Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

Computer Science

2025 - 2026 Catalog Year

MTH 110 Start

		1st Year		
Fall		Winter		Spring/Summer
COM 201: Speech	3	MTH 124: Precalculus	5	
MTH 110: Algebra	4	CIS 162: Computer Science 1	4	
WRT 120: Strategies in Writing – Stretch 1	4	General Education	3	
or General Education		WRT 130: Strategies in Writing – Stretch 2	3	
General Education	3	or WRT 150: Strategies in Writing		
Total	14	Total	15	
		2nd Year		
Fall		Winter	-	Spring/Summer
CIS 163: Computer Science 2	4	MTH 201: Calculus 1	4	
MTH 225: Discrete Structures: CS	3	MTH 325: Discrete Structures: CS 2	3	
Science Cognate	4	CIS 241: System Level Programming & Utilities	3	
STA 215: Intro Applied Statistics	3	CIS 290: Professional Responsibilities & Practices	3	
		General Education	3	
Total	14	Total	16	
		3rd Year		
Fall		Winter		Spring/Summer
MTH/STA Elective	3	CIS 343: Structure of Programming Languages	3	CIS 490: Internship 2-5
CIS 263: Data Structures and Algorithms	3	CIS 353: Database	3	
CIS 350: Intro to Software Engineering	3	Science Cognate	4	
CIS 351: Computer Org and Assembly Lang	3	CIS Elective	3	
General Education	3	General Education	3	
Total	15	Total	16	Total 2-5
		4th Year		
Fall		Winter		Spring/Summer
CIS 452: Operating System Concepts	3	CIS 467: Computer Science Project	3	
CIS 457: Data Communications	3	WRT 350: Business Communication (SWS)	3	
CIS Elective	3	CIS Elective	3	
CIS Elective	3	General Education	3	
General Education	3	General Education	3	
Total	15	Total	15	

- This is a suggested curriculum guide that might not be applicable to every student
- This suggested course sequence is intended as a general guide and may need to be adjusted based on course availability
- Student must have a **minimum of 120 credits** to graduate, with **58 of the 120 credits** being from a senior level institution and the **final 30 of the 120 credits** completed at GVSU

General Education Requirements				
WRT 150: Strategies in Writing (grade of "C" or higher required) or WRT 120 and WRT 130 (grade of "C" or higher required in both)	Life Sciences			
Physical Sciences	Philosophy and Literature			
Arts	Mathematical Sciences			
Social Behavioral Sciences (COM 201)	Social Behavioral Sciences			
Historical Analysis	U.S. Diversity			
Global Perspectives	2 Supplemental Writing Skills Courses (prerequisite: WRT 130 or WRT 150)			
2 Issues Courses (prerequisite: must have 55+ credits)				

Major Notes:

- 1.) MTH or STA: Please select one of the following courses: MTH 202, MTH 204, MTH 465, STA 216 or STA 418.
- 2.) Sci. Cognate: Students may choose from BIO 120, BIO 121, BMS 202, CHM 125+126, CHM 127+128, GEO 111, PHY 220, PHY 221, PHY 230 and PHY 231.
 - a. The Physical Sciences and Life Sciences categories can be met by careful selection of CS science cognate courses. For example: BIO 120 and GEO 111 will fulfill the Life Sciences and Physical Sciences categories, respectively. Together, they fulfill the CS science cognate requirement.
- 3.) CIS 490 can be taken as 2-5 credits. Students will work with the Computing Internship Coordinator to determine the best number of credits for them.
- 4.) It is highly encouraged for students to "double dip" their general education requirements when possible.
 - a. Consider taking a course that fulfills the U.S. Diversity category and one Social and Behavioral Science course.
 - b. Consider taking a course that fulfills the Global Perspectives category and one Issues course.
- 5.) Two Supplemental Writing Skills (SWS) courses are required for graduation. WRT 350 will fulfill one SWS requirement. The remaining SWS requirement can be fulfilled via a general education category.