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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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B. Program History

The Fitchburg State Computer Science Department was founded in 1975. The Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (CS) degree was the original program offered by the department. A major in Computer Information Systems (CIS) was introduced in 2001. Both CS and CIS programs have been accredited since 10/1/2008. In 2014, the game programming concentration for CS major was created. The cybersecurity concentration was introduced in 2017.

C. Options

The computer information systems program also offers a concentration in cybersecurity.

D. Program Delivery Modes

The primary delivery of instruction is by lectures. Two required courses, Local Area Networks and Data Communications, have laboratory facilities used in addition to lectures.

E. Program Locations

All core courses are taught on campus during the day. A small number of elective courses are also offered online (Cybersecurity Management, Introduction to Data Science, Data Exploration and Visualization).

F. Public Disclosure

The department web page (<https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/academics/academic-departments/computer-science-dept/>) contains our Program Education Objectives (PEOs) and Student Outcomes (SOs). Annual student enrollment and graduation data are accessible to the public through the Department of Institutional Research (<https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/offices-services-directory/institutional-research-and-planning/institutional-research/>).

G. Deficiencies, Weaknesses or Concerns from the Previous Evaluation and the Actions Taken to Address Them

Our last evaluation team identified one program deficiency, one program weakness, and one program concern:

1. **Program deficiency in Criterion 6 Faculty.** The information systems program criteria states that some full-time faculty, including those responsible for the IS curriculum development, hold a terminal degree in information systems. There are no faculty members who hold a terminal degree in information systems. One faculty member with terminal degree in mathematics and extensive business experience bears primary responsibility for the program. A faculty member who retired in 2011/2012 was to be replaced with a person holding a terminal degree in information systems, but that has not occurred. The program does not comply with the criterion.
 - a. The deficiency was initially addressed by the hiring of a full-time tenure-track CIS faculty. The new faculty member Dr. Ricky Sethi has a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of California (Riverside) and an M.S. in Physics/Business Information Systems from University of Southern California. However, ABET believed that the action to hire Dr. Sethi didn't resolve the deficiency as Dr. Sethi does not hold a terminal degree in information systems.
 - b. The deficiency was finally resolved with support from the Department of Business Administration and Dr. Audrey Pereira who holds a Ph.D. in Information Systems. Dr. Pereira serves as CIS faculty and teaches, at the minimum, two CIS capstone courses: CSC/BASD 3710 Systems Analysis and Design and CSC/BSAD 4700 Systems Design and Implementation. In addition, Dr. Pereira has served as a full voting member of the program's curriculum committee since spring 2016. Also, Dr. Michael Greenwood, is responsible for the courses offered in the Business Administration department that are required courses for the CIS majors.

2. **Program weakness in Criterion 3 Student Outcomes.** The Student Outcomes Criterion requires the program enable students to attain, by the time of graduation, an understanding of professional, ethical, legal, security, and social issues and responsibilities. Though the curriculum addresses this characteristic, coverage of these topics is minimal. As a consequence, the program lacks the necessary strength of compliance with this criterion.
 - a. This weakness was satisfied with the establishment of a required course entitled “Ethical Issues in Computer Science”.
 - b. The course, CSC 4102, was first offered during the Spring semester of 2015 and is offered every semester.
 - c. Further details can be found in in our Report to the ABET Final Statement (see Appendix G).

3. **Program concern in Criterion 6 Faculty.** This criterion requires that the faculty serving in the program be of sufficient number to maintain continuity, stability, oversight, student interaction, and advising. In addition to the regular teaching load of four undergraduate courses per semester, some faculty members teach as many as two additional graduate courses. Having faculty members teach an excessive number of courses in a single semester may potentially impact the ability of the faculty to maintain continuity, stability, oversight, student interaction, and advising.
 - a. Faculty members teaching more than one graduate course in a semester are required to apply the additional courses to their day load.
 - b. As indicated above, Dr. Ricky Sethi was hired as a full-time Assistant Professor during Fall, 2014. Dr. Sethi supports both the Computer Science and Computer Information Systems programs and a new faculty position has been approved for Fall 2019 to also support both programs.
 - c. Further details can be found in in our Report to the ABET Final Statement (see Appendix G).

GENERAL CRITERIA

CRITERION 1. STUDENTS

A. Student Admissions

Students can declare a major at admission before actually matriculating. Admitted students are automatically registered for courses based on the department recommendation. During summer academic advising sessions for admitted students, the department chair or a department faculty volunteer consults with incoming students, assists them, and makes necessary changes for the course registration.

Transfer students are advised on a continuing basis by the university advising center and the department if necessary.

A few freshmen are 'undeclared' and join our department later. Some students switch to Computer Information Systems from other majors.

All are self-selected, as are most of those who choose to leave.

B. Evaluating Student Performance

Student performance is measured using a variety of instruments depending on the course. Programming assignments, exams, quizzes and formal presentations and reports are all part of the process used to determine student performance. Student progress is monitored through courses passed and grades earned in those courses. Although we assess many courses to measure how each course is meeting program goals, we do not attempt to measure whether each student passing a course successfully meets all of the goals we have set for the course.

A campus-wide database (called 'Web4') tracks each student's progress through the program requirements. In particular, a Web-based tool DegreeWorks in Web4 allow the students to build their educational plan and monitor their academic progress toward degree completion. The DegreeWorks is also used during meetings with their assigned department advisors each semester. Students are required to meet with their advisors before they can register for the following term. This is enforced with a 'registration pin', unique to each student and each semester, which they need to register on-line, or by the advisor's signature on a paper registration form. Web4 enforces pre-requisites and will only allow students to register for a course if the prerequisite is met or in-progress. The instructor can waive a prerequisite when circumstances warrant it. Under special circumstances, only the department chair can waive program requirements.

C. Transfer Students and Transfer Courses

Fitchburg State has transfer agreements with institutions throughout the state of Massachusetts. A program called “MassTransfer” (www.mass.edu/masstransfer) is in place for students seeking to transfer academic credit among any of the Massachusetts community colleges, state universities and University of Massachusetts campuses. Through MassTransfer, a student who completed an associate degree is eligible to transfer up to 60 credits into a linked MassTransfer program at a Massachusetts state university or University of Massachusetts campus. Qualified students may also receive automatic satisfaction of most or all general education requirements, guaranteed transfer of credits, guaranteed admission, waiver of application fee, and a tuition discount. Students without an associate degree may still transfer their credits through “MassTransfer Block.” Qualified students may transfer a block of courses (34 credits) which satisfy general education, core, or distribution requirements between institutions. However, completing the MassTransfer Block does not guarantee admission. The maximum number of transfer credits that will be accepted by the University for any degree program is 75.

Additional agreements with specific institutions enable transfer students to automatically receive credit for some of our core and elective courses. Information on these additional agreements is also available through the MassTransfer web site. For example, CIS majors may receive credit for Introduction to Programming and economics courses taken at Bunker Hill Community College if they have opted for the Computer Information Systems concentration, taken the appropriate courses, and graduated with the associate degree.

Similarly, CS majors may receive credit for calculus, physics, CS 1 and CS 2 taken at Bunker Hill Community College if they have opted for the Computer Science concentration, taken the appropriate courses, and graduated with the associate degree.

More recently, Mount Wachusett Community College established a transfer track in their CIS program based on our CS and CIS program requirements. Students transferring into our program from this track are assured that their earned credits are optimized.

Students changing majors or transferring from institutions with which we have no transfer agreement are likely to graduate from the University with more than the minimum 120 credits. This may happen because some of the courses they transfer in do not directly map to our core. When no transfer agreement exists, course transfers are handled on a case-by-case basis. The department chair may review the transcript of a transfer student and assign credit for one or more of our courses based on the course syllabi and the grades earned by the student. In any circumstance, the student can still apply these courses as general (not CS-related) electives.

Students entering our program with AP credits in Computer Science may request skipping Computer Science 1.

D. Advising and Career Guidance

Each full-time faculty member is required to schedule three hours weekly to meet with students for both academic and course advising. During these meetings students can receive additional one-on-one instruction outside of the classroom.

Each student in the major is assigned an advisor from the department faculty. Each advisor has both Computer Science and Computer Information Systems majors as advisees. All of the faculty members are familiar with the graduation requirements for both majors. In addition, they use DegreeWorks in Web4 (a campus-wide academic database) for reports of graduation readiness. The University has instituted a new program called the Student Success Collaborative (SSC) that allows faculty to establish advising campaigns and track student progress. The department has prepared a 4-year plan of study and a checklist for each major to assist advisors in determining whether students are on track. Additional office hours are set aside for a three-week period before registration begins to assist the advisees with course selection for the coming semester. Continuing students are required to meet with their advisors during the advising period to plan classes for next and future semesters. They must obtain their “registration pin” from the advisor, which is needed for registering on-line. The registration pin is unique to each student, and it changes each semester.

Some career advising happens during these semi-yearly sessions, and some occurs in or after class. We bring alumni to campus to talk to students about the real world from time to time. Often the speaker will leave with several resumes. The university maintains a Career Services Center that presents workshops to help students prepare for employment.

First year students obtain class assignments from the advising center. The course assignments are based on departmental recommendations. Faculty are available to help students adjust their schedules during summer months.

E. Work in Lieu of Courses

Students entering Fitchburg State University with college-level training or experience can be tested on college course material to earn credit toward their degree. The Fitchburg State University examination program is especially valuable for individuals who have had learning experiences outside the college classroom (employment experience, life experience, independent study, etc.) which may come to bear upon their formal academic training. It is possible to gain up to 60 college credits through the program.

On the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), Fitchburg State University adheres to the standards established by the American Council on Education granting credit for tests on which a score of 50 has been achieved. This credit is awarded only to students enrolled in degree programs at Fitchburg State University.

In addition, the University has a Life Experience Credit Program (LECAP) to earn credit for courses based on their life experience. A student who takes this option is assigned a faculty member to evaluate a portfolio prepared by the student describing the work. The student pays full tuition for the credit-hours, and the faculty member assigns a grade based on the submitted portfolio.

F. Graduation Requirements

Requirements for the major in Computer Information Systems include the following courses: CSC

1000	Introduction to Programming
CSC 1400	Computer Information Systems
CSC/ MATH 1900	Discrete Mathematics
CSC 1500	Computer Science I
CSC 1550	Computer Science II
CSC 2400	Database Systems
CSC 2560	Systems Programming
CSC 2700	Business Programming
CSC 3400	Data Communications and Networking
CSC 3450	Local Area Networks
CSC 4102 Ethical	Issues in Computer Science
BSAD 2010	Introduction to Financial Reporting
BSAD 2020	Introduction to Managerial Accounting
BSAD 3200	Principles of Management
BSAD 3400	Basic Finance
CSC 3710	Systems Analysis Methods
CSC 4700	Systems Design & Implementation
ECON 1100	Macroeconomics
ECON 1200	Microeconomics
MATH 1250	Introduction to Functions (if needed)
MATH 1800	Business Statistics
MATH 2200	Calculus for Business
SPCH 1000	Introduction to Speech Communication
	Three additional CS electives at or above 3000 level

In addition, there are university-wide Liberal Arts and Science (LA&S) requirements which apply to all majors. Some of those requirements are automatically met by the CIS requirements; for example, the computer literacy and mathematics requirements are met and exceeded by the CIS degree requirements.

Students and their advisors can use the online Degreeworks software to obtain a report that lists which requirements have been met and which remain. The registrar uses the same system to check the transcripts of students who have filed a graduation form indicating their intention to graduate at the end of the semester.

The department provides a Four-year Study Plan (see Appendix E) for the program which ensures a timely completion of degree requirements (120 credits). However, many students graduate with more than 120 credits for a number of reasons such as: additional major/minor, switching majors, personal interest in other areas (including from within our department), and transfer credits that do not fit the overall curriculum.

G. Transcripts of Recent Graduates

Transcripts are chronological for each semester. The student's major and concentration are stated. Each transcript provides the total credits earned from Fitchburg State University, credits transferred, and GPA based on the credits earned from the university.

CRITERION 2. PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

A. Mission Statement - Fitchburg State University is committed to excellence in teaching and learning and blends liberal arts and sciences and professional programs within a small college environment. Our comprehensive public university prepares students to lead, serve, and succeed by fostering lifelong learning and civic and global responsibility. A Fitchburg State education extends beyond our classrooms to include residential, professional, and co-curricular opportunities. As a community resource, we provide leadership and support for the economic, environmental, social, and cultural needs of North Central Massachusetts and the Commonwealth.

B. Program Educational Objectives

- CISPEO-1 Apply what they have learned about the basic components of computer information systems including hardware, software, databases, data communications, and networking.
- CISPEO-2 Apply what they have learned about the relationships between computer information systems and the organizational functions they support.
- CISPEO-3 Apply the skills they have learned to design, implement and document information systems solutions to practical problems.
- CISPEO-4 Apply what they have learned about the legal and ethical issues involved in the applications of computer information systems.
- CISPEO-5 Apply communication skills including oral and written presentations.
- CISPEO-6 Collaborate in group-projects.
- CISPEO-7 Continue learning after graduation.

C. Consistency of the Program Educational Objectives with the Mission of the Institution

Program Educational Objectives	Mission Alignment Strength (0-2)
CISPEO-1 Apply what they have learned about the basic components of computer information systems including hardware, software, databases, data communications, and networking.	1
CISPEO-2 Apply what they have learned about the relationships between computer information systems and the organizational functions they support.	1
CISPEO-3 Apply the skills they have learned to design, implement and document information systems solutions to practical problems.	1
CISPEO-4 Apply what they have learned about the legal and ethical issues involved in the applications of computer information systems.	2
CISPEO-5 Apply communication skills including oral and written presentations.	1
CISPEO-6 Collaborate in group-projects.	1
CISPEO-7 Continue learning after graduation.	2

D. Program Constituencies

Program constituencies include ...

1. the students in the program, who hope to be prepared with the knowledge and skills for satisfying careers;
2. the students' potential customers and employers, both here in North-Central Massachusetts, and throughout the world, who expect effective workers and prospective leaders;
3. the students' families, who are often making a big investment;
4. the faculty, whose interactions with the students as they grow and learn can be extremely rewarding;
5. the administration and staff, whose primary goal is to assist the students and faculty in the logistics of running the institution.

Program Educational Objectives	Alignment Strength (0-2)				
	Students	Employers	Family	Faculty	Staff
CISPEO-1 Apply what they have learned about the basic components of computer information systems including hardware, software, databases, data communications, and networking.	2	2	1	2	1
CISPEO-2 Apply what they have learned about the relationships between computer information systems and the organizational functions they support.	2	2	1	2	1
CISPEO-3 Apply the skills they have learned to design, implement and document information systems solutions to practical problems.	2	2	2	2	1
CISPEO-4 Apply what they have learned about the legal and ethical issues involved in the applications of computer information systems.	2	2	1	2	1
CISPEO-5 Apply communication skills including oral and written presentations.	2	2	1	2	1
CISPEO-6 Collaborate in group-projects.	2	2	1	2	1
CISPEO-7 Continue learning after graduation.	2	2	1	2	1

E. Process for Review of the Program Educational Objectives

The Program Educational Objectives are reviewed and revised in department faculty meetings. For example, we added a CIS life-long learning objective during the October 2 and 9 meetings in Fall 2012. Our discussion was inspired by our Industrial Advisory Board and our University mission statement. ABET student outcomes clearly state the need for CIS professionals to continue to stay current as the field evolves.

CRITERION 3. STUDENT OUTCOMES

A. Student Outcomes

The student outcomes CISSO-1 through CISSO-7 are listed in the table below. CISSO-1 through CISSO-6 are defined in Criterion 3 of ABET Criteria Version 2.0. CISSO-7 and CISSO-8 are additional outcomes for the Computer Information Systems program.

	Program Student Outcomes
CISSO-1	Analyze a complex computing problem and to apply principles of computing and other relevant disciplines to identify solutions.
CISSO-2	Design, implement, and evaluate a computing-based solution to meet a given set of computing requirements in the context of the program's discipline.
CISSO-3	Communicate effectively in a variety of professional contexts.
CISSO-4	Recognize professional responsibilities and make informed judgments in computing practice based on legal and ethical principles.
CISSO-5	Function effectively as a member or leader of a team engaged in activities appropriate to the program's discipline.
CISSO-6	Support the delivery, use, and management of information systems within an information systems environment. [IS]
CISSO-7	Demonstrate the ability to learn after leaving the university.
CISSO-8	Demonstrate proficiency in data communications and networking.

B. Relationship of Student Outcomes to Program Educational Objectives

The table below shows the relationship of Student Outcomes (CISSOs) to the Program Educational Objectives (PEO).

Program Student Outcomes	PEO Alignment Strength (0-2)						
	PEO	PEO	PEO	PEO	PEO	PEO	PEO
CISSO-1 - Analyze a complex computing problem and to apply principles of computing and other relevant disciplines to identify solutions.	2	2	1	1	0	0	1
CISSO-2 - Design, implement, and evaluate a computing-based solution to meet a given set of computing requirements in the context of the program's discipline.	1	1	2	1	2	2	1
CISSO-3 - Communicate effectively in a variety of professional contexts.	1	1	2	0	2	2	1
CISSO-4 - Recognize professional responsibilities and make informed judgments in computing practice based on legal and ethical principles.	0	1	1	2	0	1	1
CISSO-5 - Function effectively as a member or leader of a team engaged in activities appropriate to the program's discipline.	0	2	2	0	1	2	1
CISSO-6 - Support the delivery, use, and management of information systems within an information systems environment. [IS]	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
CISSO-7 - Demonstrate the ability to learn after leaving the university.	1	2	2	1	1	1	2
CISSO-8 - Demonstrate proficiency in data communications and networking.	2	0	2	1	0	0	1

C. Publication of Student Outcomes

The department documents our assessment intentions in a multi-sheet spreadsheet. We keep current and historical versions in a shared folder on the web, accessible to the entire department faculty, and essentially no one else. Program educational objective and stated student outcomes are publicly available from the department web site (<https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/uploads/files/ComputerScienceDept/CIS-Program-Educational-Objectives-2015.pdf>). These are statements that describe what students are expected to know and/or be able to do by the time of graduation. If students have achieved these outcomes, it is anticipated that they will be able to achieve the educational objectives after graduation.

CRITERION 4. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

A. Student Outcomes

Eleven key courses were used for assessment purposes. Instructors for the 11 key courses gather assessment data every other year according to the schedule shown below. This schedule provides a complete program assessment every two years based on 82 course objectives. Thus, since fall of 2015 we have completed two assessment cycles. For both cycles (Fall 2015 through Spring 2017 & Fall 2017 through Spring 2019) assessments were obtained for 9 of 11 key courses. For the two courses taught by the business department by various instructors (B2010 and B2020) we have objectives but no assessment data was provided. For the remaining courses, assessment tools align with course objectives and the number of objectives varies from 5 to 10 depending on the course. Student performance related to each objective is assessed by various tools embedded within each key course. The tools used to assess student learning of any given course objective may consist of quizzes (Q), exams (E), tests (T), homework (H), assignments (A), final exam questions (F), projects (P), lab exercises (L), group work (GW), mock consulting assignment (MC), final presentations (FP) or a combination of these. Student grades on each tool associated with each objective for each of the key courses are used to compute a score for each objective. A percentile rank of students (generally 80%) scoring above a particular threshold score (generally 70%) is used to identify areas requiring improvement. It is important to note that our class sizes are often small (24 maximum; many classes have enrollments less than 18). Smaller classes may have difficulty meeting the 80 percentile criteria for every course objective especially in classes below the 3000-level where students may still be unsure about continuing with the Computer Information Systems major.

Assessment occurs over a two-year cycle. During this period 11 key courses contribute to the assessment. Two of these courses are offered in the Business Administration department. The key courses used for assessment are:

- BSAD 2010 Intro to Financial Reporting
- BSAD 2020 Intro to Managerial Accounting
- CSC 1400 Computer Information Systems
- CSC 1900 Discrete Math
- CSC 2560 Systems Programming
- CSC 2700 Business Programming
- CSC 3400 Data Communications and Networking
- CSC 3450 Local Area Networks
- CSC 3710 Systems Analysis Methods
- CSC 4102 Ethical Issues in Computer Science
- CSC 4700 Systems Design and Implementation

These 11 courses cover all of our student outcomes as shown in the table below. Most items are assessed in more than one course.

Table mapping key courses to student outcomes.											
CIS Student Outcomes	C1400	C2560	C2700	C3400	C3450	B2010	B2020	C3710	C4700	C1900	C4102
CISSO-1	X	X	X							X	
CISSO-2								X	X		
CISSO-3									X		
CISSO-4											X
CISSO-5								X	X		
CISSO-6						X	X		X		
CISSO-7								X	X		
CISSO-8				X	X						

The schedule of course assessments is shown in the table below.

CIS Outcomes	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall
CISSO-1		C1400 C2560	C1900 C2700				C2700 C1900 C1400	C2560 C1400		
CISSO-2				C3710	C4700	C3710	C4700			
CISSO-3					C4700		C4700			
CISSO-4			C4102				C4102			
CISSO-5				C3710	C4700	C3710	C4700			
CISSO-6				B2010	B2020			B2010	B2020	
CISSO-7				C3710	C4700	C3710	C4700			
CISSO-8			C3450	C3400			C3450	C3400		

Assessment Data Tables (Fall, 2015 to Spring, 2019)

Cycle 1: Fall, 2015 through Spring, 2017

Course Objective	Term	Course	Tool	Target Percent	Actual Percent	Action to be taken
IS in business, business fundamentals and information technology fundamentals	Fall1	C1400	H1, T1	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Computer hardware and software	Fall1	C1400	H3;T2;P1	80% should score \geq 70	93%	
Networks and data communications	Fall1	C1400	H3;T1, 2	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Data management	Fall1	C1400	H7;F	80% should score \geq 70	60%	Students did not have spreadsheet skills that were assumed. Review spreadsheets in future instances.
Personal productivity and problem solving and group collaboration in a business environment	Fall1	C1400	H6,7,9;F	80% should score \geq 70	60%	
Business operations and management decision making	Fall1	C1400	H6;F	80% should score \geq 70	60%	
Electronic commerce	Fall1	C1400	H4;T2	80% should score \geq 70	80%	
IS development and managing information systems and technology	Fall1	C1400	H2,9;T1:F	80% should score \geq 70	73%	
Describe the systems development life cycle and specific life cycle models	Fall2	C3710	E1	80% should score \geq 70	100%	Some groups did not seem to get along.
Describe systems analysis and the role of the systems anal	Fall2	C3710	E1	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Describe how information systems projects are proposed and initiated	Fall2	C3710	E1;P2	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Dev basic systems doc incl proj charters, sys proposals, req questionnaires, prototypes, event rsp	Fall2	C3710	P1-4;E1	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Analyze, model, and specify a system's process and data requirements	Fall2	C3710	P3;E2	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Compare and contrast structured and object oriented development	Fall2	C3710	E1	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Discuss emerging trends and issues in systems analysis	Fall2	C3710	A	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Work cooperatively in a group to integrate the concepts learned	Fall2	C3710	GW	80% should score \geq 70	67%	
Construct and present effective oral and written forms of professional communications	Fall2	C3710	FP	80% should score \geq 70	92%	
Structured programming techniques	Spring1	C2700	Q1	70% should score \geq 70	65%	

Course Objective	Term	Course	Tool	Target Percent	Actual Percent	Action to be taken
Data, record and file design	Spring1	C2700	Q1	70% should score \geq 70	65%	instruments show students performed poorly, in the end, most students did well. Do classroom review before quizzes.
Sorting and merging of files	Spring1	C2700	Q3	70% should score \geq 70	41%	
Table handling	Spring1	C2700	Q3	70% should score \geq 70	41%	
Variable length records	Spring1	C2700	Q3	70% should score \geq 70	41%	
Sequential access methods	Spring1	C2700	Q2	70% should score \geq 70	45%	
File creation, update and report	Spring1	C2700	Q2	70% should score \geq 70	45%	
Use tools and describe steps required to design and impl good business sys	Spring2	C4700	P2,3	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Analyze good versus bad output and input designs	Spring2	C4700	E1;P2,3;MC1,2	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Describe general guidelines for designing websites and mobile apps, incl DBs	Spring2	C4700	E2;P4;MC3	80% should score \geq 70	90%	
Eval diff impl optns and desc appr for dev of impl plans, incl test, train, roll-out, sec & priv, and dis recov	Spring2	C4700	E2;P4;MC5	80% should score \geq 70	90%	
Discuss emerging trends and issues in systems design and implementation	Spring2	C4700	A	80% should score \geq 70	90%	
Work cooperatively in a group to integrate the concepts learned	Spring2	C4700	GW	80% should score \geq 70	70%	
Construct and present effective oral and written forms of professional communications	Spring2	C4700	FP	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Structured programming with C	Fall1	C2560	P1;T1	80% should score \geq 70	84%	
Dynamic arrays and linked lists	Fall1	C2560	P3;T2;F	80% should score \geq 70	91%	
Trees and pointer arithmetic	Fall1	C2560	P2;T2;F	80% should score \geq 70	82%	
Pass by value versus pass by reference	Fall1	C2560	P2;T3;F	80% should score \geq 70	93%	
File manipulation and IO methods	Fall1	C2560	P4	80% should score \geq 70	78%	
Problem Analysis and Design	Fall1	C2560	P2-4;F	80% should score \geq 70	90%	
UNIX systems and programming	Fall1	C2560	T4	80% should score \geq 70	79%	
The role of ethics in financial reporting		B2010		80% should score \geq 70		Course objectives provided but assessment not
Record transactions using debits & credits		B2010		80% should score \geq 70		

Course Objective	Term	Course	Tool	Target Percent	Actual Percent	Action to be taken
Revenue recognition & matching principle		B2010		80% should score ≥ 70		available from BSAD department.
Distinguish inventory costing methods		B2010		80% should score ≥ 70		
Bank reconciliation as an internal control		B2010		80% should score ≥ 70		
To perform valuation of accounts		B2010		80% should score ≥ 70		
High level network concepts	Fall2	C3400	Q1;H5	70% should score ≥ 70	86%	
Describe how agents on a network communicate	Fall2	C3400	H1,5;Q1,2,T1	70% should score ≥ 70	71%	
Understand how physical media is used	Fall2	C3400	H2,3,4;Q2;T	70% should score ≥ 70	43%	Emphasize in future instances.
Understand the following about Local Area Networks	Fall2	C3400	H6,;P2;T	70% should score ≥ 70	86%	
Understand the following about Wide Area Networks	Fall2	C3400	H7;T	70% should score ≥ 70	100%	
Be familiar with TCP/IP - the internet protocol	Fall2	C3400	Q;H8;FP	70% should score ≥ 70	86%	
Be familiar with these applications from the Internet Application Layer	Fall2	C3400	Q;H9,10;FP	70% should score ≥ 70	71%	
Understand the following about Network Security	Fall2	C3400	P2,3;FP	70% should score ≥ 70	100%	
Be familiar with the following concepts of Network Management	Fall2	C3400	P2,3;FP	70% should score ≥ 70	100%	
Understand and describe the following Wireless Networks	Fall2	C3400	H5,11,Q;FP	70% should score ≥ 70	86%	
Boolean expressions and Truth tables	Spring1	C1900	T1;F	80% should score ≥ 70	89%	
Proof techniques	Spring1	C1900	T2;F	80% should score ≥ 70	86%	
Boolean techniques in digital electronics	Spring1	C1900	T3;F	80% should score ≥ 70	86%	
Basic Set theory	Spring1	C1900	T4;F	80% should score ≥ 70	98%	
Basic Number theory	Spring1	C1900	T5;F	80% should score ≥ 70	90%	
Basic counting principles	Spring1	C1900	T6;F	80% should score ≥ 70	98%	
Graphs and trees	Spring1	C1900	T7;F	80% should score ≥ 70	99%	
Basic Computational theory	Spring1	C1900	T8;F	80% should score ≥ 70	100%	
To recognize the role of ethics in accounting	x	B2020		80% should score ≥ 70		Course objectives provided but assessment not available from BSAD department.
To differentiate between job order cost systems and process cost systems	x	B2020		80% should score ≥ 70		

