New CS/SE Graduate Student Orientation

Department of Computer Science

ERIK JONSSON SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Friday, October 27th, 2023

THE ORIENTATION BEGINS AT 9:00AM DALLAS, TX time
Agenda for Today

- Introduction – Dr. Jorge Cobb (Associate Head Graduate Education CS Dept)
- Welcome Note – Introduction by Dr. Ovidiu Daescu –Department Head
- CS Department Overview – Dr. Jorge Cobb
- Graduate Advisors Computer Science Program – Dr. Jorge Cobb
- MS CS/SE Degree Planning
- Areas of Study (Track)
  - Traditional Computer Science
  - Networks and Telecommunications
  - Intelligent Systems
  - Cyber Security
  - Systems
  - Data Science
  - Interactive Computing
- MS in Software Engineering Program
- GCS
- Q&A !!!
Dr. Ovidiu Daescu
Department Head
Computer Science
ECS and CS at UT Dallas

• UT Dallas
  – Founded in 1969 (celebrated 50th Anniversary)
  – 31,000+ students: CS the largest department with ~ 4,600 students.
  – https://www.utdallas.edu/about-us/

• CS @ UT Dallas
  – 1970s: Program founded as part of math sciences
  – 1986: Erik Jonsson School founded with CS + EE
  – Upper division BS CS started late 80s; Lower division in early 90s
  – Rapid growth in MS population in last decades
  – Significant growth in faculty and PhD population in the 2000s
  – Brand: producer of graduates with deep tech knowledge
Computer Science at UTD

- One of the largest departments in the country (3rd largest) and, also one of the best
- Fall 2020 student population ~4,600 students (3,600 BS, 800 MS, 160 PhD)
- 51 T/T faculty, 40+ Faculty of Instruction, 20+ part-time lecturers
- BS, MS, PhD degrees offered in CS, SE, Data Science
- ~300 course-sections offered each semester (wide variety)
- ~1000 students graduate each year (more than 1% of US output of CS graduates)
- World renowned CS faculty: publish in top conferences & journals
- ~$41 Million new research funding in the last three years

- 21st in LinkedIn ranking; #44 in USNWR global rank; #5 in UG AI (Best Value Colleges)
- 2019 csrankings.org: #5 SE, #6 in NLP, #7 AI
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Excellence in Research

• Wide variety of research areas covered:
  - Cyber Security
  - Computer Systems
  - Software Engineering
  - Intelligent Systems
  - Computer Science Theory
  - Computer Networking
  - Data Science

• Strategic areas of focus:
  - Machine Learning/AI, Data Sci., Cyber Sec., SW Engg, IoT & Software Defined Network (SDN)

• Focus on Interdisciplinary/Multidisciplinary research
  - Computer Systems: Medicine, Rehabilitation, Image Proc., Art & Tech.
  - Cyber Security: Mgmt and Math Sci (risk management), political sci.
  - Intelligent Systems: Medicine, Speech processing
CS Accomplishments

• 16+ CS faculty members hold the prestigious NSF CAREER award
• Numerous best paper awards & academic honors (many test-of-time awards as well):
  – Dr. Bhavani Thuraisingham, Fellow of the ACM and Fellow of NAI
  – Dr. Zygmunt Haas, Fellow of two European Societies
  – Dr. Latifur Khan, Fellow of the IEEE
  – Dr. Murat Kantarcioglu, Fellow AAAS and IEEE

• CS faculty are excellent teachers: they have won many awards
• Diverse student body:
  – #11 nationally in number of women students
  – #11 nationally in number of Hispanic students
  – #14 nationally in number of African American students
CS Department: Centers & Institutes

- Cyber Security Education & Research Institute (CSERI)  
  (Director: Dr. Kevin Hamlen)
- Human Language Technology Institute (HLTRI)  
  (Director: Dr. Sanda Harabagiu)
- Inst. for Interactive & Spatial Computing (UT DIISC)  
  (Director: Dr. Balakrishnan Prabhakaran)
- Institute for Data Analytics (IDA)  
  (Director: Mr. Bao Tran)
- Embedded Software Center  
  (Director: Dr. Farokh Bastani)
- Center for Software Testing  
  (Director: Dr. Eric Wong)
- iPerform: Center for Assistive Technology to Enhance Human Performance  
  (Director: Dr. Ovidiu Daescu)
- Center for Machine Learning Research  
  (Director: Dr. Sriraam Natarajan)
- Applied AI and Machine Learning Center  
  (Director: Dr. Doug DeGroot)
- Center for CS Education and Outreach  
  (Director: Dr. Jey Veerasamy)
Opportunities for CS/SE Graduates

