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This brochure is intended to be a summary of the rules applicable to graduate study in computer science at Brooklyn College. The Brooklyn College Graduate Bulletin is the official statement of the rules and regulations and should be consulted for final resolution of any questions. Each student should make sure to obtain a copy of the Brooklyn College Graduate Bulletin.

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I. DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

An outside evaluation ranked Brooklyn College's Computer and Information Science (CIS) Department as one of the best in the New York metropolitan area. In addition, the faculty is actively engaged in research in which students may become involved.

Brooklyn College has a large and distinguished graduate program in computer science. The department, established in 1972, is recognized for excellence. The department's graduate course offerings cater to a diverse range of interests. The department offers courses in artificial intelligence, database management and information processing, theory of computing, computer architecture, operating systems and compilers, communications, signal processing, object-oriented programming, graphical user interfaces, and many other areas. Specialized topics are offered as interest arises.

Graduates of the programs in computer science at Brooklyn College have achieved success in a wide variety of areas. For example, Brooklyn College students have received Ph.D. degrees from such prestigious schools as NYU, Harvard, and Stanford University; some Brooklyn College graduates are teaching at Columbia, Harvard, and Stanford.

Each year the CIS Department awards more than 50 Master's degrees. Some of the graduates continue their studies towards the Ph.D. degree, while most work as professionals in the computer field. Recent Master's recipients are enrolled in doctoral programs at the City University of New York, SUNY at Stony Brook, M.I.T., the University of Delaware, and the University of Maryland. CIS Department Master's graduates are employed at numerous companies in the New York metropolitan area, including AT&T, Bellcore, Bell Labs, Citibank, IBM, Metropolitan Life, Keyspan Energy, Con Edison, the Port Authority, CBS, Chase, and other major corporations. Many international students have returned to their native countries to pursue careers there.

The department provides a stimulating environment for those interested in studying computer science. There is enthusiastic interaction among students and faculty, and there are strong research groups. Advanced graduate students have the opportunity of doing research under the guidance of department faculty. The department has significant grant support for research, with faculty supported by such agencies as NIH, NSF, ONR, and NASA.

The department's academic goal in the graduate program is to train graduate students for careers in computing research and applications. The primary graduate program of the department is a Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Computer Science, with three tracks: Computation, geared towards computer science research and development applications; Information Systems, oriented towards organizational and administrative uses of computing; and Health Informatics, geared towards the use of technology in medical applications. All three tracks include study of advanced applications and methodology. The M.S. in CS degree also prepares students for Ph.D. study. The department plays a major role in the Ph.D. Program in Computer Science of the City University of New York.

II. GRADUATE PROGRAMS AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE

The CIS Department offers a variety of options leading to the Master's degree and participates in several joint programs with other departments.

Graduate Degree Programs

1. M.S. in Computer Science
2. CUNY Ph.D. in Computer Science

This brochure concentrates on the first three programs. Links to information on the Ph.D. Program in Computer Science are provided later in this brochure.

M.S. in Computer Science

The Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Computer Science has three tracks or concentrations: Computation, Information Systems, and Health Informatics.

Professor James Cox is the Graduate Deputy Chair. Students who are entering the M.S. program in Computer Science should meet with Professor Cox (cox@sci.brooklyn.cuny.edu).

Computation Track

The Computation track is designed for students interested in computer science research, system development, or advanced applications. This program is focused on teaching the student advanced techniques and methodology, in addition to applying standard computer tools. The program is also recommended for students who wish to pursue doctoral studies in computer science.

Information Systems Track

The Information Systems track is intended for students who wish to become computer systems managers, directors, and executives in such organizations as banks, insurance companies, universities, brokerage houses, etc., or who wish to manage information systems in other industrial or service organizations.