Course Objective	Term	Course	Tool	Target Percent	Actual Percent	Action to be taken
To understand the relationship between cost behavior and cost volume profit	x	B2020		80% should score \geq 70		
To perform contribution margin analysis and prepare static and flexible budgets	x	B2020		80% should score \geq 70		
To recognize relationships in standard costs and variances	x	B2020		80% should score \geq 70		
To understand the relationships between costing methods and product pricing	x	B2020		80% should score \geq 70		
To perform capital investment valuation analysis	x	B2020		80% should score \geq 70		
Identify ethical issues in Computer Science	Spring1	C4102	A1, T1	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Recognize and evaluate ethical choices in a modern computerized world.	Spring1	C4102	A2, T2	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Professional and ethical responsibilities defined in the ACM Professional Code of Ethics	Spring1	C4102	A3, T3	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Intellectual property rights, privacy and civil liberties, cyber-security, social and ethical implications of new technologies.	Spring1	C4102	A4, T4	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Improve presentation skills	Spring1	C4102	A5, T5	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Server Installation	Spring1	C3450	L1;P1: F	80% should score \geq 70	75%	
Server Configuration and Backup	Spring1	C3450	L2;P1: F	80% should score \geq 70	75%	
Accounts and Client Connectivity	Spring1	C3450	L3;P1: F	80% should score \geq 70	75%	
Security	Spring1	C3450	L4;P2: F	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
File Systems and Disk Quotas	Spring1	C3450	L5;P2: F	80% should score \geq 70	83%	
LAN Configuration and Protocols	Spring1	C3450	L6;P2: F	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Server Monitoring and Optimization	Spring1	C3450	L7;P2: F	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Network Planning and Monitoring	Spring1	C3450	L8;F	80% should score \geq 70	75%	

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Course Objective	Term	Course	Tool	Target Percent	Actual Percent	Action to be taken
IS in business, and IT fundamentals	Fall2	C1400	Q1, F	80% should score ≥ 70	85%	
Computer hardware and software	Fall2	C1400	Q1, F	80% should score ≥ 70	85%	
Networks and data communications	Fall2	C1400	Q2, F	80% should score ≥ 70	80%	
Data management	Fall2	C1400	Q2, F	80% should score ≥ 70	80%	
Productivity, problem solving, group collaboration	Fall2	C1400	Q3, F	80% should score ≥ 70	75%	
Business operations and management decision making	Fall2	C1400	Q3, F	80% should score ≥ 70	75%	
Electronic commerce	Fall2	C1400	Q4, F	80% should score ≥ 70	85%	
IS development and management	Fall2	C1400	Q4, F	80% should score ≥ 70	85%	
Systems development life cycle and specific models	Fall1	C3710	E1	80% should score ≥ 70	100%	
Describe systems analysis and its role	Fall1	C3710	E1	80% should score ≥ 70	100%	
Describe how information systems projects are proposed and initiated	Fall1	C3710	E1;P2	80% should score ≥ 70	100%	
Systems doc incl proj charters, sys proposals, req questionnaires, prototypes, event rsp tables, and context level diagrams	Fall1	C3710	P1-4;E1	80% should score ≥ 70	100%	
Analyze, model, and specify a system's process and data requirements	Fall1	C3710	P3;E2	80% should score ≥ 70	100%	
Compare and contrast structured and object oriented development	Fall1	C3710	E1	80% should score ≥ 70	100%	
Discuss emerging trends and issues in systems analysis	Fall1	C3710	A	80% should score ≥ 70	100%	
Work cooperatively in a group to integrate the concepts learned	Fall1	C3710	GW	80% should score ≥ 70	100%	
Construct and present effective oral and written forms of professional communications	Fall1	C3710	FP	80% should score ≥ 70	100%	
Structured programming techniques	Spring1	C2700	Q1	70% should score ≥ 70	56%	Scores not meeting target were based on Q1. Other scores improved over previous cycle by reviewing material before a quiz.
Data, record and file design	Spring1	C2700	Q1	70% should score ≥ 70	56%	
Sorting and merging of files	Spring1	C2700	Q3	70% should score ≥ 70	69%	
Table handling	Spring1	C2700	Q3	70% should score ≥ 70	69%	

Course Objective	Term	Course	Tool	Target Percent	Actual Percent	Action to be taken
Variable length records	Spring1	C2700	Q3	70% should score \geq 70	69%	Continue this strategy.
Sequential access methods	Spring1	C2700	Q2	70% should score \geq 70	75%	
File creation, update and report	Spring1	C2700	Q2	70% should score \geq 70	75%	
Use tools and describe steps required to design and impl good business sys	Spring1	C4700	P2,3	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Analyze good versus bad output and input designs	Spring1	C4700	E1;P2,3 ;MC1,2	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Describe general guidelines for designing websites and mobile apps, incl DBs	Spring1	C4700	E2;P4; MC3	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Eval diff impl optns and desc appr for dev of impl plans, incl test, train, roll-out, sec & priv, and dis recov	Spring1	C4700	E2;P4; MC5	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Discuss emerging trends and issues in systems design and implementation	Spring1	C4700	A	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Work cooperatively in a group to integrate the concepts learned	Spring1	C4700	GW	80% should score \geq 70	92%	
Construct and present effective oral and written forms of professional communications	Spring1	C4700	FP	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Structured programming with C	Fall2	C2560	A1, T1	80% should score \geq 70	84%	
Dynamic arrays and linked lists	Fall2	C2560	A3, T2, F	80% should score \geq 70	93%	
Trees and pointer arithmetic	Fall2	C2560	A2, T2, F	80% should score \geq 70	78%	
Pass by value versus pass by reference	Fall2	C2560	A2 T3 F	80% should score \geq 70	76%	
File manipulation and IO methods	Fall2	C2560	A4	80% should score \geq 70	89%	
Problem Analysis and Design	Fall2	C2560	A2, A3, A4 F	80% should score \geq 70	87%	
UNIX systems and programming	Fall2	C2560	T4	80% should score \geq 70	85%	
To understand the role of ethics in financial reporting	Fall2	B2010		80% should score \geq 70		
To be able to record business transactions using debits amd credits	Fall2	B2010		80% should score \geq 70		
To under GAAP - revenue recognition and the matching principle	Fall2	B2010		80% should score \geq 70		
To distinguish between inventory costing methods	Fall2	B2010		80% should score \geq 70		

Course Objective	Term	Course	Tool	Target Percent	Actual Percent	Action to be taken
To be able to perform bank reconciliation as an internal control function	Fall2	B2010		80% should score ≥ 70		
To perform valuation of accounts	Fall2	B2010		80% should score ≥ 70		
Understand and describe high level network concepts	Fall2	C3400	H2, H3, Q1, Q2, Q3	70% should score ≥ 70	50%	Several students were not present for Q1 or submit H3. Several non-majors were enrolled for the class and consequently may not have had some of the prerequisite computational / mathematical skills. Non-majors may have skewed the assessment results.
Describe how agents on a network communicate	Fall2	C3400	H6, H8, H9, H10, Q7, Q8	70% should score ≥ 70	71%	
Understand how physical media is used	Fall2	C3400	H4, H5, H6, H7, H8, Q4, Q5, Q6, Q7, Q8	70% should score ≥ 70	72%	
Understand the Local Area Networks	Fall2	C3400	H6, H7, H12, H13, Q7, Q8, Q12	70% should score ≥ 70	78%	
Understand Wide Area Networks	Fall2	C3400	H13, H15, Q9, Q13, P4	70% should score ≥ 70	88%	
Be familiar with TCP/IP - the internet protocol	Fall2	C3400	H13, H15, Q9, Q13, P4, P6	70% should score ≥ 70	88%	
Be familiar with applications from the Internet Application Layer	Fall2	C3400	H2, H3, H10, H14, Q11	70% should score ≥ 70	67%	
Understand the Network Security	Fall2	C3400	H16, P6	70% should score ≥ 70	89%	
Be familiar with concepts of Network Management	Fall2	C3400	P2, P3	70% should score ≥ 70	61%	
Understand and describe Wireless Networks	Fall2	C3400	H5, H7, H12, Q8	70% should score ≥ 70	72%	
Boolean expressions and Truth tables	Spring1	C1900	T1;F	80% should score ≥ 70	91%	
Proof techniques	Spring1	C1900	T2;F	80% should score ≥ 70	87%	
Boolean techniques in digital electronics	Spring1	C1900	T3;F	80% should score ≥ 70	86%	
Basic Set theory	Spring1	C1900	T4;F	80% should score ≥ 70	93%	
Basic Number theory	Spring1	C1900	T5;F	80% should score ≥ 70	91%	

Course Objective	Term	Course	Tool	Target Percent	Actual Percent	Action to be taken
Basic counting principles	Spring1	C1900	T6;F	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Graphs and trees	Spring1	C1900	T7;F	80% should score \geq 70	99%	
Basic Computational theory	Spring1	C1900	T8;F	80% should score \geq 70	95%	
To recognize the role of ethics in accounting	Spring 2	B2020		80% should score \geq 70		
To differentiate between job order cost systems and process cost systems	Spring 2	B2020		80% should score \geq 70		
To understand the relationship between cost behavior and cost volume profit	Spring 2	B2020		80% should score \geq 70		
To perform contribution margin analysis and prepare static and flexible budgets	Spring 2	B2020		80% should score \geq 70		
To recognize relationships in standard costs and variances	Spring 2	B2020		80% should score \geq 70		
To understand the relationships between costing methods and product pricing	Spring 2	B2020		80% should score \geq 70		
To perform capital investment valuation analysis	Spring 2	B2020		80% should score \geq 70		
Identify ethical issues in Computer Science	Spring1	C4102	A1, T1	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Recognize and evaluate ethical choices in a modern computerized world.	Spring1	C4102	A2, T2	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Professional and ethical responsibilities defined in the ACM Professional Code of Ethics	Spring1	C4102	A3, T3	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Intellectual property rights, privacy and civil liberties, cyber-security, social and ethical implications of new technologies.	Spring1	C4102	A4, T4	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Improve presentation skills	Spring1	C4102	A5, T5	80% should score \geq 70	100%	
Server Installation	Spring1	C3450	A1, L1, L2, L3, L4, L5	80% should score \geq 70	78%	
Server Configuration and Backup	Spring1	C3450	A1, L1, L2, L3, L4, L5	80% should score \geq 70	78%	
Accounts and Client Connectivity	Spring1	C3450	A3, A4, A5, L6, E1, E2	80% should score \geq 70	78%	
Security	Spring1	C3450	A6, A7, L4, L7, E2, F	80% should score \geq 70	96%	

Course Objective	Term	Course	Tool	Target Percent	Actual Percent	Action to be taken
File Systems and Disk Quotas	Spring1	C3450	A6, A7, L7, L8, F	80% should score ≥ 70	78%	
LAN Configuration and Protocols	Spring1	C3450	A3, A4, A5, E1, F	80% should score ≥ 70	83%	
Server Monitoring and Optimization	Spring1	C3450	A3, A4, L6, F	80% should score ≥ 70	91%	
Network Planning and Monitoring	Spring1	C3450	A8, L6, F	80% should score ≥ 70	91%	

B. Continuous Improvement

Since our last interim report, we have continued our program-wide embedded assessment model. The assessment tools and targets are set by the individual instructors based on course objectives, course level, course complexity and previous assessment results.

Each course outline listed in the “Course Syllabi” section (Appendix A) contains a table showing how each course objective aligns with program student outcomes. The student outcomes are mapped to program educational objectives as given in the table under Criterion 3 section B.

For assessing courses for the CIS program, we use a percentile above a threshold grade. This measure tells us the proportion of students meeting the threshold criteria and gives an indication of how well the student population performs with respect to each course objective (currently 80% or 70% depending on course). Courses in the Business Administration Department are assessed differently according to their department policy.

During the first assessment cycle (Fall 2015 through Spring 2017), we had 82 course objectives of which 69 were assessed. Assessment data for the remaining 13 was not provided for the two Business Administration courses. Of the 69 objectives assessed, 20 (29%) did not meet target percentiles. However, 10 of the 20 were within 10% of meeting criteria. The remaining 10 objectives were associated with 4 courses: C1400(3/8), C3710 (1/9), C2700 (5/7) and C3400 (1/10). In C3710, the flagged issue was associated with some teams not getting along. Such issues arise from time-to-time and are considered to be normal when students are asked to organize themselves in teams. The flagged issue in C3400 associated with physical media resulted in additional emphasis on this topic in future instances. The three issues in C1400 were associated with the lack of assumed spreadsheet skills which were required to successfully complete the assessment instruments. Future instances will include a review of the required spreadsheet knowledge. The difficulties flagged in C2700 are extensive. The assessment instruments used were quizzes only and we feel do not sufficiently reflect the actual student learning. Using additional types of instruments (e.g. projects or other assignments) for this content may provide a more realistic assessment of the objectives.

During the second assessment cycle (Fall 2017 through Spring 2019), 82 course objectives of which 69 course objectives were assessed. Assessment data for the remaining 13 was not provided for the two Business Administration courses. Of the 69 objectives assessed, 16 (23%) did not meet target percentiles. However, 13 issues were within 10% of meeting criteria. The remaining 3 were associated with two courses: C2700 (2/7) and C3400 (1/10). C2700 improved over the previous cycle. Intervention from cycle 1 resulted in improvements. The only issues remaining in CSC2700 were topics associated assessed by Quiz 1. Since additional review before quizzes resulted in assessment improvements when compared with the first cycle, the instructor will continue with this strategy in future instances of C2700. C3400 had a single objective that did not meet criteria. Several factors changed between cycles. For example, many students in C3400 did not take quiz 1 or submit homework 3 in the second cycle. With this particular group it may have been helpful to emphasize the importance of completing assignments on time and coming to class. In addition, a small number of non-majors take this class which can also lead to skewed results.

Our assessment methods continue to be a work in progress. With each cycle, we learn more about how to fairly assess student learning and make changes to improve our program. The goal of course assessment is to take effective action to improve learning when student performance related to a course objective does not meet the criteria we establish. We believe we are improving in this regard.

The factors associated with student performance measured by any particular tool are numerous and can be viewed from multiple perspectives. In every course offering, faculty measure student performance throughout the semester using a variety of tools to determine the grade assigned to each student. Our embedded assessment methodology uses student performance on some of these tools to also attempt a determination of the percentage of students that demonstrate understanding/competence for each course objective. These tools, however, often serve a tertiary purpose: they provide student feedback throughout the semester to motivate further learning. This means that students may not actually gain understanding of a particular course objective until after they have failed an assignment used as an assessment tool.

We continue to work toward making our assessment tools a genuine reflection of student learning so we may have a fair assessment of our program. This work may include changing assessment tools, time of execution, weights given to individual tools or assessment criteria (threshold grade, target percentile or both). In addition, we may revise course objectives or the way content is delivered, and we may modify student exercises to emphasize particular course objectives.

There are many other aspects out of our control. In particular, student preparedness in mathematics and computer application skills (particularly spreadsheet usage) seems to vary greatly. Although we would like to see every student choosing to major in computer information systems complete the program, some students move to other majors (Business Administration, for example) because they do not have the prerequisite interest/skill necessary for success. These students are included in the assessment data for some courses.

In conclusion, we believe our assessment procedures and data demonstrate our commitment to maintaining the quality of our program. Data obtained during the first assessment cycle resulted in modifications to our teaching methods. Three of the four courses flagged for action during the first cycle showed improvement during the second cycle. Our review of this most recent data has resulted in a number of actions aimed at improving student learning in our program. Despite our best efforts to provide consistency in course delivery, we see variability in our assessment results between cycles. This variability may reflect differences between student cohorts. We will continue to adjust our teaching methods and/or assessment tools working toward consistency in our assessment data and improving student learning. This includes evaluating online tools for assessment.

C. Additional Information

Assessment instrument examples will be available at the time of the site visit.

CRITERION 5. CURRICULUM

Table 5-1 Curriculum - BS Computer Information Systems

Course	Required, Elective or a Selected Elective by an R, an E or an SE. ¹	Subject Area (Credit Hours)				Last Two Offerings	Section Enrollment: Student # (sections)
		Math & Sciences ²	Computing Topics Fundamental Advanced	General Education	Other		
Fall Freshman Year							
CSC 1400 Comp. Info. Systems	R		3F			F18, F17	20(1), 23(1)
MATH 1250 Functions (if needed; prerequisite)	R	3				S19, F18	92(3), 8(4)
Arts/Music LA&S elective (ARTS)	SE			3			
ENGL 1100 Writing I	R			3		S19, F18	77(4), ?
EXSS 1000 LA&S elective (SMT)	R			3		S19, F18	311(12), ?
Spring Freshman Year							
CSC 1000 Intro to Program. (SMT)	R		3F			S19, F18	21(1), 17(1)
CSC/MATH 1900 Discrete Math (SMT)	R	3				S19, F18	43(2), ?
ECON 1100 Macroeconomics (program requirement)	R	3				S19, F18	50(2), ?
History LA&S elective (CTW)	SE			3			
ENGL 1200 Writing II	R			3		S19, F18	626(26), ?
Fall Sophomore Year							
BSAD 2010 Intro Financial Reporting (program requirement)	R				3	S19, F18	47(2), 75(3)
ECON 1200 Microeconomics (program requirement)	R				3	S19, F18	79 (3), ?
MATH 1800 Business Statistics	R	3				S19, F18	55(3), ?
CSC 1500 Computer Science I	R		3F			S19, F18	70(4), 80 (5)
Literature LA&S elective (ARTS)	SE			3			

Spring Sophomore Year							
	R				3	S19, F18	37 (3), 67 (3)
BSAD 2020 Managerial Accounting (program requirement)							
SPCH 1000 Speech (ARTS) (program requirement)	R			3		S19, F18	90(4), ?
MATH 2200 Business Calculus	R	3				S19, F18	50 (2), ?
CSC 1550 Computer Science II	R		3F			S19, F18	65(4), 36(2)
Behavior LA&S elective (CTW)	R			3			
Fall Junior Year							
BSAD 3200 Prin. of Management (program requirement)	R				3	S19, F18	89 (3), 97 (3)
CSC 2560 Systems Programming	R		3F			S19, F18	22(1), 37(2)
CSC 2400 Database Systems	R		3F			F18, F17	20(1), 16(1)
CSC 3400 Data Communications	R		3A			F18, F17	19(1), 19(1)
LA&S elective (ARTS)	SE			3			
Spring Junior Year							
CSC 2700 Business Programming	R		3F			S19, S18	20(1), 16(1)
CSC 3450 Local Area Networks	R		3A			S19, S18	23(1), 21(1)
BSAD 3400 Basic Finance (program requirement)	R				3	S19, F18	70 (3), 52 (2)
LA&S Option (AB or C)	SE			3			
LA&S elective (CTW)	SE			3			
Fall Senior Year							
CSC 3710 Systems Analysis Methods	R		3A			F18, F17	19(1), 10(1)
CSC 3XXX (Required CSC Elective)	SE		3A				
CSC 3XXX (Required CSC Elective)	SE		3A				
Lab Science (SMT)	SE	3					
LA&S Option (AB or C)				3			
Spring Senior Year							
CSC 4700 Systems Design	R		3A			S19, S18	17(1), 11(1)
CSC 3XXX (Required CSC Elective)	SE		3A				
CSC 4102 Ethical Issues in CS	R		1F			F18, F17	25(1), 8(1)

LA&S Option (AB or C)	SE			3			
LA&S Option (AB or C)	SE			3			
Free Elective	E				2		
TOTALS-ABET BASIC-LEVEL REQUIREMENTS		18	22F/21A=43	42	17		
OVERALL TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR COMPLETION OF PROGRAM		120					

1. **Required** courses are required of all students in the program, **elective** courses (often referred to as open or free electives) are optional for students, and **selected elective** courses are those for which students must take one or more courses from a specified group.
2. If math and science courses are chosen from a list indicate this and include information elsewhere on the courses that students may choose from.
3. For courses that include multiple elements (lecture, laboratory, recitation, etc.), indicate the maximum enrollment in each element. For selected elective courses, indicate the maximum enrollment for each option.

Instructional materials and student work verifying compliance with ABET criteria for the categories indicated above will be required during the campus visit.

The program’s requirements are specified in Table 5-1 (below) indicating all the required courses for the program. Each course outline in the “Course Syllabi Section” (Appendix A) contains a table that shows how the course objectives help students attain the stated program outcomes. In section B of Criterion 3, we present a table that maps student outcomes to program educational objectives.

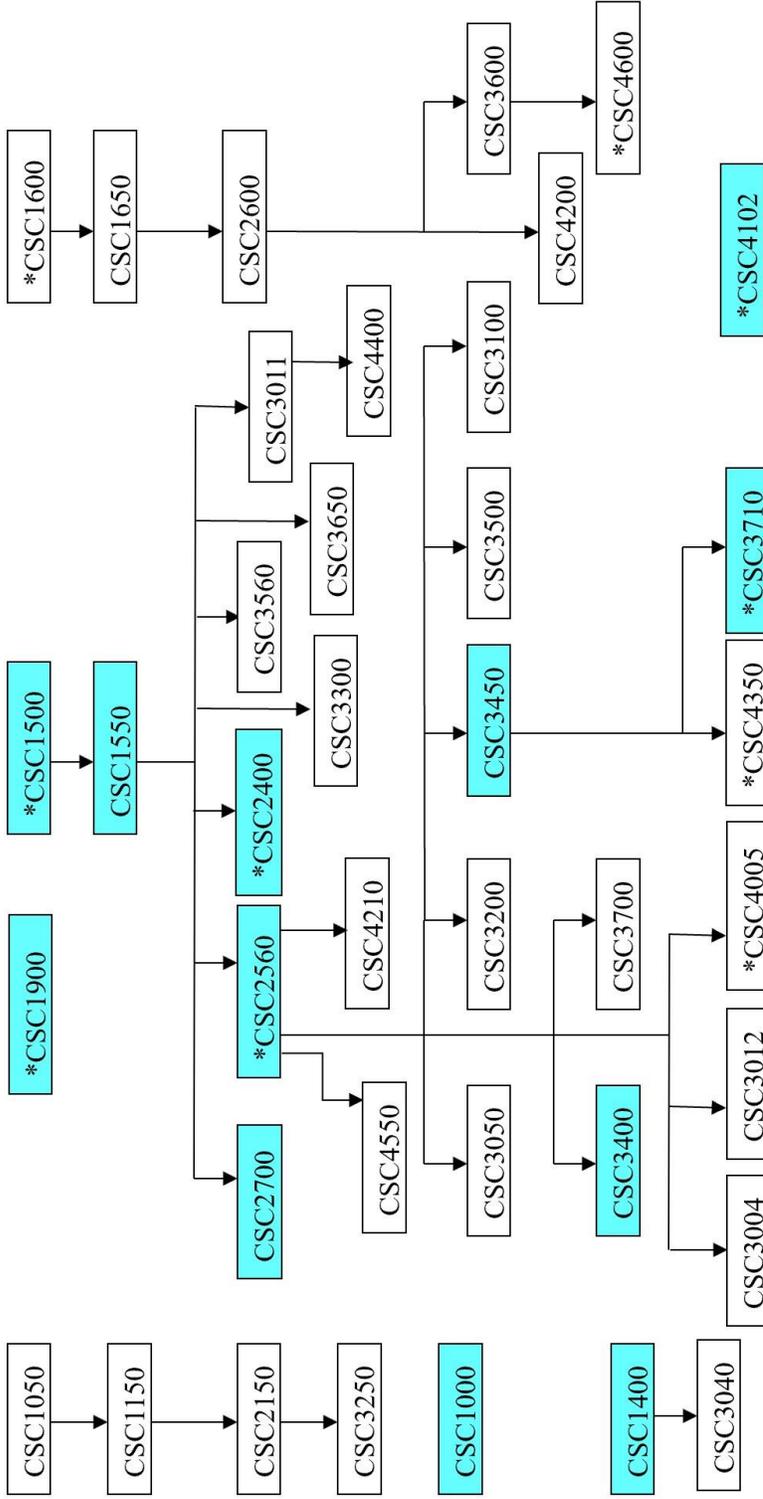
The syllabus of each required course in Appendix A has a table that maps each course objective to the program student outcomes. The table below shows how each key course contributes to each student outcome. Most student outcomes are covered by more than one key required course.

Table mapping key courses to student outcomes.											
CIS Outcomes	C1400	C2560	C2700	C3400	C3450	B2010	B2020	C3710	C4700	C1900	C4102
CISSO-1	X	X	X							X	
CISSO-2								X	X		
CISSO-3									X		
CISSO-4											X
CISSO-5								X	X		
CISSO-6						X	X		X		
CISSO-7								X	X		
CISSO-8				X	X						

Prerequisites are chosen to assure students have the appropriate skills and knowledge to succeed in the associated course. For example, the prerequisites for the capstone course CSC3710 include Local Area Networks (CSC 3450), Basic Finance (BSAD 3400) and Database Systems (CSC 2400) as all of these skills are required to successfully implement a capstone project.

The prerequisite flowchart can be seen on the next page.

CIS Major Required Course Prerequisites Flowchart



***Additional prerequisites:**

- CSC1500: Passing the math placement exam or MATH0200 for CSC1500
- CSC1600: MATH1300
- CSC1900: MATH1250 or 1300 or equivalent knowledge
- CSC3710: CSC2400, BSAD3400
- CSC2560: CSC1900 or MATH1900
- CSC4005: Prerequisite/Concurrent: CSC 3450
- CSC4102: Junior/Senior status
- CSC4350: CSC1550
- CSC4600: MATH2600

Other requirements:

- BSAD2010, BSAD2020, BSAD3200, BSAD3400, ECON1100, ECON1200, MATH1250, MATH1800, MATH2200, SPCH1000
- Three additional CSC electives at or above 3000 level.

The courses that cover each curricular area are listed below. Of the courses listed below, those marked with an asterisk indicate elective courses. Others are required.

General Criteria

1. Techniques, skills, and tools necessary for computing practice. Students learn modern software development tools from the beginning. The development environments include NetBeans, Visual Studio, Anaconda, IDLE, Android Studio, etc. CASE tools include Visio and Dia. Skills include algorithms, programming skills, analytical skill, problem solving, financial management, business practices, management fundamentals, among others.
2. Principles and practices for secure computing. Secure computing is emphasized in discrete math (CSC/MATH 1900), algorithms (CSC 3700*), Web Programming (CSC 3050*), Data Modeling (CSC 3011), Ethical Hacking (CSC 4005*) and Computer and Network Security (CSC 4350*). Topics include: encryption/decryption algorithms, cryptanalysis, DES, AES, RSA, various vulnerability detection and exploitation methods, etc.
3. Local and global impacts of computing solutions on individuals, organizations, and society. Various classes present a historical perspective that demonstrates the impact of computing solutions on society. However, Ethical Issues in Computer Science (CSC 4102), Systems Analysis Methods (CSC 3710), and Systems Design and Implementation (CSC4700) have most substantial coverage.