Annual jobs available vs. degrees granted

- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Life Sciences (incl. agricultural)
- Social Sciences (incl. psychology)
- Physical Sciences (incl. environmental)
- Mathematical Sciences

Annual jobs available: Brown bars
Annual Bachelors degrees: Blue bars
Annual Masters degrees: Yellow bars
Annual Doctoral degrees: Green bars

BLS job projection data: http://www.bls.gov/emp/ind-occ-matrix/occupation.xlsx
Opportunities for CS/SE Graduates

• From a manufacturing economy to an information economy
• More things become automated, more and more software engineers needed
• With the Web and Mobile Apps becoming more pervasive, more people needed to develop them
• AI, Machine Learning, Blockchain, IoT: new technologies gaining popularity
• This automation and pervasiveness of computing will continue to increase:

THE FUTURE FOR CS/SE IS BRIGHT

Great salaries: BS: $70K-$120K, MS: $80K-$150K, PhD: $90K-$200+K
Contacting the ISSO

Schedule an Appointment
Select an appointment type and select an available time slot to meet your advisor. Appointments are available up to a week in advance.

Send a Message in iComet
The ISSO offers advising services online through iComet. You can send a message to an advisor and receive a response through your iComet Portal.

Contact the ISSO
At ISSOProspective@utdallas.edu for advising services

Call ISSO
For general information, call the ISSO at 972-883-4189 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The ISSO staff answering our phone lines are not immigration advisors.
GRADUATE DEGREE PLANNING SEMINAR
Spring 2024

Department of Computer Science
Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science

The University of Texas at Dallas
Orientation/Degree Planning Seminar Overview

- Graduate Advisors Computer Science Program
- MS in CS, areas of study (Tracks) for
  - Traditional Computer Science
  - Networks and Telecommunications
  - Intelligent Systems
  - Cyber Security
  - Systems
  - Data Science
  - Interactive Computing
- MS in SE
- Annual Graduate Degree Planning Form submission
- Registration
Graduate Advisors

Prof. Jorge Cobb  Prof. Les Arnold  Prof. Pushpa Kumar  Prof. Laurie Thompson  Prof. Tim Farage
The Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science

COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
Graduate Advising Fall 2023

• Prof. Jorge Cobb  ECS 4.208  CS/SE PhD, including PhD with MS
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  MS in SE program

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The Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science
If you have already been admitted and need advice, please contact the advisor assigned to you.

Please make sure to check the below link for latest advisor assignment, including office hours. These may change over time.

https://cs.utdallas.edu/education/graduate/advising/

In order to use your time most efficiently, **appointments are strongly recommended. Please email and request an appointment.**

**DO NOT TELEPHONE US!**

1. Regulations prohibit useful discussion as we cannot ensure your identity when contacted by telephone.
2. Your phone call is likely to interrupt instruction or meetings with students or colleagues.
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Again, please visit [https://cs.utdallas.edu/education/graduate/advising/](https://cs.utdallas.edu/education/graduate/advising/) for the latest assignments.

The staff members are **NOT** Graduate **ADVISORS**. For any questions on classes, choosing a degree plan.. etc, contact your Graduate Advisor.
Early registration for spring semester takes place in November and for the summer & fall starts in April; **enrollment appointments are placed on your Orion account based on earned hours, and it is randomized.** It’s your responsibility to check out the schedule online and register for classes online.

If you know the courses you wish to take and no leveling courses to take or holds on your account, you may Enroll online. Otherwise, schedule an appointment with a graduate advisor or ask for assistance via email.

**Students are strongly recommended NOT to register in more than TWO CORE COURSES from any degree plan.**
Department of Computer Science  Graduate Degrees

- Master of Science in Computer Science (33 credit hours)
  - Traditional Computer Science
  - Networking and Telecommunications
  - Intelligent systems
  - Cyber Security
  - Systems track
  - Data Science
  - Interactive Computing

- Master of Science in Software Engineering (33 credit hours)

- Doctor of Philosophy (75 credit hours beyond B.S. degree) in
  - Computer Science
  - Software Engineering

- Offered jointly by CS and ECE Departments
  - Computer Engineering & Telecommunications Engineering
    (advising done by ECE Department)
The graduate catalog is your official guide to degree plan requirements, become familiar with it!

