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 & 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 check your grades between the quarters. If you are admitted to the major, you will receive email confirmation and an 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:

- **October 26, 2018** for winter qtr admission
- **Feb 1, 2019** for spring qtr. admission
- **April 19, 2019** for summer or 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 beyond CSCI 301 are major restricted. You will notice in Classfinder an "MJ" listed in Restrictions. Applicants will be notified via email if they will be granted provisional major status for registration. Final decision on acceptance to major will be determined in summer after all grades are final. 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 course as a pre-req.

If you passed a class but want to retake it to improve your GPA, you will need to follow WWU’s Repeat Course Policy, and you will not be allowed to register to repeat that class until the first day of classes. We allow at most 1 repeat of any of the 3 courses needed to declare the major. Late withdrawals count as one attempt, except in cases of Hardship Withdrawals from the entire term.