Program Criteria

Courses that cover the areas in the program criteria are listed below. The courses marked with an asterisk are electives. A detailed compilation of the topics and depth of coverage is available in a separate spreadsheet. The coverage is modeled after the ACM IS 2010 Curriculum guidelines. A table indicating the major topics and the courses that cover them is in Appendix A with our course syllabi. The courses below address substantial coverage of the areas specified in Criteria 3.

Curricular Area	Course Coverage
Fundamentals and applied practice in application development	CSC1000, CSC1500, CSC1550, CSC2700, CSC2560, CSC3350*, CSC3050*
Data and information management	CSC2400, CSC3011*, CSC3012*
Information technology infrastructure	CSC3400, CSC3450
Systems analysis, design and acquisition	CSC3710, CSC4700
Project management	CSC3710, CSC4700
Role of information systems in organizations	CSC3710, CSC4700
Understanding the IS environment (5 courses)	CSC1400, CSC3040*, CSC4005*, CSC4350*, BSAD3200, CSC4102
Quantitative analysis including statistics	CSC/MATH1900, MATH1800, MATH2200, BSAD2010, BSAD2020, BSAD3400

We do not have a coop program.

Materials for each course will be on display at the time of the site visit. These include textbooks (when used) and course binders that contain syllabi, assignments, tests, handouts, and sample copies of student work.

A. Course Syllabi

See Appendix A.

CRITERION 6. FACULTY

A. Faculty Qualifications

All full-time faculty members have terminal degrees in Computer Science or a closely related field. Five have doctoral degrees and one is an Academy Engineer from Denmark. Four full-time faculty members have industry experience. All adjunct faculty are either currently working in industry or have extensive industry experience. Table 6-1 can be found on a page that follows. The resumes are included in Appendix B.

B. Faculty Workload

Most faculty members teach in both CS and CIS programs. Thus, the table reflects the proportion of time spent teaching CS versus CIS majors. Some courses are evenly populated with CS and CIS majors while others are predominantly occupied by students of one particular major. In the table below (6-2), the column labeled “percentage of time devoted to the program” considers these commitments as well as graduate teaching, advising, scholarship and administrative responsibilities.

The faculty contract provides for a teaching load of 12 credit-hours per semester, in addition to student advising and administrative duties. Course releases are available for several specific duties and some ad-hoc ones. For example, the Graduate Program chair may get one course release per year in return for scheduling courses and advising graduate students.

Undergraduate advisees are assigned to faculty by the department chair. Each faculty member has between twenty-five and thirty-five advisees. The faculty contract specifies that advising effectiveness is a criterion for faculty evaluation for promotion and tenure, along with teaching and research. The academic calendar includes a three-week period in each semester for academic advising during which students are expected to meet with their advisors to plan their schedules for the following semester. During this period all faculty have extended office hours, and establish appointment campaigns using the SSC (Student Success Collaborative) system. To motivate students to seek a meeting, registration passwords for online registration change each semester, and the new passwords are distributed to advisors before the advising period.

The department reserves three hours of dedicated time each week to discuss administrative issues, student awards, and the academic programs. Since our last self-study we have effectively used this time to plan new concentrations and related courses, perform faculty search activities, and update the curriculum.

C. Faculty Size

The Department is in the process of hiring another full time faculty member. The candidate will hold a terminal degree in Computer Sciences and support newly appointed coordinators for each the Computer Sciences and Computer Information Systems programs. The candidate will help alleviate the demand on the Department of Business Administration and Dr. Pereira. The department faculty has been steadfast in support of students and vigilant in its oversight and management of the CIS program. The department takes pride in reporting that there has been no situation when a CS or CIS

student’s graduation was delayed because of problems in course offerings. Equally significant, the department has a history of having faculty members prepared to teach most required courses.

Looking forward, the proposed faculty hire will provide needed support for workload gaps involving faculty members who may be seeking sabbaticals within the next 4 years.

D. Professional Development

The university policy is to schedule one scholarship day in each week for each faculty member, during which there are no classroom responsibilities.

Every faculty member in the university is entitled to an annual professional development payment, which may go toward tuition, software, hardware, travel, or other professional development expenses. The amount is fixed annually; usually it is between \$700 and \$900. For 2018-2019 the amount was \$832.

There is a university-wide procedure, whereby faculty can request the release of one course or a three-day schedule for research purposes.

The department has a small travel budget. Most faculty members attend at least one professional meeting in the year. Academic Affairs provides additional funds such as special project grants for faculty research and travel.

The professional development activities for each faculty member is shown in the table below.

Faculty Name	Professional Development Activities
Kevin Austin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microchip Webinars: Advanced Arduino Debugging (April 10, 2019) and Developing with AVR in MPLAB-X (March 26, 2019) • Xilinx Webinars: ARM processors on Xilinx FPGAs. (January 24, 2019) and No hardware experience? No problem! Xilinx MicroBlaze processors are for everyone. (November 5, 2018) • Computer vision robotics / IoT project. Developing a system for mobile robot tasking / game-playing based on a single video camera system broadcasting JSON objects to robotic platforms through an MQTT server.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media production for education. Experimenting with video presentation techniques for classroom demonstrations. • Collaborated with Dr. Mahadev on “Sound Localization for Robots” and presented at CCSE in Austin, TX. • Bat echolocation signal processing. My field research has yielded a large library of bat echolocation calls. Extracting significant echoes from is a challenging continuing research activity.
Brady Chen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northeast OER Summit, Amherst, MA (May 22-23, 2019) • Massachusetts STEM Summit 2018, November 14, 2018, DCU Center, Worcester, MA • National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) 2018 Conference and Expo, November 6-7, 2018, Hyatt Regency Miami, Miami, Florida. • ABET Institute for the Development of Excellence in Assessment Leadership (IDEAL), Baltimore, July 31- August 3, 2017 • 2016 Reconnect Workshop, Mathematical and Computational Tools of Cybersecurity, West Point, NY, June 12-18, 2016. • SIAM Conference on Applied Linear Algebra, Atlanta, GA, October 26-30, 2015. Presented Topic: Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm for Computing the Moore-Penrose Inverses • 2015 NSF National Workshop on Teaching an Undergraduate Parallel Programming Course with Pattern Programming in Washington, DC, July 12 –13, 2015.
Natasha Kurtonina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed all materials for undergraduate course “Game Programming” • Updated course material for “Programming Languages” • Developed all materials for a graduate class “Machine Learning” • Conferences and seminars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Harvard Logic Seminar (normally meets every other week) ○ UConn Logic Seminar (visit twice every semester) ○ American Association of Symbolic Logic. 2018 Winter Meeting Savannah Convention Center Savannah, Georgia January 3–5, 2018 ○ American Association of Symbolic Logic. 2017 Winter Meeting Atlanta, GA, USA January 6–7, 2017
Frits Lander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABET Symposium, April 19-21, 2012, St. Louis, MO • ABET Symposium, April 14-16, 2011, Indianapolis, IN
Nadimpalli Mahadev	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Attended workshops and conferences on Cybersecurity such as the SEED, NICE, CReST etc. to learn more about this emerging field. As a result, he proposed to the university administration introducing of a cyber security concentration as a modest first step. Since then, the cyber security concentration was implemented in our CIS program and the enrollments are beginning to show its popularity. □ Developed ethical hacking courses as part of this concentration, created a hacking lab that is not connected to university network system. The course is offered during the last two Spring semesters by Dr. Mahadev.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended ITiCSE 15 where he met with colleagues of similar interest in exploring the idea of holistic approach to teaching computer concepts through research papers. As a result, a group of us experimented teaching at least a course using this approach. Used this approach in graduate Design and Analysis of Algorithms where each student made two or more presentations explain the results of a published paper in a peer-reviewed journal. Each paper was hand-picked by the instructor and contains explanation of an algorithm to solve a hardware, networking or operating systems problem and discusses its efficiency. The course went well and may be repeated again. The team presented a paper at ITiCSE 17 explaining possible implementations and reporting their results on this topic. • Collaborated with Dr. Austin on “Sound Localization for Robots” and presented at CCSE in Austin, TX. • Attended a workshop related to test driven development in software engineering.
Ricky Sethi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Interview, Future of Artificial Intelligence, Newsy Television, 2018. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VU-fVl0pqNM <input type="checkbox"/> Keynote Speaker, Fact-Checking via Structured Discussions in Virtual Communities, 3rd International Workshop on Social Media World Sensors (Sideways), Prague, Czech Republic, 2017. <input type="checkbox"/> Editorial Board Member, International Journal of Computer Vision & Signal Processing, 2011 - Present

E. Authority and Responsibility of Faculty

Our department has a system of course “ownership”, under which one faculty member is primarily responsible for each course, although others may teach it. The content of the course would not change without the oversight of its “owner”. In addition, the department discusses the goals for most of the courses in the program, and from time to time we adjust the goals for individual courses to better meet the program objectives. For example, in the last two years, we have been experimenting with teaching CS I using the Python language instead of or in addition to Java. This is a change in content, but it is not a change in goal or direction for the course.

We endeavor to evaluate many of our courses at least biennially. The responsible faculty member will prepare a report and present it at a department meeting. The faculty member reports on how well the course seems to be meeting its goals; the rest of the department shares responsibility for setting the goals, which include measurable student outcomes.

Obviously, the input of the person actually teaching the course has the biggest weight in these decisions.

New courses are usually created by individuals; the idea is worked out, presented to the department; often tested with a trial offering. Before a course can be placed in the university catalog, it must go through the (university-wide) faculty governance system. After it is approved by the department, a formal proposal for the new course must be presented to the university curriculum committee for approval, and finally endorsed by the All University Committee.

For example, we recently introduced a required course in data modeling that will replace our database design course that was only required of CIS students. This change was initiated to have a single course to support the outcomes of both CS and CIS programs. The proposal was discussed by the department curriculum committee with some revisions and then finally approved. It was then submitted to the AUC for final approval and inclusion in our programs.

Table 6-1. Faculty Qualifications - Computer Information Systems Program

Faculty Name	Highest Degree Earned- Field and Year	Rank ¹	Type of Academic Appointment ² T,	FT or PT ³	Years of Experience			Professional Registration/ Certification	Level of Activity ⁴ H, M, or L		
					Govt./Ind. Practice	Teaching	This Institution		Professional Organizations	Professional Development	Consulting/summer work in industry
Kevin Austin	Ph.D. Biomedical Engineering 1987	P	T	FT	10	21	19		M	H	L
Brady Chen	Ph.D. Applied Mathematics 1995	P	T	FT	6	21	17		M	H	L
Natasha Kurtonina	Ph.D. Computer Science 1995	ASC	T	FT		21	19		M	H	L
Frits Lander	Academy Engineer Mechanical Engineering 1968	ASC	T	FT	14	38	37		L	H	M
Nadimpalli Mahadev	Ph.D. Combinatorics and Optimization (CS) 1984	P	T	FT		35	20		L	H	L
Audrey Pereira	Ph.D. Management (Information Systems) 2015	ASC	T	FT	20	21	10				
Ricky Sethi	Ph.D. Computer Science 2009	ASC	TT	FT	3	10	6		M	H	L
Brian MacKay	Ph.D. Computer Science & Engineering 1996	A	NTT	PT	15	2	1		L	L	L
Orlando Montalvo	M.S. Computer Science	A	NTT	PT		6	6		L	L	H

Instructions: Complete table for each member of the faculty in the program. Add additional rows or use additional sheets if necessary. Updated information is to be provided at the time of the visit.

1. Code: P = Professor ASC = Associate Professor AST = Assistant Professor I = Instructor A = Adjunct O = Other

2. Code: TT = Tenure Track T = Tenured NTT = Non Tenure Track

3. At the institution

4. The level of activity, high, medium or low, should reflect an average over the year prior to the visit plus the two previous years.

Table 6-2. Faculty Workload Summary - Computer Information Systems Program

Faculty Member (name)	PT or FT ¹	Classes Taught (Course No./Credit Hrs.) Term and Year ²	Program Activity Distribution ³			% of Time Devoted to the Program ⁵
			Teaching	Research or Scholarship	Other ⁴	
Kevin Austin	FT	Digital Electronics Section 1 (CSC 1650/4 credits) Spring 2019 Digital Electronics Section 2 (CSC 1650) Spring 2019 Digital Electronics Section 3 (CSC 1650) Spring 2019 Computer Graphics Programming (CSC 4210/3 credits) Spring 2019 Introduction to Electronics Section 1 (CSC 1600) Fall 2018 Introduction to Electronics Section 2 (CSC 1600/4 credits) Fall 2018 Introduction to Electronics Section 3 (CSC 1600/4 credits) Fall 2018 Introduction to Electronics Section 4 (CSC 1600) Fall 2018 Introduction to Electronics Section 5 (CSC 1600) Fall 2018	50%	25%	25%	80%
Brady Chen	FT	Computer Science I Section 3 (CSC 1500/3 credits) Spring 2019 Computer Science I Section 4 (CSC 1500/3 credits) Spring 2019 Systems Design and Implementation (CSC 4700/3 credits) Spring 2019 Operating Systems (CSC 3100/3 credits) Fall 2018 Computer and Network Security (CSC 4350/3 credits) Fall 2018	50%	20%	30%	80%
Natasha Kurtonina	FT	Discrete Mathematics Section 1 (CSC 1900/3 credits) Spring 2019 Discrete Mathematics Section 2 (CSC 1900/3 credits) Spring 2019 Systems Programming (CSC 2560/3 credits) Spring 2019 Algorithms & Data Structure (CSC 3700/3 credits) Spring 2019 Systems Programming Section 1 (CSC 2560/3 credits) Fall 2018 Systems Programming Section 2 (CSC 2560/3 credits) Fall 2018 Programming Languages (CSC 3200/3 credits) Fall 2018 Game Programming (CSC 3650/3 credits) Fall 2018	70%	25%	5%	50%
Frits Lander	FT	Introduction to Programming (CSC 1000/3 credits) Spring 2019 Computer Applications Section 3 (CSC 1100/3 credits) Spring 2019	60%	5%	35%	20%

		Computer Applications Section 4 (CSC 1100/3 credits) Spring 2019 Business Programming (CSC 2700/3 credits) Spring 2019 Introduction to Programming (CSC 1000/3 credits) Fall 2018 Computer Applications Section 1 (CSC 1100/3 credits) Fall 2018 Computer Information Systems (CSC 1400/3 credits) Fall 2018 Ethical Issues in Computer Science (CSC 4102/1 credits) Fall 2018				
N. Mahadev	FT	Computer Science II Section 3 (CSC 1550/3 credits) Spring 2019 Computer Science II Section 4 (CSC 1550/3 credits) Spring 2019 Ethical Hacking (CSC 4005/3 credits) Spring 2019 Software Engineering (CSC 4400/3 credits) Spring 2019 Computer Science I Section 3 (CSC 1500/3 credits) Fall 2018 Computer Science I Section 4 (CSC 1500/3 credits) Fall 2018 Computer Science II Section 1 (CSC 1550/3 credits) Fall 2018 Computer Science II Section 2 (CSC 1550/3 credits) Fall 2018 Web Programming with Java (CSC 3050/3 credits) Fall 2018	70%	20%	10%	60%
Audrey Pereira	FT	Systems Analysis Methods (CSC3710/3 credits) Fall 2018 Introduction to CIS Section 1 (BSAD 1700 / 3 credits) Fall 2018 Introduction to CIS Section 1 (BSAD 1700 / 3 credits) Fall 2018 Business Fluctuation and Forecasting (BSAD 4230 / 3 credits) Fall 2018 Spring 2019 (on sabbatical leave)	15%	15%	70%	20%
Ricky Sethi	FT	Topics: Computational Thinking (CSC1002/3 credits) Spring 2019 Computer Science II Section 1 (CSC 1550/3 credits) Spring 2019 Computer Science II Section 2 (CSC 1550/3 credits) Spring 2019 Topics: Data Science (CSC 3005/3 credits) Spring 2019 Topics: Computational Thinking (CSC1002/3 credits) Fall 2018 Computer Science I Section 1 (CSC 1500/3 credits) Fall 2018 Computer Science I Section 2 (CSC 1500/3 credits) Fall 2018 Computer Science I Section 6 (CSC 1500/3 credits) Fall 2018 Database Systems (CSC 2400/3 credits) Fall 2018	50%	40%	10%	50%
Brian MacKay	PT	Computer Science I Section 1 (CSC 1500/3 credits) Spring 2019 Computer Science I Section 2 (CSC 1500/3 credits) Spring 2019 Microprocessors (CSC 3600/4 credits) Spring 2019 Computer Organization Section 1 (CSC 2600/4 credits) Fall 2018	40%	0%	60%	40%

		Computer Organization Section 2 (CSC 2600) Fall 2018 Computer Organization Section 3 (CSC 2600) Fall 2018				
Orlando Montalvo	PT	Local Area Networks (CSC 3450/3 credits) Spring 2019 Data Communications & Networking (CSC 3400/3 credits) Fall 2018	50%	0%	50%	50%

1. FT = Full Time Faculty or PT = Part Time Faculty, at the institution
2. For the academic year for which the Self-Study Report is being prepared.
3. Program activity distribution should be in percent of effort in the program and should total 100%.
4. Indicate sabbatical leave, etc., under "Other."
5. Out of the total time employed at the institution.

CRITERION 7. FACILITIES¹

A. Offices, Classrooms and Laboratories

The department of Computer Science is housed in Edgerly Hall, the oldest on campus. Built as a grade-school, and taken over as a campus school by the normal school that was the beginnings of Fitchburg State. It is not as grand as the college buildings built soon after it, but it has good bones and has been well-maintained.

Six years ago, the third floor of the building has been completely remodeled, and the department and faculty offices have been moved there. The new space is bright and airy, and several faculty members' new offices will be bigger. The department secretary shares airspace with the Math department secretary in an open but windowless office/corridor, which gives both students and faculty easy access to her.

In 2018, the building has been renovated again and a new elevator has been installed, making the building accessible to disabled people.

The department uses two computer laboratories as classroom space, and another classroom has some computers for use in networking labs. Two additional classrooms serve as computer hardware and electronics laboratories. Almost all of our classes are held in Edgerly Hall, where the department offices and faculty offices are located.

The classrooms are well-sized for the 20-25 student classes we strive to teach, and the acoustics are excellent. All of our classrooms and laboratories have lecture podiums and projection systems. In two of the labs, the student computers are thin clients, with the file storage and some of the computing taking place remotely; in labs where hardware and networking are taught, we have more traditional machines.

Classrooms and labs are available outside class hours. Computing facilities are nearly always available. Tools like oscilloscopes are locked in cabinets, for which several faculty members and the department office have keys, so they are usually available only during the day.

B. Computing Resources

Fitchburg State recommends that all students have a mobile device, either a laptop or a tablet. While there are numerous open labs available on campus, the ability to do work where and when you need to means that a mobile device makes your academic life easier. Students are directed to Student Computer Recommendations (<https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/offices-services-directory/technology/stucomp/>) for help in deciding which device is right for them.

Fitchburg State University provides computer resources that are available to students outside of classroom hours. The first floor of Hammond Hall and McKay C-163 house open computer labs, offering a convenient place to study and do research. Edgerly Hall and Conlon Hall house department-specific labs that provide resources to meet the unique needs of students and faculty in

those academic programs. Since 2008, all entering students will complete computer literacy requirements as defined by departments.

An electronic printing system allows students to print from a mobile device and student computer labs. Students need to use their OneCard (<https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/offices-services-directory/onecard/>) and Falcon Key (<https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/offices-services-directory/technology/falconkey/>) to use the service.

Additionally, six Ricoh multifunction devices installed across campus exist for students' use. These devices are located in McKay C163 Business Lab, Conlon Bridge between Fine Arts and Industrial Technology, Hammond Library first floor (three available) and Antonucci Science Complex (1st floor lounge).

A 24/7 Help Desk/Call Center offers technical support to students, faculty and staff by phone at (978) 665-4500 or toll-free at 866-830-0518. Users can also submit a ticket by completing the Online Help Desk Request Form (<http://helpdesk.fitchburgstate.edu/>). There is also walk-in service, during normal business hours, available at the on-campus Help Desk in Conlon Hall, Room 236. View our Hours of Operation (<https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/offices-services-directory/technology/help/>) page for a schedule of walk-in hours.

The Fitchburg State Help Desk will make a reasonable effort to repair computers owned by students who currently attend the university. Laptop loaners are available to students whose laptops are left at the Help Desk for extended periods of repair time.

All classroom spaces are equipped with a ceiling-mounted projector, Windows computer for instructor use, speakers, Apple TV and a Blu-ray player. Document cameras are also available in many classrooms, and select classrooms have a SMART Board. Other resources such as software for lecture capture and conferencing are also available. Details can be found in the Classroom Technology guide (https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/uploads/files/Technology/classroom_technology_guide.pdf).

The Fitchburg State University campus network provides high-speed access to the internet, including access to Internet2. Access to the network is available throughout campus, including faculty and staff offices and departments, computer labs, study areas, residence halls, and in a number of classrooms. Wi-Fi is also available in all the buildings on campus, including green spaces. The Fitchburg State University wireless network conforms to current 802.11 standards operating at speeds up to 100 Mbps. All wired connections offer 1Gbps speeds. Secure remote access to the campus network is also available through our VPN service.

All computer laptops and desktops issued to full time faculty and staff by the university are refreshed periodically to ensure the most efficient and reliable use of these systems. In line with manufacturer's warranties, Fitchburg State University replaces laptop computers every three years and desktop computer every four years. This refresh schedule is based on the fiscal year. Maintenance and upgrading of classroom software and software used in various labs is handled by Information Technology in coordination with faculty needs.

C. Guidance

Primary source of information for students regarding the use of various hardware and software resources is the classroom experience. Instructors provide hands-on training when the resources are introduced to the students for the first time. These include the following:

- Email: The University provides an email account to all the students, faculty and staff, which is the main source of communications for all the university-related work.
- Blackboard: This web tool, which is widely used across many colleges, is introduced to the students in classrooms. The instructors can post syllabus, handouts, assignments, tests, students grades etc. to the blackboard and registered students can access them, submit assignments, view grades, view instructor comments on graded assignments, tests etc.
- Hardware: In hardware courses such as Intro to Electronics, Digital Electronics, Computer Org, Microprocessors, Data Communications and Local Area Networks students are introduced to many hardware tools, components and software tools such as multimeter, oscilloscope, simulation software, etc.
- Software: Various programming languages and the associated IDEs, Databases, web servers, telnet and other software that are used in various courses are introduced in the classroom.
- J Drive: The University provides all the faculty and students with a network drive to store individual data and files. Students can access the J Drive from any of the campus computer labs as well as from dormitories. Faculty can access them online from anywhere.
- I Drive: Some departments may request a shared network drive for the strict use of their own faculty members. The computer science department has one. The faculty can access them online or from campus.
- Web Site: The University provides online account for interested students to host their own individual web pages. Students were introduced to this tool in web development courses.
- Screen capture video: the University provides software for faculty to produce screen- capture video either during a classroom experience or elsewhere (Screencast-o-matic) and maintains a web site so students may access the content.

Another source of information for other computer resources is the advising period. Every student is assigned a faculty member from their own major as an advisor and during the advising period, students meet with the advisor regarding the study plan for the next semester and beyond. A major tool introduced at this time is the banner system (also known as Web4). During academic advising, faculty members show their advisees how to complete various registration-related tasks using Web4 such as:

- Viewing the schedule of course offerings for the following semester
- Registering for classes online.
- Obtaining a degree evaluation which shows the courses a student needs to complete the program.
- Viewing an unofficial transcript.
- Checking final grades.
- Viewing class schedule.

Finally, the Information Technology's web site provides a lot of useful information for both the students and faculty members regarding various resources available for their computing needs. These include information on:

- The list of university owned campus-wide site licenses.
- Free downloads of anti-virus software and Microsoft Office and Windows OS.
- Software available for free download specifically to Computer Science faculty and students.
- Helpdesk for maintenance and troubleshooting of computer resources.
- Servicing of faculty/student laptops.
- Printing facilities for the faculty and students.
- Virtual desktop systems (thin clients) available across campus.
- Various computer labs and hours they are open. Some of these are exclusively for the use of Computer Science faculty and students, as required by the license agreements.
- OneCard system for purchase of discounted software etc.
- Computer refresh schedule for the faculty (more on it in the next section).
- Policies and procedures governing the use of college-owned hardware and software.

D. Maintenance and Upgrading of Facilities

Maintenance and upgrading of the technology-related facilities is the responsibility of the Information Technology division. Here are some procedures used in this regard.

- Helpdesk is a call center used by students and faculty alike to report any issues with their accounts, and the electronic equipment provided in the classrooms, labs, library and other locations, and with various web tools, phone systems etc.

- All computer desktops and laptops provided by the university are refreshed periodically to ensure the most efficient and reliable use of these tools. In line with manufacturer's warranties, Fitchburg State University replaces desktop computers every four years and laptop computers every three years. This refresh schedule is based on the fiscal year and individual systems will be refreshed after lab systems are upgraded.
- Maintain all the upgrades of web tools and classroom software such as the Blackboard, Banner system, software used in various labs etc. These upgrades usually take place between semesters to refresh the systems for the new academic year.
- Data backup on regular basis of all Blackboard accounts, the Banner system, and the faculty/staff email accounts, and the network drives etc. The university maintains all the Blackboard course accounts for up to four years. Some student records are removed when the student graduates.

E. Library Services

The complete review of library services is provided in Appendix F.

F. Overall Comments on Facilities

Fitchburg State University has various departments that work collaboratively to ensure that the university complies with workplace safety, fire and life safety codes and standards. The department includes the Capital Planning and Maintenance, Housing and Residential Services, Environmental Health and Safety, and Risk Management, as well as University police. All buildings meet or exceed local and national fire safety codes and building codes and are equipped with modern fire alarm systems including smoke detectors and sprinkler systems. These systems are routinely inspected by the City's Fire Department, State Building Inspectors and also specialized contractors.

¹Include information concerning facilities at all sites where program courses are delivered.

CRITERION 8. INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

A. Leadership

The department chair is in charge of course scheduling, budget requests, and a myriad of administrative detail. Over the past six years, the department chairperson has been Dr. Brady Chen. The Computer Science program is a central part of our departmental mission.

The primary support points for the CS program are course scheduling and staffing. Secondary needs include recruiting and advising. Professor Frits Lander has been very active in new student forums and new student advising. The university pays the department chair a small summer stipend, and during the summer there are several orientation meetings for new students, at which there is always someone present from our department.

B. Program Budget and Financial Support

The annual budget is submitted each spring. Our department budget includes funds for support of courses, for supplies, etc. It does not include salaries for faculty and staff, which are part of another process.

We do not use graders or teaching assistants in our department. In years past, the department hired lab monitors to oversee our open computer labs, but this budget line has been moved to the Information Technology Office, along with responsibility for maintaining and upgrading the labs themselves.

The technologies we principally rely upon to deliver instruction are 1) digital projectors in the classrooms; 2) computer facilities in the classrooms and laboratories, including specialized computer systems for teaching network administration and microprocessor development; 3) electronic tools and parts. Of these, items (1) and (2) are now supported and maintained by the IT department. This is slightly clumsy for our specialized systems. On the one hand, IT would like to standardize all computers on campus, which would clearly eliminate their support for our special needs. A part-time technical person to attend to our special needs is desirable.