The Information Systems track is designed for students interested in the applications of computer science to the practical information systems needed for business and administration. The theory of computing is presented with an eye towards practical applications. It is for students who wish to understand the use of the computer as a management tool, its place in organizations for both planning and production, and the organization of complex computer systems so that they are most effective and efficient. Advanced computer tools and their usage are also a focus of study.

Current Information Systems track. students are divided into two groups. One group consists of computer professionals already working in industry, and the other group consists of accountants, comptrollers, business executives and administrators who wish to apply computer science to their own fields. Both groups are interested in learning computer science theory and its integration into their own fields.

Health Informatics Track

The Health Informatics Track is intended for students who wish to become computer systems managers, directors, and executives in hospitals and health-related institutions.

The Health Informatics Track in Health Informatics focuses on the use of technology in a wide range of health care and medical services. It is designed for students interested in applications of computing and research in computer science as it is utilized in the fields of healthcare and other aspects of health science. The program is focused on teaching the student advanced techniques and methodology, in addition to applying standard computer tools. The program is appropriate for both practitioners of health applications using computers and for researchers in new computer-based methods and measures in health-related fields.

III. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants for the master's degree programs in Computer Science are expected to have the equivalent of at least 15 credits in computer and information science and related areas, including all of the following: knowledge of a high-level computer language (preferably Java or C++), knowledge of assembly language and computer architecture, a course in discrete structures, a course in data structures, and a course in calculus. Applicants for the Information Science track are expected to have all the courses listed plus a course in probability and statistics. Applicants interested in the Health Informatics track must offer at least 18 credits in undergraduate or graduate courses in health and nutrition sciences and/or health-related fields. Applicants are also expected to have the equivalent of at least 12 credits in computer and information science, including all of the following: knowledge of a high-level computer language (preferably Java or C++), a course in discrete structures and a course in data structures.

Students who do not have all of these requirements may be accepted with the condition that they complete these courses at the undergraduate level.

Students who majored in any area as an undergraduate can be accepted as graduate students in computer science. Approximately half of the applicants majored in computer science as undergraduates. Other applicants majored in mathematics, engineering, physical and natural sciences, social sciences, fine arts, education, and so on.

Applications

Students can apply online at <https://websql.brooklyn.cuny.edu/admissions/graduate/>. As part of their application, students are required to submit transcripts from all colleges that they have attended, two letters of recommendation, and TOEFL scores if appropriate (see below). Brooklyn College uses a self-managed application form for graduate students, in which the student is responsible for collecting all materials required for admission.

TOEFL

Students whose native language is not English are required to take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) examination before applying for admission. Students whose native language is not English but who have lived in the United States for several years may be exempt from these requirements.

The Master's program accepts students from a wide variety of backgrounds. Each semester more than 100 students, from a multitude of countries around the globe, apply for admission. Many students come from Asia (including China, Korea, Taiwan, India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh). There are a number of students whose home country is in the Middle East (including Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, and Israel). Other applicants come from Western or Eastern Europe, including a number from Russia. Still others come from Africa, South America,

and Central America. Of course, many of the applicants come from Brooklyn, the entire metropolitan area, and elsewhere in the United States.

Prerequisite Courses

When a student is admitted to a Master's program, the student will receive a letter describing which (if any) prerequisite courses must be completed. If a student believes that there is a mistake in this list, the student should contact the Graduate Deputy Chair as quickly as possible to resolve the problem.

Deadlines for Matriculation

In general, Brooklyn College's deadlines for admission are April 1 for the Fall semester, November 1 for the next Spring semester. If a student misses the deadline, the application can still be considered.

Non-Matriculated Students

International students, or students who need to obtain a visa of some type in order to study at Brooklyn College, cannot register as non-matriculated students. Such students must be accepted as matriculated students in order to attend Brooklyn College.

Students who do not meet the entrance requirements or who miss the application deadline may be admitted with non-matriculated status. A student in non-matriculated status is restricted in many ways; most important, the student may not register after completing 15 credits. After completing six credits with a 3.0 average, a student should apply for matriculated status. 7000-level courses taken as non-matriculated students will count toward the degree once the student has become matriculated.

