engineering and Design     | 4          |
| <b>Science Requirement</b>  |  |            |
| Select three of the following: <sup>2</sup>                             |  | 9-12       |
| CM-UY 1003  | General Chemistry for Engineers            |            |
| CM-UY 1013  | GENERAL CHEMISTRY I                        |            |
| BMS-UY 1003   | Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology |            |
| PH-UY 1013  | MECHANICS                                  |            |
| PH-UY 2023  | ELECTRICITY, MAGNETISM, & FLUIDS           |            |
| PH-UY 2033  | WAVES, OPTICS, & THERMODYNAMICS            |            |
| <i>Humanities and Social Sciences</i>                                   |  |            |
| EXPOS-UA 1  | Writing The Essay:                         | 4          |
| EXPOS-UA 2  | THE ADVANCED COLLEGE ESSAY                 | 4          |
| Select one Ethics course  |  | 4          |
| Select three humanities and social sciences courses <sup>3</sup>        |  | 12         |
| <b>Electives</b>  |  |            |
| Select 18 additional credits in computer science electives <sup>4</sup> |  | 18         |
| Select 26 credits of free electives <sup>4,5</sup>                      |  | 26         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>  |  | <b>128</b> |

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**Note:** MA-UY 914 Precalculus for Engineers does not count toward the Math requirement.

**Note:** MA-UY 2034 Linear Algebra and Differential Equations or another linear algebra course is recommended, but not required. Some CS electives have knowledge of linear algebra as a prerequisite. Students planning to take such electives should plan accordingly.

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Students may choose any three natural science courses (each at least 3 credits) offered by the NYU Tandon School of Engineering, provided that they meet pre-requisites and co-requisites.

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One must be an Advanced Seminar course.

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With approval of the CSE department, certain closely related courses in EE, Math or other related disciplines may be substituted for CS electives. A list of approved substitutions is available in the CSE department.

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**Note:** NYU SPS courses are not accepted as free electives.

## Sample Plan of Study

| Course                   | Title   | Credits   |
|--------------------------|---|-----------|
| <b>1st Semester/Term</b> |   |           |
| CS-UY 1114               | INTRO TO PROGRAMMING & PROBLEM SOLVING <sup>1</sup> | 4         |
| EG-UY 1004               | Introduction to Engineering and Design              | 4         |
| EXPOS-UA 1               | Writing The Essay. <sup>2</sup>                     | 4         |
| MA-UY 1024               | Calculus I for Engineers <sup>3</sup>               | 4         |
| <b>Credits</b>           |   | <b>16</b> |
| <b>2nd Semester/Term</b> |   |           |
| CS-UY 1134               | Data Structures and Algorithms <sup>1</sup>         | 4         |
| CS-UY 1122               | Introduction to Computer Science                    | 2         |
| MA-UY 1124               | Calculus II for Engineers                           | 4         |
| EXPOS-UA 2               | THE ADVANCED COLLEGE ESSAY                          | 4         |

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| Science Elective <sup>3</sup>                        |  | 3          |
| <b>Credits</b>                                       |  | <b>17</b>  |
| <b>3rd Semester/Term</b>                             |  |            |
| CS-UY 2124   | Object Oriented Programming <sup>1</sup> | 4          |
| MA-UY 2314   | Discrete Mathematics                     | 4          |
| Science Elective <sup>4</sup>                        |  | 3          |
| Humanities and Social Sciences Elective <sup>5</sup> |  | 4          |
| <b>Credits</b>                                       |  | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>4th Semester/Term</b>                             |  |            |
| CS-UY 2214   | COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE AND ORGANIZATION   | 4          |
| CS-UY 2413   | DESIGN & ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS          | 3          |
| MA-UY 2224   | Data Analysis                            | 4          |
| Humanities and Social Sciences Elective <sup>5</sup> |  | 4          |
| <b>Credits</b>                                       |  | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>5th Semester/Term</b>                             |  |            |
| CS-UY 3224   | INTRO TO OPERATING SYSTEM                | 4          |
| CS Elective  |  | 3          |
| Humanities and Social Sciences Elective <sup>5</sup> |  | 4          |
| Science Elective <sup>4</sup>                        |  | 3          |
| Free Elective  |  | 3          |
| <b>Credits</b>                                       |  | <b>17</b>  |
| <b>6th Semester/Term</b>                             |  |            |
| CS Elective  |  | 3          |
| CS Elective  |  | 3          |
| Humanities and Social Sciences Elective <sup>5</sup> |  | 4          |
| Free Elective  |  | 3          |
| Free Elective  |  | 3          |
| <b>Credits</b>                                       |  | <b>16</b>  |
| <b>7th Semester/Term</b>                             |  |            |
| CS-UY 4513   | Software Engineering                     | 3          |
| CS Elective  |  | 3          |
| CS Elective  |  | 3          |
| Free Elective  |  | 3          |
| Free Elective  |  | 4          |
| <b>Credits</b>                                       |  | <b>16</b>  |
| <b>8th Semester/Term</b>                             |  |            |
| CS-UY 4523   | Design Project                           | 3          |
| Free Elective  |  | 4          |
| CS Elective  |  | 3          |
| Free Elective  |  | 3          |
| Free Elective  |  | 3          |
| <b>Credits</b>                                       |  | <b>16</b>  |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                                 |  | <b>128</b> |

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Grade of C- or better is required in CS-UY 1114 INTRO TO PROGRAMMING & PROBLEM SOLVING, CS-UY 1134 Data Structures and Algorithms, and CS-UY 2124 Object Oriented Programming. Students who take CS-UY 1113 PROBLEM SOLVING AND PROGRAMMING I and CS-UY 1123 PROBLEM SOLVING AND PROGRAMMING II may count four credits toward the CS requirements of the major, in lieu of CS-UY 1114 INTRO TO PROGRAMMING & PROBLEM SOLVING. The other two credits will be counted as free electives.

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Students who are placed by examination or by an adviser into MA-UY 914 Precalculus for Engineers must defer registration for MA-UY 1024 Calculus I for Engineers.

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The Science electives may be chosen from any of the following natural sciences (Physics, Biology, and Chemistry). Many science courses are 4 credits or require co-requisite lab.

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With approval of the CSE department, certain closely related courses in EE, Math or other related disciplines may be substituted for CS electives. A list of approved substitutions is available in the CSE department.

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At least one Humanities and Social Sciences elective must be a Writing-intensive course. Writing-intensive Humanities and Social Sciences courses are designated by "W." In addition, one Humanities and Social Sciences elective must be a 3XXX or 4XXX level. Approved Humanities and Social Sciences electives span three clusters: CAM, STS and SEG. Students are encouraged to take Humanities and Social Sciences electives across clusters and/or disciplines within a cluster.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

1. Learn fundamentals of computer science theory and practice in order to contribute to industry, academic, and government activities.
2. Learn modern design and development techniques.
3. Enhance their base of knowledge with appropriate electives.
4. Develop laboratory and software skills for advanced project development and research activity.

## Policies

### NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

### Tandon Policies

Additional academic policies can be found on the Tandon academic policy page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/engineering/academic-policies/>).