Electronic tools like oscilloscopes and student breadboard systems are still part of the department budget; these are used by courses in the Computer Science program. Maintenance is performed by the faculty using the equipment.

C. Staffing

Our current department administrative assistant is Christine Nickoloff who was hired in 2015 to replace Ann Larsen. Ann left the job and pursued her career in math department. Christine has proven to be an excellent addition to the department with both a willingness to take on new roles and expand her responsibilities, and with strength in carrying through on her existing duties.

The university has a series of workshops on support software and the academic/budget database systems for administrative personnel. There are good benefits, but salaries seem low.

D. Faculty Hiring and Retention

The recruitment and hiring of new faculty is a shared process, which includes faculty members, department chair, the dean and the vice-president for Academic Affairs. The process is defined in the MSCA contract and supported by the Human Resources Hiring Handbook. Human Resources also provides training in the hiring process and ensures that the search has been conducted properly.

See (https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/uploads/files/Human_Resources/Faculty%20Search%20and%20Hiring%20Guide%20Updated%20January%202018.pdf). The process begins with requests for new positions from academic department chairs to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Vice President reviews these requests and makes recommendations to the President. If the position is approved, a search committee of faculty/librarians complete hiring training, review all application materials, contact candidates, schedule interviews, conduct phone/Zoom and on-campus interviews, and request and communicate administrative details for the hiring process (parking passes, meal vouchers, and travel expense reimbursement) to the candidate. At the completion of a search process, the Search Committee submits its final three candidates unranked to the department chairperson, dean (or library director), who then submits the committee's recommendation and a separate chair and dean recommendation to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The VPAA reviews the recommendations and makes a separate recommendation to the President, who then makes the final decision and sends the letter of appointment.

During the last ABET visit, the evaluation team identified the weakness in Criterion 6 related to faculty with a graduate degree in Computer Information Systems. The weakness was addressed by the hiring of Dr. Ricky Sethi who holds a master's degree in Information Systems. Compliance was further strengthened with support from the Department of Business Administration and Dr. Audrey Pereira who holds a terminal degree in Information Sciences. The Department is currently conducting a search for a tenure track faculty to support both the Computer Information Systems and Computer Science programs. The new position will help decrease reliance on the Department of Business Administration and provide sufficient resources to assign separate coordinators for each the CS and CIS programs.

E. Support of Faculty Professional Development

Currently, the institution supports faculty scholarship, research, and creative activity in several ways. Most notably, faculty members have a designated weekly research day. Support for professional development is contractually mandated. Tenured and tenure-track faculty and librarians having served six years at the University are eligible for sabbatical leave. Sabbatical leave is governed by Article XV in the current MSCA collective bargaining agreement. Article XIV calls for professional development funding using a formula for computation enumerated in the agreement. In each academic year, funds are disbursed as a one-time Continuing Scholarship stipend, for which faculty and librarians may apply by articulating the manner in which the funds will be spent. These funds are intended to suit the needs of individual faculty members and are not restricted or limited to certain activities.

Many faculty members use these funds to attend conferences, for subscriptions, membership in professional organizations, and to build personal libraries of materials, which thereby enrich their own personal teaching. Funds are available to all faculty and librarians.

Approximately 90% of the faculty members apply for these funds. Any leftover monies are then redistributed among the original applicants.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs also provides additional professional development support. Each department receives a budget for Travel Funds, which is distributed according to departmental policies. The Vice President for Academic Affairs also has established special grants to support faculty research/creative activity, assessment projects, academic programming to enhance diverse/global perspective, and faculty travel with priority given to tenure track faculty presenting at peer-reviewed conferences. The participation of the faculty in national and international conferences as presenters is encouraged. For a small state university the involvement of the faculty in such professional activities is impressive and well documented in the Fitchburg State Today and other publications.

Other professional development support has been internally created. Faculty and librarians find professional development opportunities through the University's Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL). The CTL was launched in 2006 with the purpose of supporting faculty development through peer-facilitated workshops, presentations, mentoring, institutional monetary grants, and training. One or two full-time faculty receive workload reductions to serve as director(s) for the CTL, and it maintains an Advisory Board comprised of full-time faculty to aid in the development of programs, review applications for the CTL Innovation Grants, and coordinate a mentoring program for new faculty. Faculty professional development is also provided through workshops presented by the Distance Education Coordinator. Approximately 40 face to face sessions are offered annually with audio and video versions of the presentations available as well. GCE hosts a biennial faculty meeting which includes professional development sessions. The last gathering included such workshop topics such as innovative practices in online learning, developing effective rubrics and the challenges of grading. The Harrod Lecture series provides an additional forum for faculty to present their research to the University community. Faculty may also receive support for grant applications through the University's Grant Center, as well as the Office of Academic Affairs when appropriate. In addition, the Grant Center oversees the Ruth Butler Award, (<http://www.fitchburgstate.edu/offices/grants-research/grant-center/ruth-butler-grants/>), created to support professional or artistic development, or activities that are appropriate to furthering the goals of Fitchburg State University by full-time members of the faculty, librarians, administrators, and students of Fitchburg State.

Faculty performance is also rewarded through two yearly awards offered by the University. One, the Mara Award, is given to a professor for Excellence in Teaching; the second is the Faculty Award for Research and Scholarship. In addition, in 2010 in conjunction with the second annual graduate commencement ceremonies, an award was established to recognize excellence and contributions for graduate programs. In all cases, funds which support professional development directly benefit teaching, since they provide access to the most current and well-researched course material.

Additional scholarship, research and creative activities are currently supported through several initiatives including the Regional Economic Development Institute (REDi). The REDi's Advisory Board, comprised of North Central Massachusetts leaders from businesses, municipalities, community organizations, media, and university department chairs, supports REDi research and outreach regionally. The REDi provides a research office and conference room (space) for faculty, with student assistance as interns, to perform on-campus and off-campus research in areas of economic development for North Central Massachusetts. Two distinct studies were completed in the first year of operation and a regional economic development summit co-sponsored by Fitchburg State University with the Massachusetts Lieutenant-Governor and Mount Wachusett Community College. Four more studies are underway, inclusive of one focused on regional broadband advancement and coordinated with the Massachusetts Governor's Office, with numerous public forums held and several studies published during REDi's second year.

PROGRAM CRITERIA

Our program is modeled after the ACM IS Curriculum 2010 guidelines. How the program satisfies the program criteria is described in Criterion 5, section A, item 5. In the area of curriculum, the criteria are satisfied as demonstrated in Table 5-1. Table 5-1 shows the breakdown of program credit-hours based on the general topic areas of math and sciences (18), computing fundamentals (22), advanced computing (21), general education (42) and others (17).

Each course outline listed in the “Course Syllabi” section contains a table showing how each course objective aligns with student outcomes which in turn are mapped to program educational objectives. This mapping is given in a table shown earlier under Criterion 3 section A which is entitled “student outcomes”.

As may be seen in Table 6-1, 50% of the faculty members have PhD in areas of Computer Science and others have closely related degrees and/or industry experience.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A – COURSE SYLLABI

For those courses which may be applied toward the Computer Information Systems major we indicate in the list of topics for the course the depth level metric associated with each subtopic in the 2010 IS Curriculum Body of Knowledge list.

The following table summarizes how required courses relate to core areas (2010 IS Curriculum Body of Knowledge list).

IS 2010 Body of Knowledge across required CIS program courses		CIS Major Required Courses																
		CSC 1000 FL	CSC 1400 BC	CSC 1500 RS	CSC 1550 NM	CSC/ MAT H 1900 NK	CSC 2400 RS	CSC 2560 NK	CSC 2700 FL	CSC 3400 BC	CSC 3450 RS	CSC/ BSAD 3710 BC	CSC 4102 NK	CSC/ BSAD 4700 BC	BSAD 2010	BSAD 2020	BSAD 3200	BSAD 3400
Areas	IS Body of Knowledge Area	The numbers below represent the depth metric, as defined in the IS 2010 model curriculum: 0-no knowledge, 1-awareness, 2-strong knowledge, 3-use skill, 4-application ability, 5-advanced																
1 - General Computing Knowledge																		
	Programming Fundamentals	3		4	4	3	3	4	2		2							
	Algorithms and Complexity	2		2		4		3	1		2							
	Architecture and Organization						1				2							
	Operating Systems						1	2			4							
	Net Centric Computing						1			3	4							
	Programming Languages	3		4	4		1	4			1							
	Graphics and Visual Computing																	
	Intelligent Systems			1			2											
2 - IS Specific Knowledge Areas																		
	IS Management and Leadership		1				3				2	4			1	2	2	3
	Data and Information Management			4	4		5	3			2	2		2				
	Systems Analysis & Design		1				3				2	5		4				
	IS Project Management						1					4		3				
	Enterprise Architecture		1				1				2			2				
	User Experience			1			3				2			4				
	Professional Issues in IS		1	1			2				2	1	5	2	2	2		
3 - Foundational Knowledge Areas							3					4		4				
	Leadership & Communication						3					4		4				
	Individual & Organizational Knowledge Work Capabilities						1											
4 - Domain-related Knowledge Areas							1				2	2		3	1	2	2	3
	General models of the domain						1					2		2			2	
	Key specializations within the domain						1				2			3	1	2		3
	Evaluation of performance within the domain						1							3				

1. Course number and name
CSC 1000 Introduction to Programming
2. Credits and contact hours
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name:
Frits Lander
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Microsoft Visual Basic 2010, 4th edition, Diane Zak, Course Technology, 2011. ISBN 9781111221799
 - a. other supplemental materials
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course provides an opportunity to learn a higher-level language, to gain experience in the design, coding and utilization of computer programs, and to develop simple applications using a graphical user interface.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
Passing the math placement exam or MATH 0200
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Required
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
The specific outcomes of instruction are address by the following course objectives:
 - CO 1: Object-oriented, event-driven programming
 - CO 2: How to build and debug a program using visual programming techniques
 - CO 3: The elements that make up a graphical user interface and how to implement them
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.
Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	X	X						
CO2	X	X						
CO3	X	X						

7. Brief list of topics to be covered
- The Visual Basic environment (2 hours)
 - GUI elements (2 hours)
 - Forms and controls (6 hours)
 - Program design and analysis methods (1 hours)
 - Writing and debugging programs (1 hours)
 - Object-oriented, event-driven programming (2 hours)
 - Data types, variables and constants (2 hours)
 - Assignment statements / arithmetic operations (2 hours)
 - Dialog boxes (2 hours)
 - FOR ... NEXT and DO ... WHILE loops (4 hours)
 - IF ... THEN ... ELSE and SELECT ... CASE statements (3 hours)
 - Sub procedures (3 hours)
 - String processing (2 hours)
 - Menus (1 hours)
 - File I/O (3 hours)

1. Course number and name
CSC 1400 Computer Information Systems
2. Credits and contact hours
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name:
Brady Chen & Frits Lander
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Information System Today: Managing in the digital world, 6th edition, by Joe Valacich; Christoph Schneider. Prentice Hall ISBN-13: 9780132971218 ISBN: 0132971216
 - a. other supplemental materials
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course is an introduction to concepts in computer information systems. Students learn how information technology is used in business. Topics covered include use of information systems in business, basics of hardware, software, networks and data management, use of productivity software, security and ethical use of information systems, business decision systems, and developing and managing information systems. A working knowledge of word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software is required.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
Passing the math placement exam or MATH 0200
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Required
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
The specific outcomes of instruction are address by the following course objectives:
 - CO1: Information systems in business, business fundamentals and information technology fundamentals
 - CO2: Computer hardware and software
 - CO3: Networks and data communications
 - CO4: Data management
 - CO5: Personal productivity and problem solving and group collaboration in a business environment
 - CO6: Business operations and management decision making
 - CO7: Electronic commerce
 - CO8: Information system development and managing information systems and technology
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	X							
CO2	X	X						
CO3	X							X
CO4						X		
CO5			X		X			
CO6						X		
CO7								X
CO8	X	X				X		

7. Brief list of topics to be covered

- Information systems in business, business fundamentals and information technology fundamentals
- Hardware and software
- Networks and data communications
- Data management
- Personal productivity and problem solving and group collaboration in a business environment
- Business operations and Management decision making
- E-Business, E-commerce
- Information system development and managing information systems and technology
- Ethical and social issues in information system

1. Course number and name
CSC 1500 Computer Science 1
2. Credits and contact hours:
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name:
Ricky J. Sethi
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Essential Computational Thinking: Computer Science from Scratch. by Ricky J. Sethi, 2018. Cognella.
 - a. other supplemental materials
Java Foundations by John Lewis. Pearson.
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course introduces Computer Science by using a high-level programming language. Students will be taught to design programs and implement them using object-oriented programming techniques. This course provides a solid background for further studies in Computer Science by preparing students to enroll in the more specialized high-level software courses.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
Passing the Math placement exam or MATH 0200
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Required
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:
 - CO1: History and evolution of computers and programming languages.
 - CO2: The process of designing, coding, compiling, debugging and executing programs.
 - CO3: Basic structure, syntax and semantics of a programming language.
 - CO4: Basic programming involving data type declarations, arithmetic expressions, methods and input/output.
 - CO5: Using control structures such as if-else, switch, while and for loop.
 - CO6: Designing and coding graphical user interfaces with event handling.
 - CO7: Creating and using overloaded methods and constructors.
 - CO8: Object oriented programming concepts such as encapsulation, inheritance and polymorphism.
 - CO9: Working with arrays.
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Science Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1								
CO2	Y							
CO3	Y							
CO4	Y					Y		
CO5	Y					Y		
CO6	Y					Y		
CO7	Y					Y		
CO8	Y					Y		
CO9	Y					Y		

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1								
CO2	Y							
CO3	Y							
CO4	Y							
CO5	Y							
CO6	Y							
CO7	Y							
CO8	Y							
CO9	Y							

7. Brief list of topics to be covered

- a. Applications of computers and internet.
- b. Security and ethical issues in the use of computers.
- c. Evolution of computers and programming languages.
- d. The process of designing, coding, compiling, executing and debugging computer programs.
- e. Structure, syntax and semantics of a program. Programming style conventions.
- f. Data type declarations, arithmetic operations and basic input/output.
- g. Control structures.
- h. Classes, objects and constructor overloading.
- i. Creating and using methods.
- j. Scope of variables.
- k. Graphical user interface programming and event handling.
- l. Introduction to arrays.

1. Course number and name
CSC 1550 Computer Science 2
2. Credits and contact hours:
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name:
Ricky J. Sethi
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Java Foundations by John Lewis. Pearson. 2013.
 - a. other supplemental materials
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course builds on the concepts covered in Computer Science I. Topics covered include inheritance, polymorphism, recursion, advanced GUI programming, exception handling, and input/output handling. Students use an integrated development environment to create, compile, run and debug programs.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
CSC 1500
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Required
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:
 - CO1. Data Structures in Java: Arrays and Strings. Simple Sorting and Searching Algorithms. Multidimensional Arrays.
 - CO2. HTML and Applet Basics. Event Driven Programming. The Applet Life Cycle. Interactive Applets.
 - CO3. How to use int(), start(), stop(), destroy(), paint(), repaint() methods within applets.
 - CO4. Graphics Basics. How to use drawString() method. How to use setFont() and setColor() methods. How to set an applet's background color. How to create graphic objects.
 - CO5. The concept of Inheritance. How to extend classes. What is a derived class.
 - CO6. Public and Private variables and methods. Constructors with and without arguments. How to access Superclass methods that have Constructors.
 - CO7. Advanced Inheritance concepts. Abstract Classes and Dynamic Method Binding.
 - CO8. Abstract Windows Toolkit.
 - CO9. Using Layout Managers and the Event Model.
 - CO10. Exception Handling in Java. The concept of Exception. How to throw and catch and exception?
 - CO11. Input/Output and File Techniques. File organization and streams. How to use streams. How to write a file and to read data from a file. Writing and reading formatted file data.

- b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Science Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	Y					Y		
CO2	Y							
CO3	Y					Y		
CO4	Y					Y		
CO5	Y					Y		
CO6	Y					Y		
CO7	Y					Y		
CO8	Y					Y		
CO9	Y					Y		
CO10	Y					Y		
CO11	Y					Y		

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	Y							Y
CO2	Y							Y
CO3	Y							Y
CO4	Y							Y
CO5	Y							Y
CO6	Y							Y
CO7	Y							Y
CO8	Y							Y
CO9	Y							Y
CO10	Y							Y
CO11	Y							Y

7. Brief list of topics to be covered
- a. Representing Advanced Data Structures in Java: Arrays and Introduction to Sorting and Searching Algorithms; Linked Lists Representations in Java
 - b. Applets
 - c. Graphics
 - d. Inheritance: Introduction to Inheritance. Superclasses and Subclasses; Advanced Inheritance concepts. Abstract Classes and Dynamic Binding
 - e. Understanding the Abstract Windows Toolkit
 - f. Exception Handling in Java
 - g. Input/Output and File Techniques
 - h. Multithreading and Animation

1. Course number and name: CSC 1900: Discrete Mathematics
2. Credits and contact hours: 3 credits / 37.5 hours.
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name: Natasha Kurtonina
4. Text book, title, author, and year:

Discrete Mathematics and Its Applications, 4th Edition by Kenneth H. Rosen, McGraw-Hill Science/Engineering/Math (December 11, 1998) **ASIN:** B0090TGL10

- a. other supplemental materials:

Notes, handouts and lectures are posted on Blackboard for student review.

5. Specific course information

- a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)

This course introduces discrete mathematics as applied to computer science. Topics covered include Boolean logic, elementary set theory, functions, relations, enumeration, proof techniques, number systems and trees.

- b. prerequisites or co-requisites:

Math1250 or Math 1300 or equivalent knowledge.

- c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program: required; elective; selected elective.

6. Specific goals for the course:

- a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.

The purpose of this course is to develop logical thinking skills and understanding of mathematical applications to computer T. he subject enhances one's ability to reason and ability to present a coherent and mathematically accurate argument. Upon completion of the course, a student should be able to do the following:

Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:

- CO1: Fundamentals of propositional logic and Boolean expressions analysis
- CO2: Proof Techniques.
- CO3: Boolean Logic Techniques in Digital Electronics
- CO4: Fundamentals of Set Theory
- CO5: Basic Number Theory
- CO6: Basic Counting Principles
- CO7: Basic Graph Theory
- CO8: Elementary Finite Automata Theory

- b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Science Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	Y							
CO2	Y							
CO3	Y							
CO4	Y							
CO5	Y							
CO6	Y							
CO7	Y							
CO8	Y							

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	Y							
CO2	Y							
CO3	Y							
CO4	Y							
CO5	Y							
CO6	Y							
CO7	Y							
CO8	Y							

7. Major Topics Covered in the Course:
1. Fundamentals of Propositional Logic
 - Truth Tables
 - Equivalent Boolean Expressions
 - Justification of reasoning patterns
 2. Proof Techniques
 - Proof by Contradiction
 - Mathematical Induction
 - Predicate Logic and Syllogisms
 3. Propositional Logic and Boolean Algebra. Circuits and Gates.
 4. Basics of Set Theory.
 - Set-theoretic Relations and Set-theoretic operations
 - Equivalence of Set-Theoretic Expressions
 - Logic and Set Theory
 - Property of Binary Relations
 - Relations and Functions
 5. Basics of Number Theory
 - Euclid Algorithms
 - Prime numbers and Factorization
 - Modular Arithmetic and Cryptography
 - Summation Principles and Mathematical Induction
 6. Counting Principles, Permutations, Elements of Probability Theory.
 7. Graphs and Trees and Their Representations
 8. Introductions to Models of Computation and Complexity Analysis

1. Course number and name
CSC 2400 Database Systems
2. Credits and contact hours
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Ricky J. Sethi
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Modern Database Management, Tenth Edition, Hoffer /Ramesh/Topi. ISBN: 9780136088394.
 - a. other supplemental materials
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course is about design and implementation of database systems. Evolution of various database models including hierarchical, relational and object-oriented models and the advantages of different models are studied. Use of Structured Query Language (SQL) in relational databases is explained and applied. Students design databases applying E-R modeling and normalization techniques.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
CSC 1550 and CSC/MATH 1900
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Required
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:
CO1. The evolution of various database models
CO2. Understand various database operators
CO3. Advanced SQL commands
CO4. E-R modeling
CO5. Normalization
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Science Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1						Y		
CO2	Y					Y		
CO3	Y					Y		
CO4	Y					Y		
CO5						Y		

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1						Y		
CO2						Y		
CO3						Y		
CO4						Y		
CO5						Y		

7. Brief list of topics to be covered
 - a. Introduction to Databases
 - i. File systems
 - ii. Database systems
 - iii. Database models
 - b. Relational Database Model
 - i. Entities and attributes
 - ii. Relational database keys and indexes
 - iii. Integrity rules
 - iv. Data dictionaries
 - c. Structures Query Language
 - d. E-R Modeling
 - e. Normalization
 - f. Database Life Cycle
 - i. Information system overview
 - ii. System development life cycle
 - iii. Planning, analysis and design of systems
 - iv. Implementation and maintenance
 - v. Database design strategies
 - vi. Security, backup and recovery and concurrency control

1. Course number and name: CSC 2560: Systems Programming
2. Credits and contact hours: 3 credits / 37.5 hours.
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name: Natasha Kurtonina
4. Text book, title, author, and year:
 - C Primer Plus. Stephen Prata. Sams. ISBN: 0672326965
 - a. other supplemental materials:
 - Notes, handouts and lectures are posted on Blackboard for student review.
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
 - This course provides the student with the fundamentals of structured programming at the systems level. Students obtain a thorough knowledge of the C language, pointers, linked lists, trees and comfort in using the UNIX operating system
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites:
 - MATH 1300 (Pre-calculus)
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program: required; elective; selected elective.
6. Specific goals for the course:
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
 - The purpose of this course is to give students a foundation in the structured programming with C and Unix Operating System that underlie the the principles of process generation and process management, dynamic memory management, dynamic Data Structures, including Trees and Linked Lists, that will subsequently be used in Algorithms and Data Structures. (CSC3700). Upon completion of the course, a student should be able to do the following:
 - CO1: Structured programming with C
 - CO2: Dynamic arrays and linked lists
 - CO3: Trees and pointer arithmetic
 - CO4: Pass by value versus pass by reference
 - CO5: File manipulation and IO methods
 - CO6: Problem Analysis and Design
 - CO7: UNIX systems and programming
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Science Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	Y					Y		
CO2	Y					Y		
CO3	Y					Y		
CO4	Y					Y		
CO5	Y					Y		
CO6	Y					Y		
CO7	Y					Y		

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	Y							
CO2	Y							
CO3	Y							
CO4	Y							
CO5	Y							
CO6	Y							
CO7	Y							

7. Major Topics Covered in the Course:

- a. Brief history of C and of Structured Programming Paradigm.
- b. Fundamentals of modular software design.
- c. Anatomy of a C Program. Function prototypes and function definitions. Structures and Unions.
- d. Introducing pointers. Dynamic variables and memory management. Using malloc() and calloc() functions.
- e. Passing parameters by value and by reference.
- f. Dynamic arrays and pointer arithmetic.
- g. Representing Advanced Dynamic Data Structures in C
 - i. Linked Lists
 - ii. Stacks and Queues
 - iii. Trees
- h. How to code functions for searching, sorting linked list, deleting and inserting nodes.
- i. Programming with input and output files in C.
- j. UNIX Shell Programming
- k. Process generations in UNIX, managing inter-process Communications
- l. Essential principles of Systems Programming.

1. Course number and name
CSC 2700 Business Programming
2. Credits and contact hours
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Frits Lander
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Cobol From Micro to Mainframe 3rd Edition, Robert T. Grauer, Carol Vazquez Villar, Arthur R. Buss, Prentice Hall 1998. ISBN 0-13-790817.
5. Specific course information
 - a. Brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course provides students with experience in the design and coding of programs using a business oriented language. Topics covered include structured programming techniques; data, record and file design; sorting and merging of files; table handling; variable-length records; and indexed sequential access methods. File creation, updating and reporting are given special attention..
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
CSC 1500
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Required
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:
CO1: Structured programming techniques.
CO2: Data, record and file design.
CO3: Sorting and merging of files.
CO4: Table handling.
CO5: Variable length records.
CO6: Sequential access methods.
CO7: File creation, update and report.
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1		Y		Y		Y		
CO2		Y		Y		Y		
CO3		Y		Y		Y		
CO4		Y		Y		Y		
CO5		Y		Y		Y		
CO6		Y		Y		Y		
CO7		Y		Y		Y		

7. Brief list of topics to be covered

- a. Computing ethics (2 hours).
- b. Structured design process (3 hours).
- c. Divisions (Identification, Environment, and Data) (3 hours).
- d. Procedure Division (3 hours).
- e. Editing and coding standards, and data validation (3 hours).
- f. Interactive Input/Output (3 hours).
- g. Tables (3 hours).
- h. Sorting (3 hours).