IV. Degree Requirements

Thirty credits are required for the degree. Students must maintain at least a B (3.00) average. Students must complete 30 credits in courses numbered 7000 and above.

Up to 10 credits in courses in other departments may be substituted, with the permission of the graduate deputy chairperson. There are three tracks: Computation, Information Systems, and Health Informatics.

All students must complete each of the following core courses:

CISC 7540 Software Methodology,
CISC 7510 or CISC 7512 Database Systems or Advanced Database Systems,
CISC 7700 Intro to Data Science,
CISC 7302 Computer architecture

Students in the Computation track must complete

CISC 7200 Analysis of Algorithms,
CISC 7221 Theoretical Computer Science,

Students in the Information Systems track must complete:

CISC 7500 Introduction to Management Information Systems,
CISC 7530 IT Project Management

Students in the Health Informatics track must complete

CISC 7450X Computer Applications in Health Sciences
And three courses from Health & Nutrition Sciences

Additional elective courses in CISC 7000 level may be needed to complete the 30 credit requirement.

Courses should be selected in consultation with the program advisor.

As an exit requirement, all students must complete one of the following:

(a) CISC 7990G and a thesis acceptable to the department; no more than 6 credits in thesis research may be counted toward the degree

(b) Pass a written comprehensive examination

Health Informatics track students only may substitute:

(c) CISC 7980G Health Informatics Internship or a research project, with permission of the department chair or designee. The internship is the preferred option for the Health Informatics track.

As an exception to the general college rule, the comprehensive examination in the Department of Computer and Information Science may be taken in the term preceding the one in which the student will complete all course requirements for the degree. However, all other college regulations concerning the comprehensive examination still apply. Students are strongly advised to take advantage of this exception and to take the comprehensive examination in the earlier semester

CUNY Ph.D. Program

The Ph.D. Program in Computer Science at CUNY is conducted as a consortium of several senior colleges and the Graduate Center, located on 34th St. and 5th Ave. in Manhattan; students enrolled in the program may take courses at any of the locations. Most of the advanced graduate courses are offered at the Graduate Center, although many are given at Brooklyn College.

Keep in mind that the Ph.D. in computer science is not necessary for most jobs in the field; it is intended to prepare selected students for careers of leadership in industry, research, and teaching in academia.

All 7000-level courses of the Brooklyn College CIS Department may be credited toward the CUNY doctoral degree with permission of the Executive Officer of the doctoral program. Many members of the CIS department faculty are also members of the doctoral faculty, and students who wish to do supervised research may work with any of those faculty members. About 10-15 Ph.D. students at Brooklyn College are supported, either by a tuition grant, as grad fellows, or through research projects.

It is possible for a student with an outstanding record to be admitted to the Ph.D. program directly after receiving the Bachelor's degree; however, it is more common to be admitted after receiving a Master's degree. Students who wish to obtain the Ph.D. degree are invited first to complete the Master's degree at Brooklyn College, where their Master's work will count toward the CUNY doctoral degree.

Admissions Requirements

All applicants to the Ph.D. are required to have a minimum average of B in their undergraduate work and to have completed coursework equivalent to an undergraduate major in computer science. Exceptions may be made for students with degrees in related fields or with extensive experience in computer science. Applicants must take the Graduate Record Exam. It is strongly recommended that the applicant also submit scores for the Computer Science advanced area test. Students whose first language is not English are required to take the TOEFL. Applicants must also submit two letters of recommendation and an official transcript.

For further information about the CUNY Ph.D. program, including the brochure "Prospectus for the Ph.D. Program in Computer Science," consult the Graduate Deputy Chair of the CIS Department or the Executive Officer of the Ph.D. program in Computer Science (compsci@gc.cuny.edu; (212) 817-8190).