- https://catalog.utdallas.edu
- https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2023/graduate/programs/ecs/computer-science

This orientation is a summary, the official rule is the catalog
Master of Science Degree Plan

➢ Department of Computer Science MS Requirements
  ➢ Five Core Courses from one of the tracks.
    ➢ We will go over the list of core courses for each track in a moment.
  ➢ A minimum of 18 hours of approved electives.
  ➢ All requirements including transfer credit must be completed in a six year window.

➢ GPA requirements:
  ➢ Core courses cumulative GPA ≥ 3.19
  ➢ Elective courses cumulative GPA ≥ 3.00
  ➢ Overall (including non CS/SE courses) graduate cumulative GPA ≥ 3.00
Electives

• Minimum of 18 semester credit hours
• At least 12 semester credit hours of 6000/7000 level elective CS courses, that could include 6 semester credit hours of thesis with approval of a graduate advisor.
• In addition, at least 6 semester credit hours from among:
  – ECSC 5177 (maximum three semester credit hours)
  – CS 6000/7000 level elective courses
  – only one of CS 5333, CS 5343 or CS 5348; students should consult their graduate advisors to get approval for this course.
• A minimum grade point average of 3.0 is required for elective courses.
• Approved electives must be taken to make a minimum of 33 semester credit hours.
If core GPA is above 3.00 but below 3.19, a seventh elective is required in the degree plan.

If core or elective GPA is below 3.00, one or more courses must be repeated.

Any course can be repeated only once and a maximum of three courses can be repeated in a degree plan.

If a student repeats a course, the new grade will replace the earlier grade; both will appear in the transcript.

Please check the graduate catalog for all other policies and procedures.

http://catalog.utdallas.edu/2023/graduate/home
Matriculating Fast Track Students

- Fast Track Students:
  - Courses Taken as Option A (Undergrad only) cannot be applied to your Masters program.
  
- Courses Taken as Option B (Fast Track) or C (Grad only)
  - Are ALL treated as Transfer Credits*
  - All course grades in Option B or C WILL affect your GPA

- Fast Track Admits, like all other students, have assigned Advisors and DPEs by last name alpha, Track, and/or Thesis option.
Dear,

Congratulations on your admission to the University of Texas at Dallas! The UT Dallas Committee on Graduate Studies congratulates you on your admission to the graduate program in Computer Science for the Fall 2008 semester. We share your excitement as you begin this new stage in your education. At UT Dallas, we promise you a welcoming environment, intellectual challenges, great faculty in your field of study, and a diverse and stimulating University family.

Please note that all required supporting documents must be received before you will be able to register for classes. You must contact the program to which you have been admitted, as each program has additional conditions that must be met before you can register. For contact information, please visit http://utdallas.edu/enroll/graduateadvisors.

We want to ensure that as a newly admitted student you are aware of the next steps you should complete to prepare for your enrollment at UT Dallas. For help with this process and to confirm your intention to enroll visit http://www.utdallas.edu/enroll/graduate. Should you need to defer your admission for any reason please contact the Associate Dean for the program to which you were admitted.

Your foreign tuition status has been determined based on the information that you provided on your admission application. If you have any questions regarding your residency status, please contact the program to which you have been admitted for more information.

The graduate experience at UT Dallas is unique and exceptional. Our faculty and staff look forward to welcoming you to campus.

Sincerely,

Dean of the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science

To contact the School of Engineering and Computer Science, please call 972-883-2974. You may also find important information on our web site at http://www ecs.utdallas.edu.

cc: file ECE CS P

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION UNIVERSITY
Admission Requirements

- Your official admissions letter may state any required leveling courses recommended by the admissions committee.

- In case you have not seen your leveling courses assigned to you or missed it in your emails, contact a staff member.

- You are responsible for any leveling course required for your Degree Plan (track) and also for any course you choose.
Admission Requirements

- Students from Non CS/Related backgrounds MUST complete (or be recognized upon admission) the following MINIMUM leveling courses:
  - CS 5303 (Basic Computer Programming)
  - CS 5330 (CS II: Computer Architecture)
  - CS 5333 (Discrete Structures),
  - CS 5343 (Data Structures & Algorithm Analysis) and
  - CS 5348 (Operating Systems).

