

COMPUTER SCIENCE, MINOR (BEHREND)

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The computer science minor at Behrend establishes a strong conceptual framework in computer science for students in other majors, so they can apply computer science methods and techniques to their primary field of study. The minor begins with the second level course in computer programming (CMPSC 122), the choice of a course in Object-Oriented Web based programming or design (CMPSC 221 or SWENG 311), a course in discrete math for computer science (CMPSC 360), and a course in Data Structures and Algorithms (CMPSC 465). These twelve credits are followed with an additional six credits of 400-level work in computer science (CMPSC).

Computing has become a critical aspect of most disciplines. This minor provides students with the opportunity to develop computing expertise which can then be applied to their field of study, thus enhancing job placement opportunities after graduation or better preparing the student to pursue graduate work in computing intensive sub-disciplines of their major. The emphasis is on building a conceptual framework which will allow the student to continue to learn new computing techniques beyond graduation in this rapidly evolving discipline.

What is Computer Science?

Computer science is the study of computational methods, including their principles and foundations, their efficient implementation, their analyses, and their practical application in wide-ranging areas. It includes the foundations of software development, computational problem solving, the principles of system software, and the fundamental principles and limits of computing. It is much more than just programming. It includes the mathematical foundations that support analyzing, evaluating, and proving the correctness of computational solutions. It includes specializations such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, cybersecurity, data mining, high-performance computing, computer networks, computer graphics, computer vision, quantum computing, and others. It is continually evolving with the development of new and faster forms of computation and with the identification of new problems that require computational solutions.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You want to add computing expertise to your major degree program.
- You envision a career in a computing-intensive subfield of your major degree program.