Q&A about Declaring the Computer Science Major

What are the requirements for declaring the Computer Science Major?

You are eligible to declare the Computer Science Major when you have completed (or are enrolled in) the following three courses:

- CSCI 241 Data Structures
- CSCI 247 Computer Systems I
- CSCI 301 Formal Languages and Functional Programming

How do I declare the Computer Science Major?

Apply in the quarter you are taking the last of the three required courses. The advisor will hold on to your application and check your grades between the quarters. If you are admitted to the major you will receive an email confirmation and invitation to the required New Major Orientation.

To apply to the CS major, attend a group advising session, or pick up application materials from the CS Advising Office CF 459 and submit by the 5 PM of the application deadline:

- Oct 20, 2017 (winter 2018 admission)
- Feb 2, 2018 (spring 2018 admission)
- April 20, 2018 (Fall 2017 admission) *

*Student should declare the major prior to the Phase I date of registration for the following quarter.

*If you are completing these requirements in summer, you need to apply to MJ in April for fall admission.

You must fill out both a Major Application and a Major Declaration card. Submit completed forms to Mary Hall, Program Coordinator for Advising in CF 459.

How do I register for major restricted classes?

Classes after CSCI 301 are major restricted. You will notice in Classfinder an “MJ” listed in Restrictions. If you apply to the major by the deadline and meet minimum requirements to apply, you will be granted access to register these courses. However, you will not be officially in the major until grades are released and your application is processed. If you are denied major status, you will not be allowed to remain in major restricted classes and will need to drop these from your schedule.

Note: A grade of C- or better is required for a student’s major, minor and supporting classes, including pre-reqs.

What happens if I get less than a C- in a required class?

You will need to retake the class. You will not advance to classes that require the failed course as a pre-req.

When do I take CSCI 491 Senior Project I?

This is the first class in the senior software development project series. This is a team project where you will put your CS knowledge to work for a client. Take CSCI 491, 492 and 493 in your last three quarters. See your advisor for permission to register for CSCI 491. Department Permission is required to register for CSCI 491.