- Other leveling courses are necessary according to your track.

- You must COMPLETE your assigned 5000 level courses applicable to your degree plan in the first year of study at UTD.

- Supported students (RA/TA) must enroll in 9 graduate hours.
If you are choosing CyberSecurity or SE degree plan, you must complete the required core and leveling courses in the first three semesters. Otherwise, you may not graduate on time.

These two degree plans require some careful planning and selection of courses each semester.

A general recommendation for all the students is to complete the core courses in your track in the first three semesters.

Do not leave any core course to be completed in the graduating semester, especially in a summer semester.
Grading System

- Letter grades A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C and F are used in grading graduate courses.
- GPA representation for the grades are as follows:

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* Please note B- is less than 3.00
All Important deadlines and dates are kept current in the Academic Calendar online. It is important that you review and know these dates (each semester):

- Enrollment
- Payment
- Apply for graduation
- Final Defense

The dates update constantly.

Confirm the date ONLINE not on paper.
Enrolling, Dropping or Swapping

- The last day to add/swap courses is January 23 (with a late fee)

- **DO NOT** drop classes online. If classes fill up, you may be under-enrolled by the last day to add/swap. Use swap instead of drop

- When in doubt meet with a CSGS Advisor.
Sample Academic Calendar

Official Academic Calendar Fall 2023

Notes: All offices are closed on Saturdays and Sundays. All transactions must occur online.
All email correspondence will be sent to UTD email address.

Classes Begin
Full-term session: Monday, August 21
1st 8-week session: Monday, August 21
2nd 8-week session: Monday, October 16

Web Registration
Enrollment appointments available online... Monday, March 27
All students should check their enrollment appointment details on Orion for the date and time they can begin.

Schedule Planner Available
Monday, March 27
Online add/drop ends: Monday, August 28

Last Day for Re-admission/Re-entry: Friday, Aug 11

Last Enrolment from Waitlist: Friday, Aug 18

Last Day for Regular Registration
Full-term session: Thursday, August 17
1st 8-week session: Thursday, August 17
2nd 8-week session: Thursday, October 12

Late Registration and Last Day to Add/Withdraw
If you register to add following registration period, payment is due the same day you register. You may be assessed a minimum $50 late registration fee. See Registrar’s Office information.

Full-term session: Friday, Aug 18 — Monday, Aug 21
1st 8-week session: Friday, Aug 18 — Monday, Aug 21
2nd 8-week session: Friday, Oct 13 — Monday, Oct 23

Census Day (State Reporting Date)/Last Day to Drop
Full-term session: Wednesday, September 6
1st 8-week session: Monday, August 28
2nd 8-week session: Monday, October 23

Drop/Withdrawal Deadlines
Please check Comet calendar for signature procedures.

Full-Term Sessions
Last day to drop a class without a "W": Wed, Sept 6
Undergraduate Courses
Approval required: Thurs, Sept 7 — Thurs, Oct 26
Grades: Begin: Tuesday, October 3
Grades: End: Monday, November 7
Graduate Courses
Withdrawal: End: Tuesday, November 7

1st 8-week
Last day to drop a class without a "W": Mon, Aug 28
Undergraduate Courses
Approval required: Tues, Aug 29 — Mon, Sept 25
Grades: Begin: Tuesday, September 22
Grades: End: Monday, September 25
Graduate Courses
Withdrawal: End: Monday, September 25

2nd 8-week
Last day to drop a class without a "W": Mon, Oct 23
Undergraduate Courses
Approval required: Tues, Oct 24 — Mon, Nov 20
Grades: Begin: Monday, November 7
Grades: End: Monday, November 7
Graduate Courses
Withdrawal: End: Thursday, November 23

Last Day of Classes (Not including final exams)
Full-term session: Thursday, December 7
1st 8-week session: Thursday, December 7
2nd 8-week session: Thursday, December 7

Reading Days (Study days prior to final exams)
Full-term & 1st 8-week sessions only: Friday, December 8

