

COMPUTER SCIENCE, B.S. (ENGINEERING)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Beaver, Brandywine, Hazleton, University Park

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2024-25 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

Computer Science, B.S. at University Park Campus

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If you are starting at a campus other than the one this plan is ending at, please refer to: <https://advising.engr.psu.edu/degree-requirements/academic-plans-by-major.aspx>

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CMPSC 121 or 131 ^{*†#}	3	CMPSC 122 or 132 ^{*#}	3
MATH 140 (GQ) ^{*†#††}	4	MATH 141 (GQ) ^{*†#††}	4
ENGL 15 (GWS) [†]	3	PHYS 211 (GN, PHYSICS 211L & PHYSICS 211R) ^{*#††}	4
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	First Year Seminar	1
16		15	

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CMPSC 221 [*]	3	CMPSC 360 [*]	3
MATH 230	4	CMPEN 270 [*]	4
MATH 220	2-3	CMPSC 311 [*]	3
PHYS 212 (GN, PHYSICS 212L & PHYSICS 212R) ^{*†}	4	Natural Science Elective (GN, See College Note below for options that DO NOT count)	2-3
CAS 100A or 100B (GWS) ^{††}	3	General Education Course	3
16-17		15-16	

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CMPSC 465 [*]	3	CMPSC 464	3
CMPEN 331 [*]	3	CMPSC 473 [*]	3
STAT 318	3	STAT 319	3
CMPSC 461 [*]	3	ENGL 202C (GWS) ^{††}	3
World Language	4	General Education Course	3
16		15	

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CMPSC 483W or 431W	3	CMPSC/CMPEN 400-level ²	3
CMPSC Elective ¹	3	CMPSC Elective ¹	3
Supporting Course	3	Supporting Course	3
Department List (General Elective)	3	General Education Course	3
Department List (General Elective)	4	Department List (General Elective)	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
17.5		16.5	

Total Credits 127-129

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- **Supporting Course:** Select from department list. Restrictions may apply.

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CMPSC 121 or 131 ^{*‡#}	3 CMPSC 122 or 132 ^{*#}	3
MATH 140 ^{*‡#†}	4 MATH 141 ^{*‡#†}	4
ENGL 15 (GWS) ^{††}	3 PHYS 211 (GN, PHYSICS 211L & PHYSICS 211R) ^{*#†}	4
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
First-Year Seminar	1 General Education Course	3
	14	17

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CMPSC 221 [*]	3 CMPSC 360 [*]	3
MATH 230	4 CMPEN 270 [*]	4
MATH 220	3 CMPSC 311 [*]	3
PHYS 212 (GN, PHYSICS 212L & PHYSICS 212R) ^{††}	4 Natural Science Elective (GN, See College Note below for options that DO NOT count)	3
CAS 100A (GWS) ^{††}	3 General Education Course	3
	17	16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CMPSC 465 [*]	3 CMPSC 464	3
CMPEN 331 [*]	3 CMPSC 473 [*]	3
STAT 318	3 STAT 319	3
CMPSC 461 [*]	3 ENGL 202C (GWS) ^{††}	3
World Language	4 General Education Course	3
	16	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CMPSC 483W or 431W	3 CMPSC Elective ²	3
CMPSC Elective ¹	3 CMPSC Elective ¹	3
Supporting Course	3 Supporting Course	3
Department List (General Elective)	3 Department List (General Elective)	3
Department List (General Elective)	4 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course	3
	17.5	16.5

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
MATH 140 ^{*#†}	4 MATH 141 ^{*#†}	4
CMPSC 131 ^{*#}	3 CMPSC 132 ^{*#}	3
ENGL 15 or 30H ^{††}	3 PHYS 211 ^{*#†}	4
PSU 12 [†]	1 CAS 100 ^{††}	3
General Education Course (suggested IST 110 or SRA 111) [†]	3 General Education Course [†]	3
General Education Course [†]	3	
	17	17

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CMPSC 221 [*]	3 CMPSC 360 ^{*2}	3
MATH 230 ¹	4 CMPSC 311 ^{*2}	3
PHYS 212 ^{*†}	4 MATH 220 ²	3
CMPEN 271 ^{*1} & CMPEN 275 ^{*1} or CMPEN 270 [*]	4 ENGL 202C ^{††}	3
General Education Course (GHW) [†]	1.5 Natural Science Elective (GN, See College Note below for options that DO NOT count) [†]	3
General Education Course (GHW) [†]	1.5	
	18	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CMPSC 465 ^{*1}	3 CMPSC 464 ²	3
CMPEN 331 ^{*1}	3 CMPSC 473 ^{*2}	3
STAT 318 ¹	3 STAT 319 ²	3
CMPSC 461 ^{*1}	3 General Education Course [†]	3
World Language	4 General Education Course [†]	3
	16	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CMPSC 431W ¹ or CMPSC 483W ²	3 CMPSC/CMPEN 400-level	3
CMPSC Elective	3 CMPSC Elective	3
Supporting Course	3 Supporting Course	3
Department List (General Elective)	3 General Education Course [†]	3
Department List (General Elective)	4 Department List (General Elective)	3
	16	15

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ENGL 15 or 30H ^{††}	3 CAS 100A ^{††}	3
CMPSC 131 ^{*#}	3 MATH 141 ^{*#†}	4
MATH 140 ^{*#†}	4 PHYS 211 ^{*#†}	4
PSU 8 [†]	1 CMPSC 132 ^{*#}	3
General Education Course [†]	3 General Education Course [†]	3
General Education Course (GN) [†]	3	
	17	17

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CMPEN 271 ^{*1} and CMPEN 275 ^{*1} or CMPEN 270 [*]	4 CMPSC 311 ^{*2}	3
CMPSC 221 [*]	3 CMPSC 360 [*]	3
MATH 220	3 MATH 230	4
PHYS 212 ^{*†}	4 ENGL 202C ^{††}	3
General Education GHW [†]	1.5 Natural Science Elective (GN, See College Note below for options that DO NOT count) [†]	3
General Education GHW [†]	1.5	
	17	16

Third Year

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STAT 318 ¹	3 STAT 319 ²	3
CMPSC 461 ^{*1}	3 General Education Course [†]	3
World Language	4 General Education Course [†]	3
	16	15

Fourth Year

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CMPSC 431W ¹ or CMPSC 483W ²	3 CMPEN/CMPSC 4XX	3
CMPSC Elective	3 CMPSC Elective	3
Supporting Course	3 Supporting Course	3
Department List (General Elective)	4 Department List (General Elective)	3
Department List (General Elective)	3 General Education Course [†]	3
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