1. Course number and name
CSC 3004 Parallel Programming with CUDA
2. Credits and contact hours
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Brady Chen
4. Text book, title, author, and year
CUDA by Example: An Introduction to General-Purpose GPU Programming, 1/E by Sanders & Kandrot. ISBN-10: 0131387685 ISBN-13: 9780131387683
 - a. other supplemental materials
 - i. CUDA Toolkit Documentation_
<http://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/index.html#axzz3DcnSNeDt>
 - ii. CUDA Getting Started Guide
<http://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/cuda-getting-started-guide-for-microsoft-windows/index.html#axzz3DcnSNeDt>
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This topics course covers programming techniques on the parallel computing architecture and programming model, CUDA. The topics include the introduction of CUDA, the basic CUDA commands and syntax, as well as several optimizations for CUDA code and utilization of CUDA libraries.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
CSC2560 Systems Programming
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Elective
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:
 - CO1: Basic concepts of parallel processing and CUDA architecture.
 - CO2. CUDA C language.
 - CO3. Parallel programming in CUDA C
 - CO4. Thread cooperation including thread communications and synchronizations.
 - CO5. Memory usage and management including constant memory and texture memory.
 - CO6. Graphics interoperability
 - CO7. Performing arithmetic with atomic operations in your CUDA C kernels
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Science Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	X	X				X		
CO2	X	X				X		
CO3	X	X				X		
CO4	X	X				X		
CO5	X	X				X		
CO6	X	X				X		
CO7	X	X				X		

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	X	X						
CO2	X	X						
CO3	X	X						
CO4	X	X						
CO5	X	X						
CO6	X	X						
CO7	X	X						

7. Brief list of topics to be covered

- Introduction to CUDA architecture
- GPU hardware and parallel communication patterns
- Parallel Programming in CUDA C
- Thread Cooperation
- Constant Memory and Events
- Texture Memory
- Graphics Interoperability
- Atomics
- Streams
- CUDA C on Multiple GPUs

1. Course number and name
CSC 3011 Data Modeling and Database Design
2. Credits and contact hours:
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Ricky J. Sethi
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Modern Database Management, Tenth Edition, Hoffer /Ramesh/Topi. ISBN:
9780136088394.
 - a. other supplemental materials
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course is about design and implementation of database systems. Evolution of various database models including hierarchical, relational and object-oriented models and the advantages of different models are studied. Use of Structured Query Language (SQL) in relational databases is explained and applied. Students design databases applying E-R modeling and normalization techniques.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
CSC 1550 and CSC/MATH 1900
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Required
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:
 - CO1. The evolution of various database models
 - CO2. Understand various database operators
 - CO3. Advanced SQL commands
 - CO4. E-R modeling
 - CO5. Normalization
 explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Science Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1						Y		
CO2	Y					Y		
CO3	Y					Y		
CO4	Y					Y		
CO5						Y		

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1						Y		
CO2						Y		
CO3						Y		
CO4						Y		
CO5						Y		

7. Brief list of topics to be covered
 - a. Introduction to Databases
 - i. File systems
 - ii. Database systems
 - iii. Database models
 - b. Relational Database Model
 - i. Entities and attributes
 - ii. Relational database keys and indexes
 - iii. Integrity rules
 - iv. Data dictionaries
 - c. Structures Query Language
 - d. E-R Modeling
 - e. Normalization
 - f. Database Life Cycle
 - i. Information system overview
 - ii. System development life cycle
 - iii. Planning, analysis and design of systems
 - iv. Implementation and maintenance
 - v. Database design strategies
 - vi. Security, backup and recovery and concurrency control.
 - g. Object-Oriented Database Management (5 hrs)
 - i. Object-oriented design concepts
 - ii. Object schemas
 - iii. Representing relationships
 - iv. Features of an object-oriented database management systems (OODBMS)
 - h. Client/Server Systems (2.5 hrs)
 - i. Need for client/server systems
 - ii. 3-tier architecture of client/server systems

1. Course number and name
CSC 3012 Introduction to Data Science
2. Credits and contact hours
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Ricky J. Sethi
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Data Science from Scratch By Joel Grus 1st Edition by O'Reilly; ISBN : 149190142X
 - a. other supplemental materials
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
Human beings now generate, and collect, massive amounts of data. As big data becomes the norm in modern business and research, there is a growing demand for individuals who are able to make decisions and derive meaningful insight from large-scale, heterogeneous data. A data scientist is a person who has the skills, knowledge, and ability to extract actionable knowledge from the raw data. This course will cover the topics needed to solve data-science problems, which include data preparation (collection & integration), data characterization and presentation, and data analysis (experimentation & observational).
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
CSC 1550 and CSC 2560
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Elective
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:
 - CO1. What is Data Science? Identifying questions and developing an empirical framework
 - CO2. Basics of a programming language like Python or R
 - CO3. Exploring Data, including Data capture, storage, and organization
 - CO4. Basic Statistics, Review of Probability for traditional analysis, and Distributions, tests, and the importance of basic statistics
 - CO5. Inferential Statistics: Learning from data, including Bootstrapping and resampling and Regression
 - CO6. Advanced analytics: Cross-validation and also Data errors: Correlation, overfitting, and multiple comparisons
 - CO7. Machine Learning Introduction, including Supervised Learning and Unsupervised Learning
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Science Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	Y							
CO2	Y							
CO3	Y							
CO4	Y							
CO5	Y					Y		
CO6	Y							
CO7	Y					Y		

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1		Y		Y		Y		
CO2	Y							
CO3						Y		
CO4	Y							
CO5	Y							
CO6	Y	Y						
CO7	Y	Y						

7. Brief list of topics to be covered

What is Data Science?

- a. A Crash Course in Python
- b. Exploring Data
- c. Identifying questions and developing an empirical framework
- d. Data capture, storage, and organization
- e. Basic analytics and Review of Probability for traditional analysis
- f. Inferential Statistics: Learning from data
- g. Distributions, tests, and the importance of basic statistics
- h. Bootstrapping and resampling
- i. Regression
- j. Advanced analytics: Cross-validation
- k. Data errors: Correlation, overfitting, and multiple comparisons
- l. Machine Learning Introduction
- m. Supervised Learning
- n. Unsupervised Learning

1. Course number and name
CSC 3040 Cybersecurity Management
2. Credits and contact hours
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name:
Audrey Pereira
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Corporate Computer Security By Boyle, R..J, & Panko, R..R. 4th Edition, ISBN :
9780133545197
 - a. other supplemental materials
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This is an introductory course in information technology (IT) security that incorporates managerial, criminal justice, and IT components. This course focuses on the management and legal issues and practical implications related to securing corporate information systems. Students will explore areas including IT security threats, security management processes, compliance laws and regulations, risk analysis and how to respond to risk, network security, WWW and e-commerce security, and incident and disaster recovery. Cross-listed as BSAD 3040 and CJ 3040.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
BSAD 1700 or CSC 1400
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Elective
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
The specific outcomes of instruction are address by the following course objectives:
 - CO1: Explain key security concepts related to IT and use basic security terminology and acronyms correctly
 - CO2: Describe threats from multiple areas, including employees, ex-employees, malware writers, and other criminals
 - CO3: Explain the plan-protect-respond security management cycle
 - CO4: Understand basic networking and cryptography concepts, and the importance of securing networks
 - CO5: Explain the basics of disaster response, including business continuity planning.
 - CO6: Make intelligent, reasonable, thoughtful, and accurate decisions about IT security, vulnerabilities, and legal issues, including criminal matters.
 - CO7: Keep current on security related issues by describing and discussing recent newsworthy security events.
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Science Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1				X				
CO2				X				
CO3	X							
CO4	X	X						
CO5	X	X						
CO6	X	X		X				
CO7	X			X				

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1				X		X		
CO2				X				
CO3	X							
CO4	X	X				X		
CO5	X	X				X		
CO6	X	X		X				
CO7	X			X				

7. Brief list of topics to be covered

- Planning and Policy
Compliance Laws and Regulations, Organization, Risk Analysis, Technical Security Architecture, Policy-Driven Implementation, Governance Frameworks
- Chapter 3 Cryptography
What is Cryptography? Symmetric Key Encryption Ciphers, Cryptographic System Standards, The Negotiation Stage, Initial Authentication Stage, The Keying Stage, Message-By-Message Authentication
- Secure Networks
DoS Attacks, ARP Poisoning, Access Control for Networks, Ethernet Security, Wireless Security
- Access Control
Physical Access and Security, Passwords, Access Cards and Tokens, Biometric Authentication, Cryptographic Authentication, Authorization, Auditing, Central Authentication Servers, Directory Servers, Full Identity Management
- Chapter 6 Firewalls 313
Static Packet Filtering, Stateful Packet Inspection, Network Address Translation, Application Proxy Firewalls and Content Filtering, Intrusion Detection Systems and Intrusion Prevention Systems, Antivirus Filtering and Unified Threat Management, Firewall Architectures, Firewall Management
- Application Security
WWW and E-Commerce Security, Web Browser Attacks, E-Mail Security, Voice over IP Security, Other User Applications
- Incident and Disaster Response - The Intrusion Response Process for Major Incidents, Intrusion Detection Systems, Business Continuity Planning, It Disaster Recovery

1. Course number and name
CSC 3050 Web Programming
2. Credits and contact hours
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Nadimpalli Mahadev
4. Text book, title, author, and year
No textbook.
 - a. other supplemental materials
zyBooks for Web Programming and Web Programming Notes.
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
There are three tiers to Web Programming: Front-end GUI programming, back-end database design with business logic programming and a middle-tier web server with control logic programming. In this course, students complete a web project creating this 3-tier architecture by learning the latest programming languages used in web development.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
CSC 1550
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Elective
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:
CO1: Types of Web Applications.
CO2: The role of Hypertext Markup Language and platform independence.
CO3: Use of Cascading Style Sheets in HTML.
CO4: JavaScript and form validation.
CO5: Three-tier architecture and MVC architecture.
CO6: Coding with Java Server Pages.
CO7: Database design and the role of JDBC.
CO8: Creating JavaBeans for business logic.
CO9: ER diagrams and entity class diagrams
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes:

	Computer Science Student outcomes (CSSO)						
	1	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1					x		
CO2	x				x		
CO3	x						
CO4	x						
CO5						x	
CO6	x						
CO7					x	x	
CO8	x					x	
CO9					x	x	

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes:

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1								
CO2								
CO3							x	
CO4							x	
CO5		x					x	
CO6								
CO7		x				x	x	
CO8						x	x	
CO9		x				x	x	

7. Brief list of topics to be covered
 - a. Overview of Java Programming Language.
 - b. Overview of web programming tools: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, CSS and JavaScript Libraries and Java Server pages.
 - c. Client-side scripting with JavaScript.
 - d. NetBeans configuration for web development.
 - e. Overview of Java Server Pages and form processing with JSP.
 - f. Scripting with JSP elements.
 - g. Creating and using Java Beans with JSP.
 - h. Relational database design.
 - i. Database programming using SQL, JDBC and JSP.

1. Course number and name
CSC 3100 Operating Systems
2. Credits and contact hours
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Brady Chen
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Modern Operating Systems 4th Edition by Andrew S. Tanenbaum and Herbert Bos, 2015
 - a. other supplemental materials
none
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course examines the internal structure and operation of operating systems with an emphasis on their design criteria and approaches. Topics covered include: process management, scheduling, deadlock, memory management, virtual memory, protection and security and distributed systems. A working knowledge of a higher-level system programming language and computer data structures is assumed.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
CSC2560 Systems Programming
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Required
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
The specific outcomes of instruction are address by the following course objectives:
CO1. Learn basic principles and components of an Operating System.
CO2. Learn and be familiar with the notion of processes.
CO3. Understand CPU scheduling, deadlock detection and deadlock avoidance.
CO4. Understand how memory management is handled in an operating system.
CO5. Understand how file systems are implemented.
CO6. Learn and be familiar with the operating system security issues.
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Science Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	X							
CO2	X							
CO3	X							
CO4	X							
CO5	X							
CO6	X							

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	X							
CO2	X							
CO3	X							
CO4	X							
CO5	X							
CO6	X							

7. Brief list of topics to be covered
 - a. Operating System concepts OS1(2.5) OS2(2.5)
 - i. Computer hardware review
 - ii. Operating system concepts and structure
 - b. Processes and threads OS3(6) OS4(4)
 - i. Processes and threads
 - ii. Inter-process communication (IPC) and classic IPC problems
 - iii. CPU scheduling
 - c. Deadlocks OS3(4)
 - i. Introduction to deadlock
 - ii. Deadlock detection and recovery
 - iii. Deadlock avoidance
 - iv. Deadlock prevention
 - d. Memory management OS5(6)
 - i. Basic memory management
 - ii. Virtual memory
 - iii. Page replacement algorithm
 - e. Input/output OS6(4)
 - i. I/O hardware
 - ii. I/O software
 - f. File systems OS8(4)
 - i. Files
 - ii. Directories
 - g. Operating system security OS7(4)

1. Course number and name: CSC 3200: Programming Languages
2. Credits and contact hours: 3 credits / 37.5 hours.
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name: Natasha Kurtonina
4. Text book, title, author, and year:
Essentials of Programming Languages, Daniel P. Friedman and Mitchell Wand ISBN-13: 978-0262062794 ISBN-10: 0262062798
 - a. other supplemental materials:
Notes, handouts and lectures are posted on Blackboard for student review.
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course provides an introduction to modern study of programming languages and compiler construction. It explores the logic of languages construction, their places in programming paradigms along with their theoretical analysis and software tools. We will explore all major programming paradigms, their philosophies and technical implementations. Various programming techniques, algorithms and data structures will be studied and compared in different programming frameworks perspectives.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites:
CSC 2560 (Systems Programming)
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program: required; elective; selected elective.
6. Specific goals for the course:
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
The purpose of this course is to give students a foundation in programming languages of main programming paradigms. The course covers the theory behind programming paradigms, introduces the most important programming techniques useful for modern software design and provides in depth analysis of commonly used programming languages. Students will learn underlying mathematical foundation of programming languages and programming paradigms. Upon completion of the course, a student should be able to understand the theoretical foundations and programming implementations of
 - CO1: Functional, logical & procedural paradigms
 - CO2: Programming paradigms strengths and weaknesses
 - CO3: Implementation structures for the paradigms
 - CO4: Functional programming using Scheme
 - CO5: Logic programming using Prolog
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Science Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	Y					Y		
CO2	Y					Y		
CO3	Y					Y		
CO4	Y					Y		
CO5	Y					Y		

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	Y							
CO2	Y							
CO3	Y							
CO4	Y							
CO5	Y							

7. Major Topics Covered in the Course:
 - a. Introduction to Programming Paradigms
 - b. Logic Programming, Prolog and AI
 - c. Functional Programming: examples and foundations
 - d. Recursion and Inductive Sets of Data Logic and Functional Programming with Scheme
 - e. Data Abstraction
 - i. Specifying Data via Interfaces
 - ii. Representation Strategies for Data Types
 - iii. Interfaces for Recursive Data Types
 - iv. A Tool for Defining Recursive Data Types
 - v. Abstract Syntax and Its RepresentationAdvanced Design
 - f. Grammars and Parsing Techniques.
 - g. Comparative analysis of C++, Java and C#. Objects and Classes
 - i. Object-Oriented Programming: principles and implementations
 - ii. Inheritance and Interface
 - iii. Compilers and Interpreters for OOP
 - iv. Types and Types Checkers
 - v. Aspect Oriented Programming
 - h. Major Data Structures in Various Programming Paradigms
 - i. Major Algorithmic techniques in Various Programming Paradigms
 - j. Programming Languages and Web design
 - k. Programming Languages and Artificial Intelligence

1. Course number and name: CSC 3300
Assembly Language Programming
2. Credits and contact hours
3 credits / 37.5 hours.
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Kevin Austin
4. Text book, title, author, and year Hyde, Randall, The Art of Assembly Language:
 - a. other supplemental materials: Various topic handouts and practice problems, in-class notes and screen-capture video of lectures are posted on Blackboard for student review.
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
Assembly language provides the means for programming a computer at the most basic machine level. In this course, we explore the fundamental operations of a modern computer system using software tools. Topics examined include numerical and character representations, microprocessor register usage, machine instructions, addressing modes, input/output processing, parameter passing, interrupt processing and simple data structure realizations on the Intel 80x86 processor.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites: CSC1550
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program: required; elective; selected elective.
6. Specific goals for the course:
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
The purpose of this course is to develop students' understanding of digital computer organization and gain an appreciation for high-level language constructs through assembly language programming. Having successfully completed this course, a student will have:
 - CO1: demonstrated how information is represented and operated upon in a digital computer;
 - CO2: demonstrated knowledge of how information is processed at the machine level within a CPU;
 - CO3: analyzed assembly language code sequences to perform arithmetic, calculate memory addresses, determine processor flags, predict conditional branches;
 - CO4: written assembly language programs to perform console I/O;
 - CO5: written assembly language programs that draw directly to screen memory;
 - CO6: written assembly language programs that demonstrate bit masking techniques;
 - CO7: written assembly language programs that work with arrays using indexed addressing;
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

	CS / CIS Program Student Outcomes							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1							Y	
CO2							Y	
CO3								
CO4		Y						
CO5		Y						
CO6		Y						
CO7		Y						

7. Brief list of topics to be covered:

- Digital representations
 - Bits, bytes, nibbles, words
 - Binary, hexadecimal, BCD, ASCII and two's complement representations
- Architecture
 - Components: CPU, data paths, memory, registers, ALU, I/O devices
 - Processes: Addressing, instruction fetch/decode
 - Programmer's register model, real mode memory map
- Real mode registers / hardware stack:
 - General purpose, segment, stack pointer, program counter, index
 - Status, processor flags, stack operations
- Assembly Language Fundamentals
 - Program structure, entry and exit
 - Variable and constant declaration directives
 - Fundamental instructions: MOV, ADD, SUB, NEG, AND, OR, NOT, XOR
 - System software interrupt calls
- Subroutines and software interrupts
- Context saving, instruction results and processor flags
- Branching: conditional / unconditional + loops, relative / absolute addressing
- Addressing modes and data structures: Immediate, direct, indirect, based, indexed
- Arrays / structs
- I/O devices: Keyboard, display, file I/O

1. Course number and name
CSC3350 Small-scale Embedded Systems Development
2. Credits and contact hours
3 credits / 37.5 hours.
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Kevin Austin
4. Text book, title, author, and year: Embedded C Programming: Techniques and Applications of C and PIC MCUS by Mark Siegesmund (Newnes © 2014 ISBN: 9780128013144). Other PICC reference material available from ACM Learning Center online.
 - a. other supplemental materials: Various topic handouts, device data sheets, detailed lab exercises. In-class notes and screen-capture video of lectures are posted on Blackboard for student review. Hardware: LabX-1 PIC microcontroller platforms, PicKit device programmers, RS-232 to USB converters.
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
Small-scale embedded systems are everywhere. Students will learn about how to develop functional devices using microcontrollers and become familiar with microcontroller architecture and the various function-specific hardware modules such as timer/counters, analog-to-digital converters, pulse-width modulators, liquid-crystal displays and keypads. Hands-on projects will require the writing of device drivers and the development of a useful embedded system.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites: CSC1650 and CSC2560
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program: required; elective; selected elective.

6. Specific goals for the course:

- a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.

The purpose of this course is to develop students' understanding of structured software design and iterative development methods for embedded applications. Students work in pairs to develop device drivers in the C programming language for microcontroller-based applications. Having successfully completed this course, a student will have:

- CO1: demonstrated understanding of the top-down problem analysis and structured device driver design process;
- CO2: measured interrupt overhead and demonstrated an understanding of interrupt processing;
- CO3: analyzed and programmed several hardware-based timer configurations;
- CO4: demonstrated an understanding of how to improve code readability using C language structs to create variables that represent bit-fields within register;
- CO5: written, tested and documented a device driver to operate an LCD display;
- CO6: written, tested and documented a device driver to scan a keypad matrix;
- CO7: written, tested and documented a device driver to implement a synchronous serial interface to a memory device;

- b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

	CS Program Student Outcomes							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1					Y		Y	
CO2					Y			
CO3					Y	Y		
CO4					Y		Y	
CO5		Y	Y		Y	Y		
CO6		Y	Y		Y	Y		
CO7		Y	Y		Y	Y		

7. Brief list of topics to be covered:

- Embedded Software Basics
 - PICC int data types / bit-field structs
 - Mapping variables to memory
 - Transferring code to the CPU
- Embedded application structure
- PIC Microcontroller Architecture
 - CPU, Busses, RAM and ROM
 - Instruction pipeline
 - I/O ports, embedded devices
 - Harvard / RISC architecture
 - Clock generation
- PIC assembly language overview / comparison with C
- PICC Interrupt processing:
 - service routine responsibility, overhead
 - limited hardware stack
 - foreground / background task communication
- Hardware timers
 - Tone generation, Interrupt pacing
 - Switch de-bouncing
 - Pulse-width modulation
- External Device Interfaces
 - Parallel
 - Asynchronous/Synchronous serial
- Structured Software Design / Incremental development
 - Requirements definition
 - Top-down design/Bottom-up development
 - Testing / debugging methods
- Device Driver Projects
 - Loudspeaker
 - LCD display
 - Keypad matrix scanning
 - Serial EEPROM

1. Course number and name
CSC 3400 Data Communications & Networking
2. Credits and contact hours
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Brady Chen
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Communications and Networking: An Introduction, 2nd Edition by John Cowley.
Springer Publishing Company, Incorporated ©2012
ISBN:1447143566 9781447143567
 - a. other supplemental materials
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course investigates the means by which data is exchanged by two digital devices. Topics include the history of data communications, the public switching network (PSTN), standards bodies (OSI, IEEE, etc), serial synchronous/asynchronous data flow, channel characteristics (bandwidth, noise, capacity, physical implementations), modulation techniques (modems and standards), circuit and packet switching (Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM)), multiplexers, Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN), Digital Subscriber Lines (DSL), etc. An introduction to Wide Area Networks (WAN) is included.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
CSC 2560
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Required
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:
 - CO1. Understand and describe high level network concepts;
 - CO2. Describe how agents on a network communicate;
 - CO3. Understand how physical media is used;
 - CO4. Understand the following about Local Area Networks; (7)
 - CO5. Understand the following about Wide Area Networks; (8)
 - CO6. Be familiar with TCP/IP - the internet protocol; (9)
 - CO7. Be familiar with these applications from the Internet Application Layer;
 - CO8. Understand the following about Network Security;
 - CO9. Be familiar with the following concepts of Network Management;
 - CO10. Understand and describe the following Wireless Networks
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	CS Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	Y				Y			
CO2	Y				Y			
CO3	Y				Y			
CO4	Y				Y		Y	
CO5	Y				Y		Y	
CO6	Y				Y		Y	

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	CIS Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1					Y			Y
CO2					Y			Y
CO3					Y			Y
CO4					Y		Y	Y
CO5					Y		Y	Y
CO6					Y		Y	Y

7. Brief list of topics to be covered

- a. Server installation: Hardware requirements, Partitions & installation options, Installation & testing
- b. Server configuration: Control panel, Server environment, Devices & resources
- c. Storage, backup & performance
- d. Accounts & client connectivity
- e. Security: Server resources and security, Objects and security, Moving files/folders
- f. File Systems and Disk Quotas: Distributed file system, Shares, Disk quotas, Application installations, Samba, etc.
- g. LAN configuration and protocols: Media, Network Interface card, Ethernet, token ring, Bus, ring, star topology, NetBEUI, IPX, TCP/IP
- h. Server hardware planning: Compatibility, Bus speed, CPU, Disk, Memory, NIC
- i. Network protocol planning: NDIS, ODI, TCP/IP, NWLink, NetBEUI, DLC, AppleTalk
- j. Server monitoring and optimization: Logs and alerts
- k. Network monitoring and tuning

1. Course number and name
CSC 3450 Local Area Networks
2. Credits and contact hours
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Ricky J. Sethi
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Networking Basics, 2nd Edition, ISBN: 9780619055820, Mark Ciampa
Linux+ Guide to Linux Cert, 3rd Edition, ISBN: 9781418837211, Jason W. Eckert
 - a. other supplemental materials
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course examines local area network (LAN) technology and architecture both through general concepts and practical hands-on experience. All networking fundamentals are presented based on the modular approach of the ISO standards. Topics covered include file servers, configurations and protocols, installation and management of server hardware and software, system monitoring, maintenance and troubleshooting. Due to its importance, the TCP/IP protocol will be stressed.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
CSC 2560
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Required
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:
 - CO1. Networking topologies and access methods;
 - CO2. Network architectures and standards;
 - CO3. Network protocols, hardware and software;
 - CO4. Network planning;
 - CO5. Server installation and configuration;
 - CO6. Network management, monitoring and troubleshooting
 explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	CS Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	Y				Y			
CO2	Y				Y			
CO3	Y				Y			
CO4	Y				Y		Y	
CO5	Y				Y		Y	
CO6	Y				Y		Y	

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	CIS Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1					Y			Y
CO2					Y			Y
CO3					Y			Y
CO4					Y		Y	Y
CO5					Y		Y	Y
CO6					Y		Y	Y

7. Brief list of topics to be covered
 - a. Server installation
 - i. Hardware requirements
 - ii. Partitions & installation options
 - iii. Installation & testing
 - b. Server configuration
 - i. Control panel
 - ii. Server environment
 - iii. Devices & resources
 - c. Storage, backup & performance
 - d. Accounts & client connectivity
 - e. Security
 - i. Server resources and security
 - ii. Objects and security
 - iii. Moving files/folders
 - f. File Systems and Disk Quotas
 - i. Distributed file system
 - ii. Shares
 - iii. Disk quotas
 - iv. Application installations
 - v. Samba, etc.
 - g. LAN configuration and protocols
 - i. Media
 - ii. Network Interface card
 - iii. Ethernet, token ring
 - iv. Bus, ring, star topology
 - v. NetBEUI, IPX, TCP/IP
 - h. Server hardware planning
 - i. Compatibility, Bus speed, CPU, Disk, Memory, NIC
 - i. Network protocol planning
 - i. NDIS, ODI, TCP/IP, NWLink, NetBEUI, DLC, AppleTalk
 - j. Server monitoring and optimization
 - i. Logs and alerts
 - k. Network monitoring and tuning

1. Course number and name
CSC 3600: Microprocessors
2. Credits and contact hours
4 credits / 82.5 hours.
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Kevin Austin
4. Text book, title, author, and year: Numerous reference works are used. Students use the ACM Learning Center to access materials online. Varies from semester to semester.
 - a. other supplemental materials: PIC microcontroller data sheets, online Arduino UNO reference material, course-specific topic notes, lab handouts.
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course provides a detailed study of the microprocessor and its applications. Emphasis is placed on a current microprocessor, its hardware and software and its associated family of integrated circuits. Students design a microprocessor system, configuring the random access memory, the read-only memory, and peripheral devices using peripheral interface adapters. Students reinforce theory with extensive laboratory work. Students registering for this course must also register for the accompanying lab course.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites: CSC 2600
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program: required; elective; selected elective.
6. Specific goals for the course:
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic. The purpose of this course is to develop students' understanding of microprocessor-based systems. Students develop an understanding of hardware/software interaction through numerous laboratory experiences. This course introduces students to various communication protocols, programming paradigms and tradeoffs associated with programming both the microprocessor and the I/O devices themselves. Students write programs in both assembly language and C to acquire data and operate a variety of modern I/O devices. Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:
 - CO1: Machine architecture, operations and hardware stack implementation
 - CO2: Assembly language programming
 - CO3: Electrical characteristics of CPU and I/O devices
 - CO4: I/O programming data structures and techniques
 - CO5: I/O device data transfer and processing protocols
 - CO6: Hardware interrupt processing
 - CO7: I/O device communication protocols
 - CO8: Working with a partner toward a common goal and writing reports.
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

	CS Program Student Outcomes							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1								Y
CO2							Y	Y
CO3		Y						Y
CO4	Y	Y				Y		Y
CO5	Y	Y						Y
CO6		Y						Y
CO7	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y
CO8			Y		Y			

7. Brief list of topics to be covered:

- Microprocessor overview
 - CPU's, busses, memory, clock, ports
 - Number systems and data formats
- PIC microcontroller architecture
 - Program memory, register file
 - Key registers: configuration, program counter, status, w
 - Clock, I/O port configuration, internal peripherals, shadowing
- Assembly language
 - Program structure: mnemonics / opcodes / directives
 - Instruction types: transfer, compute, branch
 - Stack operations: subroutines & interrupts
- Hardware specifications
 - Port pin electrical specifications and configuration
 - Machine cycles, instruction pipeline
 - Memory: program memory busses, register file busses
 - Interrupt processing: latency, overhead, efficiency
- Basic IO port interfacing
 - I/O pins: configuration, bit masking
 - Programming input pins / handling switch bounce
 - Basic Interrupt handling / Vectors for interrupt and device reset
 - Interrupt control / ISR responsibilities and best practices
- Standard communication protocols
 - Parallel interfaces
 - Asynchronous serial interfaces (UART)
 - Synchronous serial interfaces (SPI, I2C)
- I/O programming techniques
 - Data structures / bit masking
 - Interrupt-driven I/O vs. I/O polling vs. DMA
 - Data conversion: sampling and resolution
- Devices
 - Pushbutton and LED
 - LCD display, Bluetooth communication

- Temperature & inertial measurement

1. Course number and name: CSC 3700: Algorithms and Data Structures
2. Credits and contact hours: 3 credits / 37.5 hours.
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name: Natasha Kurtonina
4. Text book, title, author, and year:
Introduction to Algorithms. T.H.Cormen, C.E.Leiserson R.I.Rivest. MIT Press
ISBN: 9780262033848
 - a. other supplemental materials:
Notes, handouts and lectures are posted on Blackboard for student review.
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course provides an introduction to modern study of computer algorithms and complex data structures. It explores the logic of algorithmic analysis and design as well as practical utility and implementation techniques. The basic ideas from Complexity Theory will help students understand the concept of efficiency of algorithms and its role in the design of algorithms. The analysis of data structures is focused on the concepts of linked list, queues, stacks and trees. Various programming techniques such as divide and conquer; dynamic programming and backtracking are presented.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites:
CSC 2560 (Systems Programming)
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program: required; elective; selected elective.
6. Specific goals for the course:
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
The purpose of this course is to give students a foundation in design and analysis of the most important algorithms and data structures. Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:
 - CO1: Sorting and Search Algorithms
 - CO2: Graph Theory Algorithms
 - CO3: Cryptography Algorithms
 - CO4: Dynamic Data Structures and related algorithms
 - CO5: Fundamentals of Computational Complexity Theory
 - CO6: Algorithmic Design Paradigms
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Science Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	Y					Y	Y	
CO2	Y					Y	Y	
CO3	Y					Y	Y	
CO4	Y					Y	Y	
CO5	Y					Y	Y	
CO6	Y					Y	Y	

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1	Y						Y	
CO2	Y						Y	
CO3	Y						Y	
CO4	Y						Y	
CO5	Y						Y	
CO6	Y						Y	

7. Major Topics Covered in the Course:

- a. Introduction to Complexity Analysis of Algorithms
- b. Fundamental Searching and Sorting Algorithms: analysis and principles of implementation. Complexity of searching and sorting algorithms. Implementations in various programming paradigms.
- c. Data Structures and Related Algorithms. Linked Lists, Stacks and Queues, Binary Search Trees, Red-Black Trees Spanning Trees, Hash Tables.
- d. Advanced Design and Analysis Techniques
- e. Dynamic Programming
- f. Greedy Algorithms
- g. Backtracking Techniques
- h. Graph Algorithms
- i. Cryptographic Algorithms
- j. Computability and NP-Completeness

1. Course number and name
CSC4210: Computer Graphics Programming
2. Credits and contact hours
3 credits / 37.5 hours.
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Kevin Austin
4. Text book, title, author, and year: Computer Graphics Programming in OpenGL With C++, by V. Scott Gordon and John Clevenger (2019)
 - a. other supplemental materials: Students need Visual Studio 2017 installed on their personal laptop computers. We also use the tutorials at these web sites: <http://www.opengl-tutorial.org> and <https://learnopengl.com/> .
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
In this course, we study the processes, tools and mathematics that underlie the production of images on digital computers. Students will write programs that create digital representations of geometric objects and render them on a computer screen. Topics covered in this course are: the graphics processing pipeline, graphics primitives, vertex specification, rendering, color theory, geometric transformations, illumination, perspective and the virtual camera. In the process, students will gain practical experience with programming concepts related to abstraction, data structures, algorithms and memory management.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites: CSC2560
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program: required; elective; selected elective.
6. Specific goals for the course:
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.