Final Exams
Full-term session: Saturday, Dec 9 — Friday, Dec 15
1st 8-week session: Monday, Oct 9 — Saturday, Oct 14
2nd 8-week session: Saturday, Dec 9 — Friday, Dec 15

Mid-Term Grades Due and Viewable Online
All midterm grades must be submitted online.
Midterm (undergraduate courses only): Saturday, Oct 14

Final Grading Period
All grades must be received by Wednesday, December 20.
Viewable online after posting begins Monday, December 18.
1st 8-week session: Monday, Oct 9 — Saturday, Oct 14
2nd 8-week session: Saturday, Dec 9 — Wednesday, Dec 20

Graduation/Commencement (All Fall 2023 Sessions)
Formal Graduation Application: Tuesday, August 29
Final deadline to change primary major/program/degree major: Monday, September 26
Final Graduation Application: Sunday, October 1
Honors Convocation: TBA
Commencement Activities: Monday, Dec 18 — Wed, Dec 20
Commencement tickets & Cap/Grad & name cards available Monday, Nov 1
Doctoral Hooding Ceremony: TBA
Degree conferment date: Saturday, December 23

The following deadlines must be met by the dates listed and require verification to the Office of Graduate Education (OGE) website: graduate.utdallas.edu

University Closings
Labor Day: Monday, September 4
Thanksgiving: Thursday, Nov 23 — Sunday, Nov 26
Winter Break: TBA
No Classes: Fall break: Monday, Nov 20 — Wednesday, Nov 22

Incomplete
Incomplete grades due for undergraduates and graduates from previous long semester: Monday, October 16
Temporary Appeal for 5000 Leveling Courses

➢ To take a CS 6000 level graduate course and you have a prerequisite leveling course listed in your admit letter:
  ➢ Have a transcript showing that you have completed the leveling courses in your undergraduate work
  ➢ Petition the Graduate Advisor for approval to enroll in the CS 6000 level course.
  ➢ **PLS NOTE THE LEVELING COURSE WILL NOT BE WAIVED TODAY BY ANY ADVISOR.**
  ➢ **YOU MUST APPLY SEPARATELY IN FEBRUARY TO WAIVE YOUR LEVELING COURSES.**
  ➢ Refer to the UTD Graduate Catalog for Leveling courses.
Transfer/Waiver of Courses

- Transfer/Waiver seminars are scheduled in the second month of each long semester. The tentative Fall semester seminar dates are:

- **Friday February 9th**, 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

- Date and time will be announced late January via UTD email.
Transfer/Waiver of Courses

- Students from Non CS/Related backgrounds **MUST** complete the following **MINIMUM** leveling courses:
  - CS 5303 (CS I)
  - CS 5330 (CS II Computer Architecture)
  - CS 5333 (Discrete Structures),
  - CS 5343 (Data Structures & Algorithm Analysis) and
  - CS 5348 (Operating Systems).

- The above leveling courses generally will not be waived for the students from Non CS/Related backgrounds.

- Students who plan to waive leveling courses and/or transfer graduate courses are strongly suggested to visit with program/advising office to check for eligibility.

- Students who are not qualified to apply for waivers must take the leveling courses.
Tentative Degree Plan of Study

- Sample degree plans in https://cs.utdallas.edu/education/graduate/ (scroll to bottom)
- Select your area of Computer Science Concentration:
  - Traditional Computer Science
  - Networks and Telecommunications
  - Intelligent Systems
  - Cyber Security
  - Systems Track
  - Data Science
  - Interactive Computing
  - Software Engineering (Must be SE_MS or SE__DR program)

- Leveling Courses
  - Cross out any not listed in your Admission Letter

- Complete Core, Elective, and Leveling Courses
  - Enter the course name, number, grade, and semester
    - 22F = Fall 2022
    - 23S = Spring 2023
    - 23U = Summer 2023
Review of Tentative Degree Plan of Study

- Review your Grade Point Average (GPA) in:
  - Core Courses
    - (need 3.19 over the five graduate courses)
  - Elective 6000 level courses
    - (need 3.00 over all)
  - Overall 3.00 or better GPA in UTD Graduate courses
  - Complete any Leveling Courses required by track.

- Submit your AOP to your Graduate Studies Staff member by the first week of February. This is a University requirement.
  - Otherwise, you will have an enrollment plan hold.