For applications, contact the Office of Admissions:
The Graduate Center, CUNY, 365 Fifth Ave., New York NY 10016-4309
(212) 817-7470 <http://www.gc.cuny.edu/Admissions>

V. RECOMMENDED SCHEDULES

M.S. in Computer Science

There are a variety of schedules from which students can choose, depending on their level and the number of courses they wish to take. It is advisable to see the Graduate Deputy Chair before planning each semester's program. Students who enter with background in computer science will generally be able to go directly into 7000-level courses. Students without such a background will need to take selected undergraduate courses, described below, before taking any 7000-level courses.

Beginning M.S. Students with Limited Background in Computer Science

- A. Students just beginning to study computer science must take CISC 1115 (Programming in Java) in their first semester. This course is a prerequisite to all other CIS courses.
- B. Students who know another language (e.g., C++) and who have some mathematics background, may take CISC 2210 (Discrete Structures) at the same time as CISC 1115.
- C. Students who already know Java may take CISC 2210 and CISC 3115 (Modern Programming Techniques).
- D. Students who have begun their study of computer science in C++ (CISC 1110) may complete the CISC 1110 / 3110 / 3130 sequence, but they must be aware that CISC 3110 will be offered for the last time in Spring 2018, and CISC 3130 will be offered in C++ for the last time in Fall 2018.
- E. Students who have completed CISC 2210 may take CISC 3310 (Principles of Computer Architecture). CISC 3310 can be taken at the same time as CISC 3115 or 3130.
- F. Students who have completed CISC 3115 must continue on to take CISC 3130 (Data Structures), which is a prerequisite for almost all CISC 7000-level courses.
- G. Students must demonstrate knowledge of basic calculus. If necessary, the student should take the first undergraduate calculus course (MATH 1201).
- H. Students in the Health Informatics Track must also have completed 18 credits of health or science related courses.

Students who have already mastered the material covered in any of these courses may apply for a waiver for that course from the Graduate Deputy Chair. Students who request such a waiver must be prepared to demonstrate their mastery.

M.S. Students Who Have Completed All Undergraduate Prerequisite Courses or Who Have an Undergraduate Degree in Computer Science

Students who have completed all undergraduate prerequisite courses (or who were not required to take any of these courses) have a wide variety of 7000-level courses available. Currently, the CIS Department offers about 15 7000-level courses per semester, selected in a rotating fashion from a list of more than 40 such courses. The complete list of all CIS Department graduate courses appears in the Brooklyn College Graduate Bulletin and in Section VIII.

All degree requirements, prerequisites, exclusions, and general Brooklyn College regulations are listed in the Brooklyn College Graduate Bulletin. Students should make sure that they receive a copy of the Graduate Bulletin, since they are responsible for satisfying the various rules and regulations.

Prerequisites and Exclusions

Among first level courses, some cover the same material (in somewhat more depth) as advanced undergraduate courses. These graduate courses are not open to students who have already had a corresponding course, whether at Brooklyn College or at another school. For example, the course CISC 7410X (Artificial Intelligence) is not open to a student who has already had a course, graduate or undergraduate, in artificial intelligence. The following CIS courses are in this category: 7310X, 7110X, 7410X, 7510X, and 7360X. Students who have taken the undergraduate course CISC 3220 (Analysis of Algorithms) or its equivalent can take either CISC 7200X or 7214X, but it is recommended that they take CISC 7214X.

On the other hand, a number of first-level courses are open to students even if they have already had an undergraduate course in the area. For example, CISC 7302X (Computer Architecture) is open to students who have had an undergraduate course in architecture.

Counseling

Students who must maintain full-time status either to satisfy the requirements of their visa or the rules of a loan program or for some other reason should make sure that they take sufficient courses each term to be considered a full-time student.

With the aid of the Graduate Deputy Chair, a student should determine exactly which courses are available to him or her, and which are excluded. At that point, the student can select up to four courses to take in a given semester, depending upon the student's job status, time available, and so on.