In this course, students learn the fundamentals of rendering 3-D object models on a computer screen using OpenGL. After having completed this course, students will have demonstrated:

CO1: An appreciation for the history and evolution of computer graphics.

CO2: Programs that implement a graphics pipeline to render images on a computer screen.

CO3: Created hard-coded models of simple geometric shapes and applied textures to them.

CO4: Programs that implement various geometric transformations of scale, translation, and rotation.

CO5: An understanding of how model, view and projection matrices can be created and manipulated to render images in a variety of ways.

CO6: Programs that implement and manipulate scene lighting and reflective properties of a model.

CO7: Programs that implement transparency and shadows.

- b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course

	CS / CIS Program Student Outcomes							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1							Y	
CO2						Y	Y	
CO3							Y	
CO4						Y		
CO5							Y	
CO6						Y		
CO7						Y		

7. Brief list of topics to be covered:

- Evolution of computer graphics hardware
- The graphics pipeline and the role of shader programs
- The OpenGL API and support libraries: GLEW, GLFW and GLM
- Colors, color blending, transparency
- 3-D representations, coordinate systems, vertices
- Coordinate systems: vertices and models
- Triangles, matrices and vectors
- Data structures: Vertex Array Objects, Vertex Buffer Objects
- Rotation, translation and scaling
- Point-of-view: camera location, perspective, frustum
- MVP matrix, uniforms, GLSL, the depth buffer
- Applying textures, UV coordinates
- Normal vectors
- Applying illumination, reflection and shadows

1. Course number and name
CSC 3710 Systems Analysis Methods
2. Credits and contact hours
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Audrey Pereira & Brady Chen
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Systems Analysis and Design (9th ed.). by Kendall, K. E., & Kendall, J. E., 2014
 - a. other supplemental materials
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
As an overview of the system development life cycle, this course introduces the student to the fundamental concepts and techniques of systems analysis. Classical and structured methods of systems documentation are explored as well as information gathering and reporting activities.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
CSC3450 Local Area Networks
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Required
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
The specific outcomes of instruction are address by the following course objectives:
CO1: Describe the systems development life cycle and specific life cycle models
CO2: Describe systems analysis and the role of the systems analyst
CO3: Describe how information systems projects are proposed and initiate
CO4: Develop basic systems documentation including project charters, system proposals, requirements questionnaires, prototypes, event response tables, and context level diagrams
CO5: Analyze, model, and specify a system's process and data requirements
CO6: Compare and contrast structured and object oriented development
CO7: Discuss emerging trends and issues in systems analysis
CO8: Work cooperatively in a group to integrate the concepts learned
CO9: Construct and present effective oral and written forms of professional communications.
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	CIS Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1		X						
CO2		X						
CO3		X						
CO4		X						
CO5		X						
CO6	X							
CO7							X	
CO8					X			
CO9							X	

7. Brief list of topics to be covered
 - a. Systems development life cycle and specific life cycle models
 - i. Systems development life cycle (problem identification, determining information requirements, analyzing system needs, designing systems, developing and documenting software, testing and maintaining system, and implementing and evaluating system)
 - ii. Agile approach and objective-oriented systems analysis and design
 - iii. Choosing which systems development method to use
 - b. Systems analysis and the role of the systems analyst, and the analysis process
 - i. Need for analysis and design
 - ii. Role of a systems analyst
 - iii. Developing data flow diagrams
 - iv. Logical and physical data flow diagrams
 - c. How information systems projects are proposed and initiated and project management
 - i. Project initiation, determining feasibility
 - ii. Hardware and software needs
 - iii. Identifying, forecasting, and comparing costs and benefits
 - iv. Project schedule and managing time, activities, and project team
 - v. Controlling and managing a project
 - d. Development of basic systems documentation
 - i. Depicting systems graphically
 - ii. Systems proposal, use case development, questionnaires
 - iii. Data flow diagrams (logical and physical), data dictionaries

- e. Process and data requirements, modeling systems (information requirements analysis)
 - i. Organizations as systems
 - ii. Use case modeling
 - iii. Interviewing, listening to stories, and questionnaires
 - iv. Joint application design, process specifications
 - v. Structured English, Decision tables, and decision trees
- f. Structured and object-oriented development
 - i. Agile modeling
 - ii. Object-oriented systems analysis and design
 - iii. Prototyping
 - iv. Comparing Agile modeling and structured methods
- g. Emerging trends and issues in systems analysis
 - i. Current events discussed as they emerge

1. Course number and name
CSC 4005 Ethical Hacking
2. Credits and contact hours
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Nadimpalli Mahadev
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Hacker Techniques, Tools, and Incident Handling, 3rd edition by S-P Oriyano and M.G. Solomon, Jones & Bartlett Learning 2020.
 - a. other supplemental materials
Class Notes and other handouts posted to Blackboard.
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course introduces the students to working with hacking tools and strategies in order to detect and report the vulnerabilities in computer systems such as networks and operating systems. Topics include the four stages of penetration testing: reconnaissance, scanning, exploitation and maintenance. Students will generate reports at each stage. Necessary background in networking and defensive programming will be reviewed.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
CSC 2560 and CSC 3450
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Elective
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:
CO1: Dangers of unethical hacking.
CO2: Network security fundamentals.
CO3: OSI and TCP/IP models.
CO4: Various stages of ethical hacking.
CO5: Passive Reconnaissance tools and techniques.
CO6: Port scanning and network mapping tools and techniques.
CO7: Vulnerability detection tools and exploring known vulnerabilities lists (CVE).
CO8: Vulnerability exploitation tools.
CO9: Tools for maintaining access.
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes:

	CS Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1				x				
CO2							x	
CO3							x	
CO4								
CO5							x	
CO6							x	
CO7							x	
CO8							x	
CO9							x	

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes:

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1				x				
CO2							x	x
CO3							x	x
CO4								
CO5							x	
CO6							x	
CO7							x	
CO8							x	
CO9							x	

7. Brief list of topics to be covered
 1. Dangers of unethical hacking.
 2. Review of networks.
 3. Review of network security.
 4. Methods of reconnaissance.
 5. Methods for vulnerability scanning.
 6. Exploitation.
 7. Defensive programming basics.

1. Course number and name
CSC 4102: Ethical Issues in Computer Science
2. Credits and contact hours
1 credits / 12.5 hours.
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name:
Natasha Kurtonina, Frits Lander
4. Text book, title, author, and year:
 - Computer Ethics, Fourth Edition, by Deborah Johnson. ISBN-13: 978-0131112414 (required)
 - Ethical and Secure Computing: A Concise Module (Undergraduate Topics in Computer Science) 2nd Edition, by Joseph Migga Kizza , ISBN-13: 978-3030039363, ISBN-10: 3030039366
 - a. other supplemental materials
Notes, handouts and lectures are posted on Blackboard for student review.
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course covers various ethical issues that arise as a result of increasing use of computers in contemporary society. Topics include methodology, tools and frameworks for analysis of ethical issues in Computer Science, social and ethical context of computing, professional and ethical responsibilities, intellectual property rights, risks and liabilities of safety-critical systems, privacy and civil liberties, social implications of the internet and cyber-security.
 - b. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program: required; elective; selected elective.
6. Specific goals for the course:
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
The purpose of this course is to give students a foundation in the structured programming with C and Unix Operating System that underlie the principles of process generation and process management, dynamic memory management, dynamic Data Structures, including Trees and Linked Lists, that will subsequently be used in Algorithms and Data Structures. (CSC3700). Upon completion of the course, a student should be able to do the following:
 - CO1: Identify ethical issues in Computer Science
 - CO2: Understand how to recognize and evaluate ethical choices in a modern computerized world.
 - CO3: Understand professional and ethical responsibilities defined in the ACM Professional Code of Ethics
 - CO4: Understand intellectual property rights, privacy and civil liberties, cyber-security, social and ethical implications of new technologies.
 - CO:5 Improve presentation skills
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	CS Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1			Y	Y				
CO2			Y	Y				
CO3			Y	Y				
CO4			Y	Y				
CO5			Y	Y				

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	CIS Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1			Y	Y				
CO2			Y	Y				
CO3			Y	Y				
CO4			Y	Y				
CO5			Y	Y				

7. Major Topics Covered in the Course:
 - a. Ethical frameworks for analysis of ethical issues in Computer Science.
 - b. ACM Professional Code of Ethics: professional and ethical responsibilities in a computerized society
 - c. Computer Security. Risks and liabilities of safety-critical systems.
 - d. Intellectual Property, Privacy and Cybercrimes.
 - e. The Digital Divide.
 - f. Digital Identity and Digital Communities.
 - g. Social Implications of Internet.
 - h. Computer Crimes
 - i. Ethical challenges arising from social networks, mobile telecommunications, virtual reality.
 - j. Student's term papers discussion

1. Course number and name
CSC 4400 Software Engineering
2. Credits and contact hours
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Nadimpalli Mahadev
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Foundations of Software Engineering by A. Ahmed and B. Prasad, CRC Press 2016.
 - a. other supplemental materials
Class Notes and other handouts posted to Blackboard.
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This course examines main features of software life cycle. It covers the main issues in design creation, principles of programs verification, system testing and evaluation criteria. This course provides students with an opportunity to obtain practical experience in software design using CASE tools. Students work in project teams and apply principles of software design, verification, testing and coding toward the solutions of assigned problems.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
CSC 3011
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Required
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:
CO1: Professional and ethical responsibilities of a software engineer.
CO2: Software Engineering processes and CASE tools.
CO3: Requirements Analysis and documentation.
CO4: Architecture design and documentation.
CO5: Database design and documentation.
CO6: User interface design and documentation.
CO7: Object oriented analysis, design and documentation.
CO8: Planning, documenting and implementing verification, validation and testing.
CO9: Working in groups to complete a software project.
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes:

	CS Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1				x			x	
CO2								
CO3						x	x	
CO4	x					x	x	
CO5						x	x	
CO6	x					x	x	
CO7	x					x	x	
CO8						x	x	
CO9			x		x		x	

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes:

	Computer Information Systems Student outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1				x			x	
CO2								
CO3		x					x	
CO4		x					x	
CO5		x				x	x	
CO6		x					x	
CO7		x					x	
CO8		x					x	
CO9		x	x		x		x	

7. Brief list of topics to be covered

- a) Software engineering overview and professional and ethical responsibilities (4 hours)
- b) Overview of systems engineering process (.5 hours)
- c) Overview of software processes and tools (3 hours)
- d) Project management overview (3 hours)
- e) Requirements engineering and the role of use cases (2 hours)
- f) Requirements documentation presentations (2 hours)
- g) Architecture models (1 hours)
- h) Data processing models and documentation (5 hours)
- i) User interface design and documentation (4 hour)
- j) Object oriented design and documentation (5 hours)
- k) Planning verification, validation and testing (3 hours)
- l) Software evolution and maintenance processes (3 hours)

1. Course number and name
CSC 4550 Database Programming
2. Credits and contact hours
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name
Nadimpalli Mahadev
4. Text book, title, author, and year
No textbook.
 - a. other supplemental materials
Database Programming and Web Programming Notes.
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
Many businesses, small and large, utilize user-interfaces to access databases to provide security as well as multiple user access to the databases. This course will introduce the student to software components designed for database programming in a higher-level language. Each student works on a project of applied nature that involves documenting the requirements of a database, creating the database, and designing the user-interface to access the database. Working knowledge of the host language is required.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
CSC 2400 and permission from the instructor
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Elective
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
Upon successful completion of this course, a student will have demonstrated knowledge of:
CO1: Relational databases; entities, fields and records; relationships and keys.
CO2: The process of designing a database.
CO3: Components of a structured query language.
CO4: Database security and data control.
CO5: Three-tier architecture and MVC architecture.
CO6: Analysis, design and implementation of an application using database programming
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CS student outcomes:

	CS Student Outcomes (CSSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1								
CO2							x	
CO3							x	
CO4							x	
CO5							x	
CO6	x					x	x	

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes:

	Computer Information Systems Student outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1						x		
CO2						x	x	
CO3						x	x	
CO4						x	x	
CO5							x	
CO6		x				x	x	

7. Brief list of topics to be covered
 - a. Relational database management systems.
 - b. High level language (SQL)
 - c. Transaction management and control commands
 - d. Data security and data control commands
 - e. Data entry and retrieve commands
 - f. Database design.
 - g. MVC and 3-tier architectures.
 - h. Using JDBC and ODBC API in database programming.
 - i. Design, analysis and implementation of applications using database programming.

1. Course number and name:
CSC 4700 System Design and Implementation
2. Credits and contact hours:
3 Credits, 37.5 Hours
3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name:
Audrey Pereira
4. Text book, title, author, and year
Systems Analysis and Design (9th ed.). by Kendall, K. E., & Kendall, J. E., 2014. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education.
 - a. other supplemental materials
5. Specific course information
 - a. brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
This capstone course will emphasize the design and implementation phases of the system development life cycle. A problem-solving approach will be used for students to learn strategy and techniques for dealing with complexities in information systems development.
 - b. prerequisites or co-requisites
CSC 3710 Systems Analysis Methods
 - c. indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program
Required
6. Specific goals for the course
 - a. specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
The specific outcomes of instruction are address by the following course objectives:
CO1: Use tools and describe steps required to design and implement good business systems
CO2: Analyze good versus bad output and input designs
CO3: Describe general guidelines for designing websites and mobile apps, including databases
CO4: Evaluate different implementation options and describe approaches for the development of implementation plans, including test, training, roll-out, and security, security and privacy, and disaster recovery plans
CO5: Discuss emerging trends and issues in systems design and implementation
CO6: Work cooperatively in a group to integrate the concepts learned
CO7: Construct and present effective oral and written forms of professional communications.
 - b. explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course.

Mapping of course objectives to CIS student outcomes listed in Criterion 3

	Computer Information Systems Student Outcomes (CISSO)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CO1		X						
CO2		X						
CO3		X				X		
CO4		X						
CO5							X	
CO6					X			
CO7			X					

7. Brief list of topics to be covered
 - a. Steps required to design and implement good business systems and available tools
 - i. Human-computer interaction
 - ii. Useability
 - iii. User Interface types
 - iv. User feedback
 - v. Special design for ecommerce
 - vi. Effective and efficient data capture
 - vii. Input validation
 - b. Designing effective output and input, and good versus bad output and input designs
 - i. Output design objectives
 - ii. Relating output content to output method
 - iii. Realizing how bias affects users
 - iv. Designing output for displays
 - v. Good form design
 - vi. Good display and web forms design
 - c. Guidelines for designing websites and mobile apps, including databases
 - i. Website design
 - ii. Designing databases, including data concepts, normalization
 - iii. Guidelines for master file/database relation design
 - iv. Designing smartphone and tablet interfaces
 - v. Designing queries

- d. Different implementation options and approaches for the development of implementation plans, including test, training, roll-out, and security, security and privacy, and disaster recovery plans
 - i. Quality assurance and implementation
 - ii. Testing approaches
 - iii. User Training
 - iv. Systems conversion and roll-out
 - v. Security approaches and privacy concerns
 - vi. Disaster recovery and planning
 - vii. Evaluation techniques
- e. Emerging trends and issues in systems design and implementation
 - i. Current events discussed as they emerge

APPENDIX B – FACULTY VITAE

1. Name
Kevin B. Austin
2. Education – degree, discipline, institution, year
 - Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), 1987
 - M.S., Engineering Science, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 1985
 - B.S., Electrical Engineering, Polytechnic Institute of NY, 1980
3. Academic experience – institution, rank, title (chair, coordinator, etc. if appropriate), when (ex. 1990-1995), full time or part time

Fitchburg State	Professor		2011-now	Full time
Fitchburg State	Professor	Graduate Chair	2012-15	Full time
Fitchburg State	Assoc. Professor		2006-11	Full time
Fitchburg State	Asst. Professor		2000-06	Full time
U. Colorado HSC	Regular Fellow		1991-98	Full time
McGill University	Research Associate		1987-91	Full time
WPI	Instructor		1985-87	Part time

4. Non-academic experience – company or entity, title, brief description of position, when (ex. 1993-1999), full time or part time

ComputerBoards	Software Engineer	Software development	1999-2000	Full time
Eclectic Engineering Studio	President	Instrumentation engineer, consultant, media production	1998-now	Part time

5. Certifications or professional registrations
6. Current membership in professional organizations
ACM (SIG Computer Science Education), IEEE Life Member (Engineering in Medicine & Biology, Computer, and Engineering Education societies)
7. Honors and awards
 - Principal Investigator, “Analysis of Echolocation Signals Obtained from Freely-behaving Bats in Natural Environments”, Fitchburg State Special Projects Grant (2014)
 - Principal Investigator, "Acquiring a Bat's Perspective on Biosonar Echoes", National Science Foundation, \$576,463 (2008-2012)
 - Co-Principal Investigator, “Exploring the Ecology of Flash Communication in Photinus Fireflies Through Collaborative Undergraduate Research with Computer-Simulated Signaling Behavior”, National Science Foundation, \$663,228 (2003-2006)
 - Co-Principal Investigator, “Social Impact of Information Technology”, Commonwealth Information Technology Initiative (2001)
 - NSERC International Fellowship in Science and Engineering. Department of Psychology, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. (1991-93)
 - NSF-NATO Postdoctoral Fellowship in Science and Engineering. Department of Psychiatry, Douglas Hospital Research Center, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. (1989-90)

- Research Institute of the Royal Victoria Hospital Postdoctoral Fellow. Department of Physiology, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. (1988-89)
 - Eta Kappa Nu. International Electrical Engineering honor society. Department of Electrical Engineering, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA.
8. Service activities (within and outside of the institution)
- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC, 2015-present)
 - CS and CIS Curriculum Committees
 - CS and CIS Search Committees (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018)
 - Departmental Peer Evaluation Committee
 - Baseball Coach (Jesse Burkett Little League, Worcester, MA)
 - Basketball Coach (Worcester JCC)
 - Robotics Coach (Midland Street School, Worcester, MA)
9. Briefly list the most important publications and presentations from the past five years – title, co-authors if any, where published and/or presented, date of publication or presentation
- Mahadev, N, K.B. Austin, “Sound localization by robot using inter-aural time differences.” Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges, 30(5):50-56 (April, 2015)
10. Briefly list the most recent professional development activities
- Microchip Webinars:
 - Advanced Arduino Debugging (April 10, 2019)
 - Developing with AVR in MPLAB-X (March 26, 2019)
 - Xilinx Webinars:
 - ARM processors on Xilinx FPGAs. (January 24, 2019)
 - No hardware experience? No problem! Xilinx MicroBlaze processors are for everyone. (November 5, 2018)
 - Computer vision robotics / IoT project
Developing a system for mobile robot tasking / game-playing based on a single video camera system broadcasting JSON objects to robotic platforms through an MQTT server.
 - Media production for education
Experimenting with video presentation techniques for classroom demonstrations.
 - Bat echolocation signal processing
My field research has yielded a large library of bat echolocation calls. Extracting significant echoes from is a challenging continuing research activity.

1. Name
Xuzhou Chen
2. Education – degree, discipline, institution, year
 - MCS, Computer Science, North Carolina State University, Dec. 1998
 - Ph.D., Applied Mathematics, North Carolina State University, Dec. 1995
 - M.S., Numerical Analysis, Shanghai Teachers University, July 1987
 - B.S., Mathematics, Shanghai Teachers University, July 1984
3. Academic experience – institution, rank, title (chair, coordinator, etc. if appropriate), when (ex. 1990-1995), full time or part time

Fitchburg State University	Full Professor (9/2013 –)	Department Chair	2013 – present	full time
Fitchburg State University	Associate Professor	Evening Program Chair (2008 – 2010)	2008 – 2013	full time
Fitchburg State University	Assistant Professor	Evening Program Chair (2003 – 2008)	2002 – 2008	full time
East China University of Science & Technology	Assistant Professor		1987 – 1991	full time

4. Non-academic experience – company or entity, title, brief description of position, when (ex. 1993-1999), full time or part time

Nortel Networks	Member of Scientific Staff	R & D	1997 – 2002	full time
Fujitsu Network Communications	Software Engineer	R & D	5/1996 – 12/1996	full time

5. Certifications or professional registrations
6. Current membership in professional organizations
ACM, CCSC, ILAS
7. Honors and awards
 - FSU Ruth Butler Grant to attend the 18th International Linear Algebra Society conference in Providence, RI, June 3-7, 2013.
 - FSU Special Research and Travel grants for research in Robotics Programming, 2012.
 - Fitchburg State University Center for Teaching and Learning CTL Innovation Grant: Enhancing Undergraduate Research and Learning of Advanced Algorithms using Robotics Programming, December 2010. (Joint with Dr. Mahadev)
8. Service activities (within and outside of the institution)
 - Member of Academic Advisory Board for CIS program at Mount Wachusett Community College.
 - Member of Academic Advisory Board for Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School

9. Briefly list the most important publications and presentations from the past five years – title, co-authors if any, where published and/or presented, date of publication or presentation
 - Lu He, Yan Luo, Rui Liu, Hengyong Yu, Xuzhou Chen, Seung Woo Son, Bisection and Twisted SVD on GPU, IEEE High Performance Extreme Computing Conference, Waltham, MA, 2015.
 - Jun Ji and Xuzhou Chen. A new method for computing Moore-Penrose inverse through Gauss-Jordan elimination. Applied Mathematics and Computation, Vol. 245, pp. 271-278, 2014.
 - Xuzhou Chen, Xinghua Shi, and Yimin Wei. The stationary iterations revisited. Numerical Algebra, Control and Optimization, Vol. 3, No. 2, 2013.
 - Yan Luo, Xuzhou Chen, and Jie Wang. A Virtual Network Embedding Algorithm for Providing Stronger Connectivity in the Residual Networks. Journal of Networks, Vol. 8, No. 4, April, 2013.
10. Briefly list the most recent professional development activities
 - Massachusetts STEM Summit 2018, November 14, 2018, DCU Center, Worcester, MA
 - National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) 2018 Conference and Expo, November 6-7, 2018, Hyatt Regency Miami, Miami, Florida.
 - ABET Institute for the Development of Excellence in Assessment Leadership (IDEAL), Baltimore, July 31- August 3, 2017
 - 2016 Reconnect Workshop, Mathematical and Computational Tools of Cybersecurity, West Point, NY, June 12-18, 2016.
 - SIAM Conference on Applied Linear Algebra, Atlanta, GA, October 26-30, 2015. Presented Topic: Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm for Computing the Moore-Penrose Inverses
 - 2015 NSF National Workshop on Teaching an Undergraduate Parallel Programming Course with Pattern Programming in Washington, DC, July 12 –13, 2015.
 - The 19th International Linear Algebra Society (ILAS) conference, Seoul, Korea, August 3-7, 2014. Presented Topic: A new method for computing Moore-Penrose inverse through Gauss-Jordan elimination.
 - The 18th International Linear Algebra Society (ILAS) conference, Providence, RI, June 3-7, 2013.
Presented Topic: The Stationary Iterations Revisited
 - Fitchburg State University Ruth Butler Award in 2013.
 - Fitchburg State University Special Projects Grants travel funds in 2012 and 2013.