- We suggest you review your Tentative Degree Plan with a Graduate Advisor at least once a year.
Repeat this process at least once every academic year or when changing your track.

Plan your graduation by discussing the degree plan with an advisor. **Must visit with an advisor one semester prior to Graduation.**

CS department offers each core course at least once every academic year.

Students should plan their schedule carefully.
## Core Courses - Traditional

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Eric Moden will be your DPE and Dr. Jorge Cobb your Academic Advisor.
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# Systems Degree Plan

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<td>SE 6387</td>
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* Credit will be given for only one of the following courses if students take them together to satisfy Computer Science and Software Engineering degree plan requirements:

- **SE 6329** Object-Oriented Software Engineering, and
- **CS 6359** Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (cannot be used on SE degree plan)
Leveling Courses

- Each track has a set of required leveling courses.
  - These courses must be waived upon admission (i.e., not listed in your admission’s letter), waived during a waver/transfer session, or be taken at UTD.

- In addition,
  - Any levelling course that is a prerequisite for an elective that you choose to take must be also be waived upon admission (i.e., not listed in your admission’s letter), waived during a waver/transfer session, or be taken at UTD

- A levelling course that is not required for your track nor for your chosen electives does not need to be taken/waived
# Leveling Courses

## Leveling Courses for all Degree Plans

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* Only for CS 6353-Compiler Construction & CS 6371-Structure & Design of Programming Languages
Students Seeking this certificate must start the process at least one semester (at the beginning) prior to graduating semester. You apply for the certificate online (like you applied for the MS or PhD). Your DPE will set you eligible to apply for graduation of the certificate if you meet requirements. You must apply to graduate (it is not automatic)

You must apply BEFORE you meet all the requirements

Once admitted to the Cyber Defense certificate program:

To get the certificate you must complete the following five courses with a Cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better

• CS 6324 Information Security
• CS 6348 Data and Application Security
• CS 6349 Network Security
• **CS 6332 Systems Security and Malicious Code Analysis (recent change)**
• CS 6378 Advanced Operating Systems

The conferral date and program will appear on your transcript.

**This Certificate is endorsed by NSA**
Cyber Ops Transcript Notation

Students Seeking Cyber Ops Notation on transcript must start the process one semester (at the beginning) prior to graduating semester. After the degree plan audit with your advisor, you would send your email request to your DPE for Cyber Op Notation.

**Requirement:** Must complete 6 core and 2 electives courses from the lists below:

**Core Courses**
- CS 6324 Information Security
- CS 6332 System Security & Malicious Code Analysis
- CS 6340 Wireless Networks
- CS 6349 Network Security
- CS 6363 Design & Analysis of Computer Algorithms
- CS 6390 Advanced Computer Networks

**Elective Courses**
- CS 6301 Developing and Securing the Cloud, Edge and IoT
- CS 6335 Language Based Security
- CS 6348 Data and Applications Security
- CS 6377 Intro to Cryptography
- CS 6378 Advanced Operating Systems
- CS 4397 Embedded Computer Systems *
- CS 4398 Digital Forensics *

*CS 4397, and/or CS 4398 will not count as an elective in any CS/SE graduate degree plan.*

If you complete the work as detailed above AND Apply to have it added; a note will be added to your transcript.

**This Note is endorsed by the NSA**
Students:

- must have a signed acknowledgement of policies (AOP) in the file before end of first semester (February preferably).
- must be in the correct program the semester prior to graduation.
- visit with an academic advisor annually for a degree plan audit and the SEMESTER prior to graduation for the grad audit.
- Changing from CS_MSCS to SE_MS or from SE_MS to CS_MSCS requires a New Application.
- Changing from CS_DR to SE_DR or from SE_DR to CS_DR requires a New Application.
A Master of Science Thesis replaces two 6000 level electives (minimum of six credit hours)

The Master’s Thesis provides an opportunity for your initial research activities

The Master’s Thesis option is available in all areas of study in the Computer Science Program.

The Master’s Thesis is recommended for a graduate student who is considering further graduate studies towards a Doctor of Philosophy program.

For more information, visit the Associate Head for Graduate Education.
➢ Once a student is enrolled in thesis, dissertation, or the third practicum, unless a leave of absence has been granted, that student must maintain continuous enrollment (not necessarily for thesis, dissertation, or practicum) of at least three semester hours during consecutive long semesters until the final approved copy of the manuscript has been deposited in the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies.
Students participating in the Industrial Practice Program must enroll in a 1 credit hour course. Students signing up for CPT please contact the Jonsson School Career Services.

The USCIS has determined that F1 students who are graduating may take only the courses required for graduation/course completion in their graduating semester.

Students must get a new Sevis I-20 if they change majors or degree level. The new Sevis I-20 must be signed by the first day of class in the new academic program.

For all questions regarding visa/OPT/reduced enrollment, please talk to the International Student Advisor at the ISSO.
Information for International Students
Can I Delay Graduation?

As an F or J visa holder, the US Citizenship and Immigration Service requires that you make **progress towards your degree** to maintain your immigration status. Additionally, the federal regulation:

“If the student is not required to take any additional courses to satisfy the requirements for completion … the student is considered to have completed the course of study and must take action to maintain status. Such action may include application for OPT, application for change of status or departure from the U.S.”

Please be aware that postponing your graduation can negatively affect your immigration status now and in the future. Postponing graduation can be defined as any of the following:

- Taking any unnecessary classes
- Changing tracks within an academic program for the purpose of delaying graduation

Students with questions need to contact their International Student Advisor at the 972-883-4189 or in person at the ISSO, SSB 3.400

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION UNIVERSITY
Academic Integrity

The faculty expects from its students a high level of responsibility and academic honesty. As a general rule, scholastic dishonesty involves one of the following acts: cheating, plagiarism, collusion and/or falsifying academic records. Students suspected of academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary proceedings. Plagiarism, especially from the web, from portions of papers for other classes, and from any other source is unacceptable and will be dealt with under the university’s policy on plagiarism (see general catalog for details).
Registration Process

• Early registration for Spring 2024 semester starts Nov. 2023.

• Early registration for Fall and Summer 2024 starts in April 2024.

• **Enrollment appointments are placed on your Orion account based on earned hours, and is randomized.**
  
  • It’s your responsibility to check out the schedule online and register in classes.

• If you don’t have any holds, you’ll be able to enroll in classes online. **We strongly recommend not to enroll in more than two core courses from any track.** Also, don’t enroll in three courses which are scheduled on same days.

• **Email:** The university requires all official student email correspondence be sent only to a student’s U.T. Dallas email address and that faculty and staff consider email from students official only if it originates from a UTD student account.
Registration Process

• FERPA will not allow another student to represent you for enrollment. You should not accept another persons Enrollment sheet and represent them.

• Nothing can be done by PHONE... Please DO NOT call... Use UTD email for official business.

• Students who go on academic probation (< 3.0 GPA) can enroll in classes ONLY after grades are obtained for the currently enrolled semester and after a visit with the Associate Head for Graduate Education.
Enrollment Holds

• Enrollment holds (due to new student orientation) will be removed early next week
• If you have a “cannot register online” please contact your assigned graduate support staff.
• Graduates of Computer Science (GCS) is a student body composed of graduate students that organizes various events for CS graduate students such as hackathons and seminars.

• All graduate students are free to reach out to us regarding any query that they have. We encourage you to join GCS and take part in its activities.

• Please check out our page on Facebook to know more about us. You can access the page using this QR code.
Connect with Jonsson Career Services!
ECS Student Services Suite (ECSS 2.502)
jonssonschooljobs@utdallas.edu
LinkedIn: @jonssoncareerservices

Services:
➢ Technical Resume Critiques
➢ Interviewing Preparation
➢ Job Search Strategies
➢ Professional Development
➢ CPT Authorization
➢ Internship Class

Check Out JCS
Upcoming Events

https://utd.link/jcsevents

Scan to access events list
Schedule Planner

1. Log In
   Sign in to GALAXY

2. Locate Schedule Planner
   Under Orion Self Service
   Click "Schedule Planner"

3. ADD COURSES
   To Take Next Term

4. ADD BREAKS
   To Work Off Campus
   For No Class

5. GENERATE
   All Possible Schedules

6. VIEW
   To See Each Schedule

7. SEND TO SHOPPING CART
   From the "Now" Screen, Click the "Shopping Cart" Button to Begin Registration!
For more information:

Visit

cs.utdallas.edu/news/

Or

Contact Dr. Jorge Cobb at: cobb@utdallas.edu
The End

thank you