- Natasha Kurtonina. Computational Perspective on Substructural Logics. Logic in the Modern World Conference. Higher School of Economics, Moscow 2014 (Presentation)

10. Briefly list the most recent professional development activities

- Developed all materials for undergraduate course “Game Programming”
- Updated course material for “Programming Languages”
- Developed all materials for a graduate class “Machine Learning”
- Conferences and seminars
 - ✓ Harvard Logic Seminar (normally meets every other week)
 - ✓ UConn Logic Seminar (visit twice every semester)
 - ✓ American Association of Symbolic Logic. 2018 Winter Meeting Savannah Convention Center Savannah, Georgia January 3–5, 2018
 - ✓ American Association of Symbolic Logic. 2017 Winter Meeting Atlanta, GA, USA January 6–7, 2017

1. Name

Frits Lander

2. Education – degree, discipline, institution, year

- Artium, Science and Mathematics, Rødovre State School Denmark, June 1992
- Academy Engineer, Mechanical Engineering, Engineering Academy of Denmark, July 1968
- Postgraduate Courses, Computer Science, Technical University of Denmark, 1971 - 1978

3. Academic experience – institution, rank, title (chair, coordinator, etc. if appropriate), when (ex. 1990-1995), full time or part time

Fitchburg State University	Associate Professor		2013 – present	full time
Fitchburg State University	Associate Professor	Department Chair	2004 – 2013	full time
Fitchburg State University	Associate Professor		1993 – 2004	full time
Fitchburg State University	Assistant Professor		1986 – 1993	full time
Fitchburg State University	Instructor		1982 - 1986	full time

4. Non-academic experience – company or entity, title, brief description of position, when (ex. 1993-1999), full time or part time

North East Systems Associates	Consultant	Software engineering of Scope54, a semi-automated package designed to fully support and enhance the performance of the HP 54120 digitizing oscilloscope.	1989 – 1995	part time
Digital Equipment Corporation	Consultant	Consulting the design and construction of an EMI measurement site.	1988	part time
AVCO Systems Division	Consultant	Simulation of conical dipole antennas.	1983	Part time

5. Certifications or professional registrations

Oil Burner Technician Certificate, BU-030664
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Fire Services

6. Current membership in professional organizations

7. Honors and awards
 - Faculty Member of the Year 2003.
 - Merit Bonus, December 2002.
8. Service activities (within and outside of the institution)
 - Member of Academic Advisory Board for Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School
9. Briefly list the most important publications and presentations from the past five years – title, co-authors if any, where published and/or presented, date of publication or presentation
10. Briefly list the most recent professional development activities
 - ABET Symposium, April 19-21, 2012, St. Louis, MO
 - ABET Symposium, April 14-16, 2011, Indianapolis, IN

1. Name
Nadimpalli V. Mahadev
2. Education – degree, discipline, institution, year
 - Ph.D., Combinatorics & Optimization, University of Waterloo, Canada, 1984
 - M.Math., Combinatorics & Optimization, University of Waterloo, 1980
 - B. Stat (Hons)., Mathematics and Statistics, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, 1978
3. Academic experience – institution, rank, title (chair, coordinator, etc. if appropriate), when (ex. 1990-1995), full time or part time

Fitchburg State University	Professor		2002 – present	full time
Fitchburg State University	chair		2000 - 2004	full time
Fitchburg State University	Associate Professor		1999 – 2002	full time
Northeastern University	Associate Professor		1992 – 1999	full time
Northeastern University	Assistant Professor		1986 – 1992	full time
University of Winnipeg	Assistant Professor		1984 – 1986	full time

4. Non-academic experience – company or entity, title, brief description of position, when (ex. 1993-1999), full time or part time
5. Certifications or professional registrations
6. Current membership in professional organizations
ACM SIGCSE
7. Honors and awards
8. Service activities (within and outside of the institution)
 - Served on college-wide committees such as Information Technology Advisory Board, Promotions Committee, Academic Policies Committee etc.
 - Devised the assessment plan for the two undergraduate programs in the department.
 - Served as a volunteer chief judge in Spelling Bee, Geography Bee etc., organized by North South Foundation.
9. Briefly list the most important publications and presentations from the past five years – title, co-authors if any, where published and/or presented, date of publication or presentation
 - Building a Secure Hacking Lab in a Small University, Conference Paper, ITiCSE 2017.
 - Developing a Holistic Understanding of Systems and Algorithms through Research Papers, with A. Erkan et al, Conference Paper, ITiCSE 2017.

- Sound localization by robot using inter-aural time differences, with K. Austin, article, Conference Paper CCSE 2015.
10. Briefly list the most recent professional development activities
- Suggested Cyber Security Concentration in CIS program.
 - Developed a course in Ethical Hacking.

1. Name
Audrey S. Pereira
2. Education – degree, discipline, institution, year
 - Ph.D. in Management (Information Systems Management), Walden University, 2015
 - MS Computer Information Systems, Bentley University, 1990
 - BS Business Administration, Fitchburg State University, 1984
3. Academic experience – institution, rank, title (chair, coordinator, etc. if appropriate), when (ex. 1990-1995), full time or part time
 - Fitchburg State University, 2009 – 2015, Assistant Professor
 - Fitchburg State University, 2016 – present, Associate Professor
 - Southern New Hampshire University, Adjunct Faculty, 1997 – 2000 & 2008 – 2016
4. Non-academic experience – company or entity, title, brief description of position, when (ex. 1993-1999), full time or part time
 - The Schawbel Corporation. Principal Consultant, responsible for technology components as they related to consulting engagements and also acted as lead IT consultant. (2008 – 2009)
 - HealthGate Data Corp. Vice President of Operations, managed Inside Sales, Marketing, and Graphics, and operational departments and served as Chief Security Officer. (2006 - 2008)
Director of Operations, managed operational departments, including Software Development, Information Technology, and Quality Assurance (2003 – 2006)
Director of Process & Project Management, managed all major company projects (2001 – 2003)
 - Windham Tea & Coffee. Principal and General Manager (1997 – 2001)
 - Town & Country Fine Jewelry Group. Senior Project Manager, designed, developed, and implemented new information systems (1994 - 1997)
 - DRI/McGraw-Hill. Senior Business Systems Analyst, developed system specifications, technical and user documentation, and developed and conducted user training classes. (1992 – 1994)
5. Certifications or professional registrations
 - Business Process Management Professional Certificate, Boston University, Boston University Corporate Education Center, June 2006
6. Current membership in professional organizations
7. Honors and awards
 - FSU Special Projects Major Grant recipient, Summer 2019 - Spring 2020
 - Center for Teaching and Learning Course Redesign Summer Institute Fellow, Summer 2015
 - Assessment Scholar for the Quality Collaborate Grant with Mount Wachusett Community College, Summer 2013
 - Assessment Scholar for the Quality Collaborate Grant with Mount Wachusett Community College, Summer 2012
8. Briefly list the most important publications and presentations from the past five years – title, co-authors if any, where published and/or presented, date of publication or presentation
Publications

- Pereira, A., & Wahi, M. (2018), Technical, Role Modeling, and Ethics Learning Acquisition in Undergraduate Business Online versus Face-to-Face Modalities, *Journal of Higher Education Theory and Practice*, 18(5), 56-69
- Pereira, A., & Wahi, M. (2017). Course management system's compatibility with teaching style influences willingness to complete training. *Online Learning Journal*, 21(1), 36-59
- Pereira, A. & Wahi, M. (2017). Strategic approaches to increase course management system adoption by higher education faculty. *Journal of Higher Education Theory and Practice*, 17(2), 61 – 60
- Pereira, A. S., & Wahi, M. M. (2016). Perceived compatibility of course management systems with teaching style is associated with department, rank, and length of use in higher education faculty. *Northeastern Association of Business, Economics, and Technology (NABET) 2016 Proceedings 39th Annual Meeting*
- Pereira, A. (2015). **Faculty willingness to complete information technology training on course management systems** (Order No. 3700990) (Dissertation)

Presentations

- Pereira, A. S. (2019). *A Systematic Review of Deep Learning in Higher Education*. Presented at the Society of Business, Industry and Economics (SOBIE) 2019 Meeting, Destin, FL
 - Pereira, A. S. (2018). *Comparison of Didactic, Technical, Role Modeling, and Ethics Learning Acquisition in Undergraduate Online versus Face-to-Face Modalities*, IACBE Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA
 - Pereira, A. S. (2017). *Online and Face-to-Face Similar for Technical and Didactic Learning but not Role Modeling*. Presented at the Northeastern Association of Business, Economics, and Technology (NABET) 2017 Annual Meeting, State College, PA
 - Pereira, A. S. (2016). *Perceived compatibility of course management systems with teaching style is associated with department, rank, and length of use in higher education faculty*. Presented at the NABET 2016 Annual Meeting, State College, PA
 - Pereira, A. S. (2016). *Strategic approaches to increase course management system adoption by higher education faculty*. Presented at the SOBIE 2016 Meeting, Destin, FL
 - Pereira, A. S. (2015). *How perceptions influence higher education faculty member willingness to complete information technology training on a course management system*. Presented at the NABET 2015 Annual Meeting, State College, PA
9. Briefly list the most recent professional development activities
- CTL Video Summer Workshop, 5/20/2019, FSU
 - GCE 2018 Faculty Meeting & Professional Development Workshops, 8/28/2019, FSU
 - Faculty Development Day, 1/18/2019, FSU

1. Name
Ricky J. Sethi
2. Education – degree, discipline, institution, year
 - Ph.D., Computer Science, University of California, Riverside, 2009
 - M.S., Physics/Business (Information Systems), University of Southern California, 2001
 - B.A., Molecular and Cellular Biology, Neurobiology (Physics minor), University of California, Berkeley, 1996
3. Academic experience – institution, rank, title (chair, coordinator, etc. if appropriate), when (ex. 1990-1995), full time or part time

Fitchburg State University	Associate Professor		2018 – present	full time
Fitchburg State University	Assistant Professor		2014 – 2018	full time
Southern New Hampshire University	Team Lead and Adjunct Professor		2013 – present	part time
University of California, Los Angeles University of Southern California - Information Sciences Institute	NSF Computing Innovation Fellow		2010 – 2013	full time

4. Non-academic experience – company or entity, title, brief description of position, when (ex. 1993-1999), full time or part time

The Madsci Network	Director of Research	R & D	2013 – Present	part time
US National Academy of Sciences (NAS)’s The Science and Entertainment Exchange	Consulting Scientist	R & D	2018 – Present	part time

5. Certifications or professional registrations
 - Member, American Institute of Physics
 - Fellow, North American Academy of Arts and Sciences
 - Member, YSP/Madsci Financial Board
6. Current membership in professional organizations
ACM, IEEE, AIP
7. Honors and awards
 - Amazon (AMZN) 2017 – 2019, \$35,000
“Structured Discussions and Scientific Workflows for Data Analysis”
 - National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) 2016 – 2017, \$40,000

- “Scientific Workflows, Image Analysis, and Visual Stylometry in the Digital Analysis of Art”
- National Science Foundation (NSF) 2010 – 2012, \$285,371
 - “Machine Learning Framework for Social Computing and Collective Intelligence”
8. Service activities (within and outside of the institution)
- NSF Panelist, NSF Scalable Data CyberInfrastructure and NSF Cyberlearning, 2012-2018
 - Co-Chair, Making WAIVS: Workflows for the Analysis of Images in Visual Stylometry
 - Co-Chair, Scientific Workflows for Machine Learning Applications
9. Briefly list the most important publications and presentations from the past five years – title, co-authors if any, where published and/or presented, date of publication or presentation
- Richard De Veaux, Mahesh Agarwal, Maia Averett, Benjamin Baumer, Andrew Bray, Thomas Bressoud, Lance Bryant, Lei Cheng, Amanda Francis, Robert Gould, Albert Y. Kim, Matt Kretchmar, Qin Lu, Ann Moskol, Deborah Nolan, Roberto Pelayo, Sean Raleigh, Ricky J. Sethi, Mutiara Sondjaja, Neelesh Tiruvilumala, Paul Uhlig, Talitha Washington, Curtis Wesley, David White, and Ping Ye, "Curriculum Guidelines for Undergraduate Programs in Data Science". Annual Review of Statistics and Its Application (Annu Rev Stat Appl) (2017).
 - Ricky J. Sethi and Yolanda Gil, "Scientific Workflows in Data Analysis: Bridging Expertise Across Multiple Domains". Future Generation Computer Systems (FGCS) (2017).
 - Ricky J. Sethi, Crowdsourcing the Verification of Fake News and Alternative Facts". ACM Conference on Hypertext and Social Media (ACM HT) (2017).
10. Briefly list the most recent professional development activities
- Interview, Future of Artificial Intelligence, Newsy Television, 2018. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VU-fV10pqNM>
 - Keynote Speaker, Fact-Checking via Structured Discussions in Virtual Communities, 3rd International Workshop on Social Media World Sensors (Sideways), Prague, Czech Republic, 2017.
 - Editorial Board Member, International Journal of Computer Vision & Signal Processing, 2011 - Present

APPENDIX C – EQUIPMENT

Laboratory facilities are available for student use in conjunction with various courses. Some courses require special equipment and/or software. Here, equipment and software are listed by room. Every classroom on campus is technology-mediated with an instructor podium and projector. Our department has membership in the Microsoft Developer Network Academic Alliance which allows us to deliver many development tools to them for free via a DreamSpark e-commerce site (<http://msdnaa.fitchburgstate.edu>).

E201 and 202 labs (used for CS 1, CS 2, CS Basics, Application Programming, Systems Programming, Programming Languages, Object Oriented Programming, Algorithms and Data Structures)

24 thin client computers running Windows and the following software

Microsoft Visual Studio

Microsoft Office

Java, Netbeans

Eclipse

XAMPP for MySQL and TomCat

Python

Perl

SWI Prolog

Scheme

Microsoft Project

Microsoft Visio

Dia diagramming software

Greenfoot

Textedit

Anaconda

Putty

Raptor

DOSbox

Logisim

E207 lab (used for Microprocessors, Computer Organization, Data Communications, Game Programming, Parallel Programming, Mobile Applications)

8 Lab Stations running Windows 7 (Nvidia graphics cards)

Unity, Visual Studio, MPLabX, CCS PICC, Tera Term, Arduino IDE, Android Studio, Xilinx Vivado, Logisim, Multisim.

Tektronix Digital Sampling Oscilloscopes

Saleae Logic Analyzers

Lab Benches

Prototyping systems

PICkit Microcontroller Programmers

Digilent Analog Discovery II USB Instrument

Digilent CMOD Artix 7 FPGA modules
LVSIm-Dcomm Digital Communications Simulation Software

E203 lab (used for Introduction to Electronics and Digital Electronics)

12 Lab Stations Microsoft Windows 7

Multisim circuit simulation software

Tektronics Digital Sampling Oscilloscopes

Circuit prototyping systems w/ power supplies, signal generators, digital inputs/outputs

Digital Multimeters

MPLabX IDE

Xilinx Vivado

Digilent Analog Discovery II USB Instrument

Digilent BASYS-3 Artix 7 FPGA modules

E102 (used for Ethical Hacking)

21 Computers used for Ethical Hacking lab

E205 Project Lab

3 – Matlab programming/data analysis workstations

3 – USB data acquisition subsystems

1 GHz digital sampling oscilloscope

Network analyzer

Logic Analyzer

Sherline CNC Milling machine

Sherline CNC Lathe

Drill press

Band saw

Printed circuit board (PCB) fabrication materials

Ultiboard PCB layout software

Other (virtual)

Linux server used in various programming classes

Oracle database server

APPENDIX D – INSTITUTIONAL SUMMARY

1. The Institution

- a. Fitchburg State University 160 Pearl Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420
- b. The President of the university is Dr. Richard Lapidus and the Vice President for Academic Affairs is Dr. Alberto Cardelle.
- c. This report is submitted by the Dean of Business and Technology, Dr. Keith Williamson.
- d. Fitchburg State University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (formerly known as the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.). The most recent accreditation evaluation visit was in 2012.

2. Type of Control

Fitchburg State University is one of six comprehensive State Universities in the Massachusetts higher education system; and like its sister institutions, the University's governance procedures and organizational structure are largely mandated by either state law or collective bargaining agreements. The official governing body is the Board of Higher Education (BHE) which is staffed by the state's Department of Higher Education (DHE), led by the Commissioner of Higher Education. The BHE consists of the Secretary of Education, ex officio, or his designee, thirteen voting members appointed by the governor to reflect regional geographic representation, and three members chosen to represent public institutions of higher education.

According to the Department of Higher Education's website, the Board has four fundamental responsibilities:

1. Define the mission of and coordinate the Commonwealth's system of higher education. The Department, in conjunction with the universities' Boards of Trustees, holds the system accountable for achieving its goals and establishing a comprehensive system to measure quality by defining educational achievement and success with the use of standards and measurements.
2. Approve the awarding of degrees and define and authorize new functions new programs or consolidate, discontinue, or transfer existing functions, educational activities, and programs.
3. Analyze present and future goals, needs, and requirements of public higher education and establish goals to achieve a well-coordinated quality system of public higher education in the Commonwealth.
4. Develop a rational and equitable statewide tuition plan for state universities and the community colleges.

In addition, the Board, through the BHE, establishes policy for state colleges and universities and outlines performance measures to use as comparisons with peer institutions in other states. As the employer of record for all those represented by the four collective bargaining agreements, the BHE is responsible for collective bargaining negotiations, contract, and grievance administration (see <http://www.mass.edu/about/aboutdhe.asp>). Contracts and collective bargaining agreements are available on the Office of Human Resources website. (See <https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/offices-services-directory/human-resources-payroll/collectivebargaining/>)

Massachusetts law delineates the roles of the Board of Trustees and the chief operating officers of the state universities. Individual boards of trustees for Massachusetts higher education institutions were established by legislation in 1980. In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth and regulations enacted by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, the composition, duties and powers of the State University Board of Trustees are articulated within the university's bylaws. The board is charged with the fiduciary management of the institution, including determination of fees, establishment of personnel management policy, staff services, and the general business of the institution. Among its responsibilities, the board elects the president with the approval of the Board of Higher Education, adopts an annual plan of financial operation, awards degrees in approved fields, and develops the mission statement for the university consistent with the mission of the Commonwealth's system of public higher education.

The board of trustees consists of 11 voting members. Nine are appointed by the governor for five-year terms, renewable once; one alumni trustee is elected by the Alumni Association for a five-year term; and a student trustee is elected by the student body for one year. No member may serve for more than two consecutive terms.

The officers consist of a chairman, vice chairman and clerk. They are elected by the trustees following nominations by a committee. The president of the university serves in a non-voting capacity to the board (adapted from <https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/offices-services-directory/board-of-trustees/>) .

There have been many significant structural changes at our institution during the period since our last accreditation visit, including the hiring of a new President, Dr. Richard Lapidus and a Provost, Dr. Alberto J.F. Cardelle, the creation and implementation of a new administrative structure including academic deans, and the creation of a new office dedicated specifically to institutional research, planning and data-informed decision-making. Also, Fitchburg State

University recently completed its five-year strategic plan, which is guiding our efforts going forward. (adapted from NEASC 5th year interim report: <https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/offices-services-directory/academic-affairs/neasc-5th-year-interim-report/>)

The roles and responsibilities of each administrator are defined and kept on file, along with the procedures for their selection, in the office of the Assistant Vice President for Human Resources and Payroll Services. Currently, the President is advised by an Executive Cabinet (EC) composed of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President of Student Affairs, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Chief Information Officer and Assistant Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources/Payroll Services, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Executive Director of Marketing and Integrated Communications. In addition to his meetings with the EC, the President meets frequently with the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Vice President for Finance and Administration. The EC also meets regularly; and each of these administrators holds regular staff meetings. The Vice President for Academic Affairs meets weekly with the academic affairs administrators. (adapted from <https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/offices-services-directory/administration/>)

The structure of academic governance at Fitchburg State University, as in the other state universities, is governed by the contractual agreement between the BHE and the Massachusetts State College Association (MSCA). The duties and responsibilities of department chairpersons are defined by contract; they are elected by department faculty in accordance with procedures established by Article VI of the contract and may serve up to three consecutive three-year terms. In addition to meeting with department faculty, the chairs meet at least monthly with the Academic Dean and, at Fitchburg State, all department chairs meet monthly on their own. These separate meetings are intended to facilitate communication with the Academic Vice President and focus on developing agenda items for upcoming Vice President/Chairs meetings.

A separate contractual agreement between the BHE and the MSCA lists the responsibilities of the University and the faculty teaching in Graduate and Continuing Education (GCE). GCE programs are administered by graduate program chairs and evening undergraduate program managers; these are positions created by the University and filled by the Graduate and Continuing Education Dean, in consultation with department chairs, who also meets with her appointees several times a year.

At the departmental level, governance begins with curriculum committees which meet to consider new course offerings, program revisions and new program development. Approved proposals, along with those made by faculty, students, or administrators and those relating to changes in academic or student life policies are then submitted to the All University Committee (AUC). The AUC is composed of eight faculty members elected by their peers, three administrators appointed by the President, and three students selected by the Student Government Association (SGA). The AUC has three standing committees -- Curriculum, Academic Policies, and Student Affairs--as well as ad hoc committees to deal with special issues. The Curriculum and Academic Policies committees are composed of 16 faculty

members appointed by the MSCA, three administrators appointed by the President, and three students selected by the SGA, while the Student Affairs committee is comprised of nine students, five administrators and five faculty members. The standing committees recommend approval or disapproval to the AUC which then makes a recommendation of approval or disapproval to the President who has the final authority on each change.

There is a separate, contractually defined governance structure for graduate policies and curriculum. Departments with a graduate program also have a graduate curriculum committee which may recommend changes to graduate curriculum or policies. If both the graduate program chair and the department chair approve the changes, they are reviewed by the Graduate Council. The Graduate Council then makes a recommendation of approval or disapproval to the President who has the final authority on each change. The Graduate Council is composed of five faculty members, appointed by the MSCA, three administrators appointed by the President, and one graduate student elected by the other Graduate Council members.

At the beginning of each academic school year the President hosts two opening addresses, one for classified personal and administrators and the other for faculty, librarians, and administrators. These addresses typically review major past events and forecast those expected in the new academic year.

Every other year, the graduate program coordinators, undergraduate program managers, and graduate and continuing education faculty meet at the beginning of the academic year. These meetings include a series of professional development workshops, departmental meetings, and updates from the Graduate Dean, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and President. Additionally, the Dean and Associate Dean of Graduate and Continuing Education meet with graduate chairs and undergraduate program managers throughout the year as needed. Once each semester, there is a combined meeting for all department chairs, graduate chairs, and undergraduate program managers with the entire academic affairs team for the purpose of discussing items of common interest.

3. Educational Unit.

Brady Chen is the current chair of the department. As of July1, 2019, Dr. Nadimpalli Mahadev will be assuming the role of chair. The chair reports to Dr. Keith Williamson, the Dean of Business and Technology. The deans report to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Alberto Cardelle, who reports to President Richard Lapidus.

4. Academic Support Units

The chair of the Mathematics Department is Dr. Jenn Berg.
The chair of the Geo/Physical Science Department is Dr. Elizabeth Gordon.

5. Non-academic Support Units

The head of the library is Dean Jacalyn Kremer.

The Chief Information Officer is Steven Swartz.

The Tutoring Center is run by Director Chris Coffin.

Career Counseling and Advising Center is headed by Director Erin Kelleher.

Counseling is headed by Robert Hynes.

Disability Services is run by Director Katrina Durham.

6. Credit Unit

One semester or quarter credit generally represents one class hour or three laboratory hours per week. One academic year normally represents a minimum of 28 weeks of classes, exclusive of final examinations. In general, 3 hours credit equals 135 Carnegie Units; with each Carnegie unit representing 9 hours per week for 15 weeks.

7. Tables

Table D-1. Program Enrollment and Degree Data

Name of the Program: Computer Science

	Academic Year	Enrollment Year					Total Undergrad	Total Grad	Degrees Awarded			
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th			Associates	Bachelors	Masters	Doctorates
Current Year	FT								0			0
	PT											
2018	FT	33	26	22	66		147	42	0	20	27	0
	PT	4	2	8	20		34	15				
2017	FT	28	19	34	58		139	38	0	24	27	0
	PT	1	2	3	18		24	23				
2016	FT	33	24	29	54		140	43	0	15	25	0
	PT	0	0	6	15		21	13				
2015	FT	33	16	27	49		125	37	0	23	35	0
	PT	0	0	3	16		19	24				

Give official fall term enrollment figures (head count) for the current and preceding four academic years and undergraduate and graduate degrees conferred during each of those years. The "current" year means the academic year preceding the on-site visit.

FT--full time
PT--part time

Table D-2. Personnel

Name of the Program: Computer Science

Year¹: 2018-2019

	HEAD COUNT		FTE ²
	FT	PT	
Administrative ²	0.375	0	0.375
Faculty (tenure-track) ³	5.875	0	5.875
Other Faculty (excluding student Assistants)	0	0.833	0.833
Student Teaching Assistants ⁴	0	0	0
Technicians/Specialists	0	0	0
Office/Clerical Employees	1	0	1
Others ⁵	0	0	0

Report data for the program being evaluated.

1. Data on this table should be for the fall term immediately preceding the visit. Updated tables for the fall term when the ABET team is visiting are to be prepared and presented to the team when they arrive.
2. Persons holding joint administrative/faculty positions or other combined assignments should be allocated to each category according to the fraction of the appointment assigned to that category.
3. For faculty members, 1 FTE equals what your institution defines as a full-time load
4. For student teaching assistants, 1 FTE equals 20 hours per week of work (or service). For undergraduate and graduate students, 1 FTE equals 15 semester credit-hours (or 24 quarter credit-hours) per term of institutional course work, meaning all courses — science, humanities and social sciences, etc.
5. Specify any other category considered appropriate, or leave blank.

APPENDIX E – 4-YEAR STUDY PLAN

Computer Information Systems

FRESHMAN YEAR		SOPHOMORE YEAR	
Fall Semester	15 Credits	Fall Semester	15 Credits
ENGL 1100	Writing I (3)	BSAD 2010	Introduction to Financial Reporting.....(3)
CSC 1400	Computer Information Systems.....(3)	ECON 1200	Microeconomics(3)
MATH 1250	Introduction to Functions (if needed).....(3)	MATH 1800	Business Statistics(3)
	LA&S Elective(3)	CSC 1500	Computer Science I(3)
	LA&S Elective(3)		LA&S Elective(3)
Spring Semester	15 Credits	Spring Semester	15 Credits
ENGL 1200	Writing II.....(3)	BSAD 2020	Introduction to Managerial Accounting.....(3)
CSC 1000	Introduction to Programming(3)	SPCH 1000	Introduction to Speech Communication(3)
CSC 1900	Discrete Math.....(3)	MATH 2200	Business Calculus.....(3)
ECON 1100	Macroeconomics(3)	CSC 1550	Computer Science II.....(3)
	LA&S Elective(3)		LA&S Elective.....(3)
JUNIOR YEAR		SENIOR YEAR	
Fall Semester	15 Credits	Fall Semester	15 Credits
BSAD 3200	Principles of Management.....(3)	CSC 3710	Systems Methods.....(3)
CSC 2560	Systems Programming(3)	CSC 3xxx/4xxx	CSC Elective(3)
CSC 2400	Database Systems.....(3)	CSC 3xxx/4xxx	CSC Elective(3)
CSC 3400	Data Communications(3)		Advanced LA&S Elective(3)
	LA&S Elective(3)		Free Elective(3)
Spring Semester	15 Credits	Spring Semester	15 Credits
CSC 2700	Business Programming(3)	CSC 4700	Systems Design(3)
CSC 3450	Local Area Networks(3)	CSC 3xxx/4xxx	CSC Elective(3)
BSAD 3400	Basic Finance.....(3)		Advanced LA&S Elective(3)
	Advanced LA&S Elective.....(3)		Advanced LA&S Elective(3)
	LA&S Elective(3)		Free Elective(3)

Suggested Computer Science Electives:

- Fall Semester
 CSC 3050 Web Programming with Java
 CSC 3500 Object Oriented Programming
 CSC 4940 Internship: Computer Science
- Spring Semester
 CSC 3300 Assembly Language
 CSC 4550 Database Programming
- CSC 4940 Internship: Computer Science

LA&S Elective List

- 1 AOM attribute (Art or Music)
- 3 credits HAF attribute (Health/Fitness)
- 1 HIST subject (History)
- 1 HMN attribute (Human Behavior)
- 1 LAB attribute (Lab Science)
- 1 LIT attribute (Literature)

Advanced LA&S Options Area

Review the three options with your advisor and submit your decision to the Registrar's Office by completion of 60 credits.

Global Diversity Area

Two courses taken must meet the Global Diversity requirement: GDAN course + (GDC or GDCN course) OR GDCN course + (GDA or GDAN course). These courses are allowed to satisfy this requirement and another requirement at the same time.

Completion of 120 credits required for graduation.

Business Administration Minor candidates must complete BSAD 3300 Fundamentals of Marketing and BSAD 3500 Business Law I in addition to the four BSAD courses above.

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Cybersecurity

FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall Semester	15 Credits	
ENGL 1100	Writing I.....	(3)
CSC 1400	Computer Information Systems	(3)
MATH 1250	Introduction to Functions (if needed).....	(3)
	LA&S Elective	(3)
	LA&S Elective (CTW).....	(3)

Spring Semester	15 Credits	
ENGL 1200	Writing II	(3)
CSC 1000	Introduction to Programming	(3)
CSC 1900	Discrete Math (SMT)	(3)
ECON 1100	Macroeconomics	(3)
	LA&S Elective (SMT).....	(3)

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall Semester	15 Credits	
BSAD 2010	Introduction to Financial Reporting.	(3)
ECON 1200	Microeconomics	(3)
MATH 1800	Business Statistics.....	(3)
CSC 1500	Computer Science I	(3)
	LA&S Elective (CTW)	(3)

Spring Semester	15 Credits	
BSAD 2020	Introduction to Managerial Accounting	(3)
SPCH 1000	Introduction to Speech Communication	(3)
MATH 2200	Business Calculus	(3)
CSC 1550	Computer Science II	(3)
	LA&S Elective (CTW)	(3)

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall Semester	15 Credits	
BSAD 3200	Principles of Management.....	(3)
CSC 2560	Systems Programming	(3)
CSC 2400	Database Systems	(3)
CSC 3400	Data Communications	(3)
CSC/BSAD/CJ 3040	Cybersecurity Management	(3)

Spring Semester	15 Credits	
CSC 2700	Business Programming.....	(3)
CSC 3450	Local Area Networks	(3)
BSAD 3400	Basic Finance.....	(3)
CSC/BSAD/CJ 4005	Ethical Hacking.....	(3)
	Advanced LA&S Elective.....	(3)

SENIOR YEAR

Fall Semester	15 Credits	
CSC 3710	Systems Methods	(3)
CSC 4350	Computer and Network Security.....	(3)
CSC 3xxx/4xxx	CSC Elective.....	(3)
	Advanced LA&S Elective.....	(3)
	Free Elective.....	(3)

Spring Semester	15 Credits	
CSC 4700	Systems Design and Implementation	(3)
	LA&S Elective (ARTS)	(3)
	Advanced LA&S Elective.....	(3)
	Advanced LA&S Elective.....	(3)
	Free Elective.....	(3)

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APPENDIX F – LIBRARY SERVICES

The New England Commission on Higher Education’s Standard 7.22 calls for “access to library and information resources, services, facilities, and qualified staff sufficient to support its teaching and learning environments and its research and public service mission as appropriate.” The purpose of this report is to outline the current Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library’s resources, services and facilities that support the undergraduate program in Computer Information Systems at Fitchburg State University. After review of the data compiled for this report, the library resources, services, and facilities are deemed sufficient to meet the needs of undergraduate researchers in Computer Information Systems and to support faculty in their teaching.

ABOUT Computer Information Systems at Fitchburg State University

Total Computer Science students enrolled in Fall 2018	100
Total Computer Information Systems students enrolled Fall 2018	64
Total Students	164

An analysis of the library support needed for the Computer Information Systems undergraduate major are classified into three categories: resources, services and facilities.

RESOURCES for Computer Information Systems

Researchers in Computer Information Systems use both academic journals and monographs (books). Currency of sources is critical with an emphasis on the prioritization of sources less than 5 years old. Faculty in Computer Information Systems are also interested in incorporating streaming films/documentaries into their teaching.

1. Journals and Databases

The Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library offers access to over 100,000 online journals in over 165 databases. Specifically for the Computer Information Systems major, the Library purchases the databases Applied Science & Technology Source, ACM Digital Library, and ProQuest Computing. These databases are excellent sources of literature for computer information systems studies. Applied Science & Technology Source provides full-text content from more than 840 journals and magazines. Usage statistics show some declining usage of this database over the past four years, although the database is still well used. ACM Digital Library provides a full-text collection of all ACM publications, including journals, conference proceedings, technical magazines, newsletters, and books. Since 2014 ACM Digital Library has seen a significant increase in usage. ProQuest Computing provides full-text and peer reviewed content from over 500 journals and has seen steady usage in the most recent years. See [Library Table 1: Full-text Journal Databases by Disciplines related to Computer Information Systems.](#)

Looking at Computer Information Systems through an interdisciplinary lens, the library offers numerous business and communication related databases and these databases adequately meet the needs of an undergraduate researcher. See [Library Table 1](#).

The library collection development policy has been and continues to be to provide the core journals and databases for each discipline. Reviews of databases and journals are consulted, peer comparisons are conducted, and faculty input on the effectiveness of the resource is critical when considering new databases. Funds for new databases and/or journals are then requested, and if granted, they are purchased. In fall 2018, the library conducted a journal review project. It looked at the approximately 400 print and online journals to which the library subscribes (outside of the journals available through the databases). The library determined the annual cost per usage by dividing the annual cost for the journal title by the number of times the journal was used in a year. Criteria was established and applied that allowed the library to cancel journals that were not being effectively used. This allowed the library to increase journal offerings in needed areas as determined by interlibrary loan data as well as to purchase a large, multi-disciplinary eBook collection. More information about the new eBook collection is below.

2. Books

A review of our print collection in the Library of Congress call number ranges specifically associated with Computer Information Systems shows approximately 7,100 books in our collection. This is just below the optimal depth of collection. See [Library Table 2: Monograph Collection Description and Analysis](#).

In addition, almost all the books were in the print collection as the Library offered few eBooks. It was our recommendation that an eBook package that includes computer information systems books be acquired to meet the needs of the undergraduate researcher and the faculty. This would not only increase the number of volumes available, it would also increase the number of books published in the past 5 years. Therefore, effective March 2019, the EBSCO Academic Complete eBook package was subscribed to that included approximately 12,190 computer information systems related books to meet the needs of the undergraduate researcher and the faculty. Over 1600 of these books were published in the last 5 years and 6,045 were published in the past 10 years. This increases the number of books associated with Computer Information Systems in total to over 19,250 books while providing off-campus access. This total number brings the collection well above the advanced level for undergraduates (over 12,000 books) to the Advanced support level.

3. Films and other Media

In 2018, the Library purchased a subscription to the academic streaming film database Kanopy. Over 250 videos are available with subject headings aligned with Computer

Information Systems. See [Library Table 3: Films and Other Media Collection](#) for a breakdown by category.

SERVICES for Computer Information Systems

Library Instruction

For all academic departments in the 2018 academic year, faculty librarians taught over 184 research sessions and were embedded into 63 courses. Through these efforts, we reached over 4,340 students during the last academic year. With only 6 faculty librarians on staff, the number of classes with research sessions and/or an embedded librarian is impressive and requests continue to increase.

There were no research sessions taught for computer information systems courses. The library would like to have conversations with computer information systems faculty to explore how the library can support the research needs of computer information systems students through our instruction program, particularly in research-intensive courses. See [Library Table 4: Research Instruction](#) for more information.

Library Research Guides

The Library offers 32 subject research guides plus over 100 course specific guides, covering all disciplines at Fitchburg State. For Computer Science, we have created 1 subject research guide and 1 course specific research guide. The usage statistics for the Computer Information Systems research guide show the guide was accessed 21 times in a year, about one fifth the usage the average subject guide receives. Starting in fall 2019, the Library's Computer Science Research Guide will be made available at point-of-need within the Blackboard course management system in all Computer Information Systems courses in order to facilitate access.

Research Help

The Library offers one-on-one reference services in a variety of modes, including dropping in at the reference desk, making a personal appointment, email, and chat instant messaging service. The overwhelming majority of such services are offered in-person at the research help desk, although this number has declined significantly over time. During the academic year, research help is available to students for 60 hours per week. The aggregate trends in research help appear in [Library Table 5: Research Help](#). Statistics on the use of research help by Computer Information Systems students only are not available.

Reserves

The Library's Reserve system is well used by the Fitchburg State community. For example, this semester 98 professors put a total of 567 items on reserves. Checkouts of

reserve materials by all students were more than 2,000 during the last academic year. For the past three semesters, there have been no Computer Information Systems items on Reserves. In our fall, 2019 meeting with Computer Information Systems faculty we will be discussing the opportunity for them to utilize Reserves. In addition, the Library is currently exploring ways to increase access to materials by Computer Information Systems students, including the insertion of digital library resources into courses and the adoption of Open Educational Resources in order to give students more access to no or low cost textbooks and other course materials.

Interlibrary Services Request

Data shows Computer Science students and professors rarely use Interlibrary Loan Services. As a department, they ranked among the lowest on their use compared to other departments. See [Library Table 6: Interlibrary Services](#) for details.

FACILITIES for Computer Information Systems

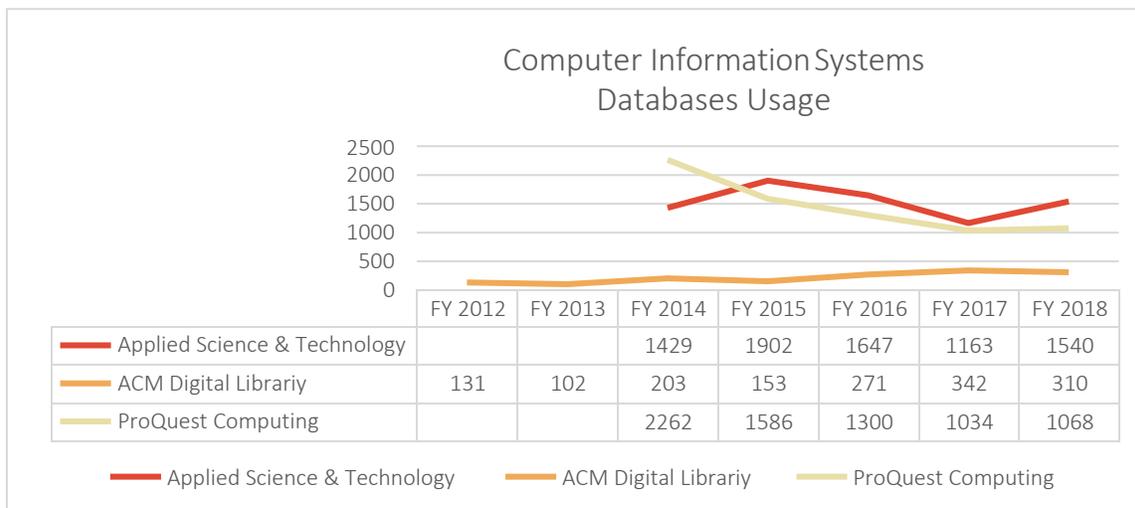
With the Library’s recent renovation, students have access to welcoming spaces designed to support individual and group work. Building information is in [Library Table 7: Facilities](#).

Core Full-text Journal Databases	
1.	Applied Science and Technology Source
2.	ProQuest Computing
3.	ACM Digital Library
4.	ProQuest Science Database
5.	Science & Technology Collection
Supplemental Full-text Journal Databases	
1.	ABI/Inform
2.	Academic OneFile
3.	Academic Search Ultimate
4.	Business Source Premier
5.	Credo Reference
6.	Directory of Open Access Journals
7.	Expanded Academic ASAP
8.	GPO Access/FedSys
9.	Library Information Science & Technology Abstracts
10.	MathSciNet
11.	SpringerLink

Library Table 1: Full-text Journal Databases by Disciplines related to Computer Information Systems

The full complement of databases treating Computer Information Systems can be found on the library website (<https://library.fitchburgstate.edu/research/databases/computer-science/>). Whereas there are 5 directly applicable full-text databases, another 11 full-text databases supplement this core collection. In addition, individual titles that stretch across the sciences and that are embedded within databases or that we subscribe to separately (and which are accessible through Serials Solutions) number in the thousands.

Database usage data disaggregated by discipline does not exist and it is not possible to determine how many articles were accessed by computer information systems faculty and students only. In total though for the Fitchburg State community, over 155,000 articles were accessed through the Library’s 165 databases in fiscal year 2018.



Library Table 2: Monograph Collection Description and Analysis

Fitchburg State University is, by Carnegie classification, a Master’s granting institution. The Computer Information Systems program offers a B.S. degree, and therefore the University must currently uphold at least the standard of 3a, “Basic Study” for its collections, with the goal of offering the standard of 3b, “Intermediate Study” (see below).

General Guidelines for Monograph Collection Depth

- 1 Minimal – A level that consists mostly of basic works. Basic
- 2 Information.
- 2a A level that introduces and defines the subject and that indicates the varieties of information available elsewhere.
- 2b Basic Instructional Support – A level that introduces course work and research for undergraduate courses, including a wide range of basic monographs and reference tools pertaining to the subject and targeted to undergraduate students. Study or Instructional Support.
- 3 Basic Study – A level that supports undergraduate courses.
- 3a Intermediate Study – A level that supports upper division undergraduate courses. Advanced
- 3b instructional Support – A level that supports course work and research for graduate and
- 3c undergraduate courses, including a wide range of basic monographs and reference tools pertaining to the subject.
- 4 Research – A level that supports independent research and preparation of doctoral dissertations.
- 5 Comprehensive Inclusion – Comprised of all significant works for a defined topic.

*Specific Definitions for Monograph Holdings**

- 1b (or less) Minimal level = less than 2,500.
- 2a Basic introductory level = 2,500 - 5,000 titles.
- 2b Basic advanced level (Community College) = 5,000 - 8,000 titles.
- 3a Instructional support (lower level undergraduate) = 8,000-12,000 titles representing a range of monographs.
- 3b Intermediate support level (advanced undergraduate) = more than 12,000 titles representing a wider range than 3a.
- 3c Advanced support level (Master's degree level) = more than 12,000 titles representing a wider range than 3c.

*Quantitative WLN Criteria for Determining CL (Current Collection Level) Rating

Computer Information Systems Book Collection

LC Subject Area Computer Information Systems	LC	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Computer Games. Video Games. Fantasy Games.	GV1469	-	2	2	2	2	2	2
Business Apps.	HD30.2	54	52	55	55	59	59	58
E-business	HD30.38	-	2	2	2	2	2	2
Ethical Hacking	HD8039	-	110	113	114	115	118	118
Computer Industry	HD9696	94	94	95	95	96	97	97
Office Automation	HF5548	3	3	2	3	3	3	3
Computer Programming, Hacking	HM851	-	48	59	61	63	70	76
Computer Crime, Internet Security	HV6773	-	18	19	19	20	22	22
Educational Uses	LB1028	43	38	37	38	38	38	42
Mathematics	QA	1,751	2,137	2,369	2,524	2,674	2,843	2,969
Machine Theory	QA150-272	484	259	280	283	301	324	341
Analysis	QA300-433	388	222	230	232	239	249	259
Computer Science/EDP	QA75-76.95	1,519	746	891	1,001	1,073	1,153	1,207
Physics	QC	1,196	961	1,000	1,014	1,047	1,062	1,088
Game Design/Computer Graphics, Graphics Programming	T385	33	34	52	53	55	57	58
Operations Research, Information Systems, Systems Analysis	T58	4	2	2	2	2	2	2
Misc.	TA156 & ZA	0	10	11	14	15	23	23
Data Processing	TA1630-1660	25	19	22	24	26	27	27
Telecommunications	TK1501-6720	707	459	485	504	519	543	558
Electronics and Computer Engineering	TK7807-7895	594	173	179	180	184	186	190
Total		<u>6895</u>	<u>5389</u>	<u>5905</u>	<u>6220</u>	<u>6533</u>	<u>6880</u>	<u>7142</u>

In the period under review, the monograph collection in computer information systems experienced steady growth, 3.58% from 2012-2018. Like other disciplines, the computer information systems collection has undergone extensive weeding. In December 2016 a

major weeding project was completed to eliminate obsolete computer information systems monographs.

The total number of print books in the call number ranges associated with Computer Information Systems is 7,142. This is just below the number expected for a collection to support lower level undergraduate (8,000-12,000 books) and advanced level undergraduate (over 12,000 books). Effective March 2019, the EBSCO Academic Complete eBook package was subscribed to that included approximately 12,190 computer information systems related eBooks to meet the needs of the undergraduate researcher and the faculty. Over 1600 of these eBooks were published in the last 5 years and 6,045 were published in the past 10 years. This increases the number of books associated with Computer Information Systems in total to over 19,250 books while providing off-campus access. This total number brings the collection well above the advanced level for undergraduates (over 12,000 books) to the Intermediate support level.

Library Table 3: Film and Other Media Collection

# of Streaming Films by Subject in Kanopy Database	
Computer Science & Technology	254
Cybercrime	23
Cybersecurity	23
Video Gaming	9
Robotics	28
Computers	8
Business Technology	7
Tech Industry	10
Big Data	7
Internet	19
IT Business Skills	27

Library Table 4: Library Instruction

	AY201 2	AY201 3	AY201 4	AY201 5	AY201 6	AY201 7	AY201 8
Total Instruction Sessions Conducted:	166	211	197	161	222	263	247
Computer Information Systems Sessions Conducted:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total Embedded:	3	13	16	18	42	99	63
No. of CS Embedded:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total One-shots:	163	198	181	143	180	164	184
No. of CS One-shots:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

** The library offers discipline-specific and general information literacy instruction sessions.*

Library Table 5: Research Help

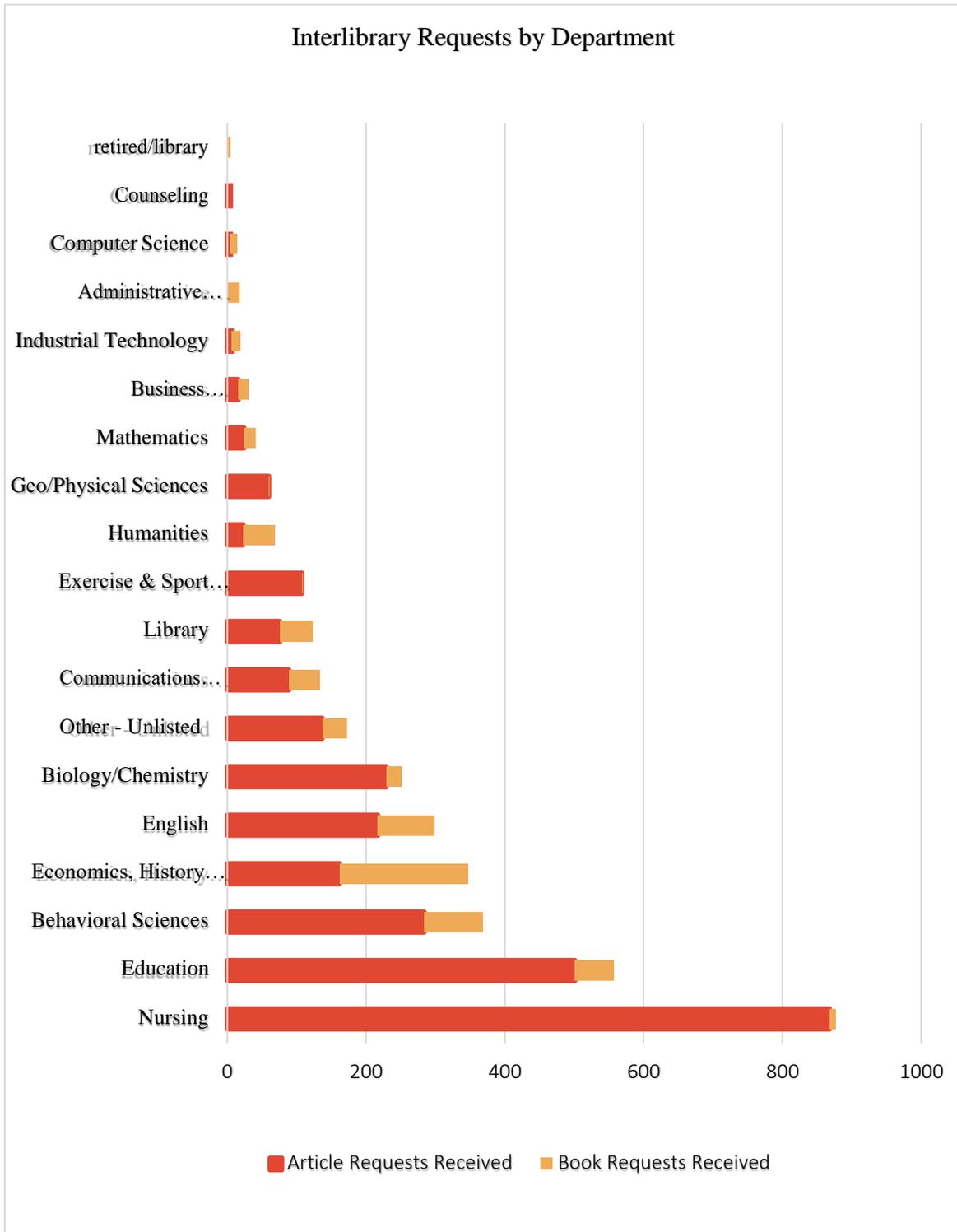
Library Research Guides

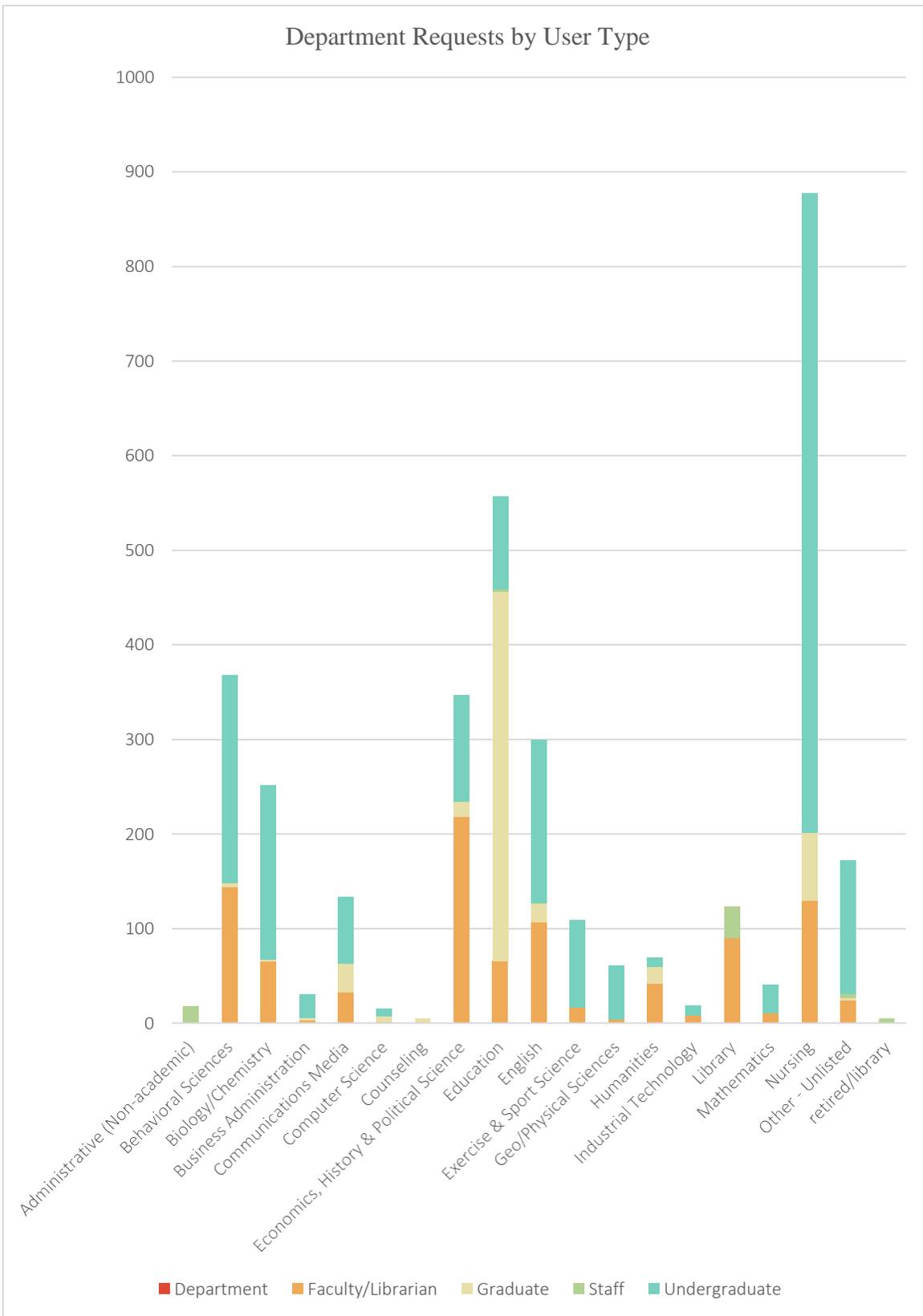
For Computer Information Systems, we have created one subject research guide and one course specific research guide. The usage statistics in the Computer Science research guide show the guide was accessed 21 times in a year, about one fifth the usage the average subject guide receives.

Reference Statistics for University

	FY201 2	FY201 3	FY201 4	FY201 5	FY201 6	FY201 7	FY201 8
<u>Total Records</u>	2957	4377	3544	2642	2497	1875	2854
<u>Mode of Access</u>	FY201 2	FY201 3	FY201 4	FY201 5	FY201 6	FY201 7	FY201 8
In Person	2037	3383	2490	1959	1872	1386	2297
Chat	728	779	678	548	510	308	268
Phone/Email	178	133	272	133	112	162	287
Skype	0	0	12	0	0	0	1
Office/Appointment	14	82	47	2	3	19	0
Blackboard	0	0	27	0	0	0	10
<u>Questions by Patron</u>	FY201 2	FY201 3	FY201 4	FY201 5	FY201 6	FY201 7	FY201 8
Student	1671	3426	3016	2438	2320	1674	2632
Faculty	75	104	102	59	66	57	65
Extended Campus/DL	32	15	256	27	21	45	112
Public/Alumni/Other	140	165	145	111	79	89	131
Staff	15	29	16	7	11	10	8
Unknown	1024	638	13	0	0	0	0
<u>Duration</u>	FY201 2	FY201 3	FY201 4	FY201 5	FY201 6	FY201 7	FY201 8
0-2 minutes	995	1510	1449	1104	1006	782	1483
2-5 minutes	465	1215	1008	735	683	532	689
5-15 minutes	895	1079	628	509	424	327	331
15 minutes or longer	448	466	466	294	384	234	351
Blank	155	107	1	0	0	0	0

Library Table 6: Interlibrary Services





Library Table 7: Facilities

Space	Specifications
Total Number of Seats in Library	596
Information Commons	Research Help Desk Circulation Desk 61 public computer stations 3 multi-function printers.
Study Rooms	9 large (up to 8 people) containing conference table, white board, media viewing equipment, and Apple TV. 8 small (2 people) containing conference table, computer, and whiteboard.
Media Production Room	Seating up to 7 people containing a computer, Apple TV, ceiling mounted projector, DVD player, and document projector.
Quiet Space	2 floors (3 rd and 4 th)
Archives	8608 items used in FY18 38 Special Collections totaling 322 boxes. 13 record groups totaling 480 boxes 2,500 rare books Art collection

Study Room Statistics	FY18
Unique Users	1758
Total Bookings	9203
Hours Booked	16305

Submission Attesting to Compliance

Only the Dean or Dean's Delegate can electronically submit the Self-study Report.

ABET considers the on-line submission as equivalent to that of an electronic signature of compliance attesting to the fact that the program conducted an honest assessment of compliance and has provided a complete and accurate disclosure of timely information regarding compliance with ABET's *Criteria for Accrediting Engineering Programs* to include the General Criteria and any applicable Program Criteria, and the *ABET Accreditation Policy and Procedure Manual*.