VI. EXIT REQUIREMENTS

As a part of his or her degree requirements, each student is required to pass a written comprehensive examination or to write a Master's thesis. Students in the Health Informatics Track only can complete a Health Informatics Internship or complete an approved research project. Most students take the comprehensive exam, but each semester a few students write a thesis. Students in the MS in HI program must write a thesis. The rules for a thesis are described later in this section.

Master's Comprehensive Examination

It is strongly recommended that a student who intends to take the comprehensive exam should take the exam in the term before he or she plans to graduate. (This allows for the possibility of failing the exam and retaking it the next semester without delaying graduation.) For example, a student who intends to graduate in the Spring semester (June), should take the exam the previous Fall semester. Students must register for the exam within the first month of the semester in which they wish to take the exam; see the Schedule of Classes for the exact date.

Rules for the Exam

The Master's Comprehensive exam has exams in nine areas (the areas tested in each part are listed in the next section). The examination is three and a half hours long. Each part contains approximately one hour's worth of questions. These questions are similar to those that would be asked on a final exam in the appropriate course. Each student must answer three of the nine parts. However, the student does not have to decide in advance which three parts to answer. In the examination room, each student will receive all parts of the exam and can make the decision at that time. Nonetheless, it is strongly suggested that a student plan in advance to answer certain parts, with the option to change his or her mind after seeing all of the parts.

Exam Areas

The Master's comprehensive exam has nine parts (one area has two parts from which the student picks one part). Students must pass three parts. The nine parts are as follows (note that not all parts may be offered every term; when you register for the exam, check which parts are being offered):

1. analysis of algorithms
2. architecture
3. artificial intelligence
4. programming languages
5. databases
6. management information systems
7. networks and telecommunications
8. operating systems
9. theoretical computer science

Computation. students must take the exam in Analysis of Algorithms, plus any two other exams. Information Science students must take the exam in Management Information Systems, plus any two other exams.

Reading Lists

A set of reading lists is posted outside the department office. Students who expect to register for the exam can request a copy of the reading list.

Grading

Each part is graded individually. In order to pass the exam, a student must pass all three parts.

If a student completes all three parts of the Comprehensive Exam but passes only one part, the next time the student takes the Comprehensive Exam he or she need take only the two missing parts. The student will be given 2/3 of the total time to complete the missing parts.

If a graduate student completes all three parts of the Comprehensive Exam but passes only two parts, the next time the student takes the Comprehensive Exam he or she needs to take only the one missing part. The student will be given 1/3 of the total time to complete the missing part.

Students should be aware of the following Brooklyn College regulation (for more details, see the BC Graduate Bulletin): A student who fails the comprehensive exam cannot then write a thesis; similarly, a student who submits a thesis which is not acceptable may not then choose to take a comprehensive exam.

Normally, a student is allowed to take the exam twice, but students can petition to take the exam for a third time.

Thesis

Rules for Submitting a Master's Thesis Proposal

A thesis proposal must be submitted by the following dates: December 15 in order to register for the Spring semester and May 15 in order to register for the Summer or Fall semester.

The first step is for the student to select a thesis advisor. Normally this will be a full-time CIS faculty member, although there can be exceptions to this rule. The student submits a thesis proposal to the Graduate Deputy Chair. The proposal is then forwarded to the Graduate Curriculum Committee for its approval.

The thesis proposal should be anywhere from 1-5 pages long. It must state clearly what the student intends to do. If appropriate, a short bibliography should be included as well. The proposal should contain the student's name, social security number, address, phone number, and the name of the thesis advisor. The proposal must be signed by the thesis advisor.

In addition, the student should submit a list of graduate courses completed so far, together with the semester in which each course was taken and its grade. In general, before students start working on a thesis, they will be expected to have completed at least 15 credits with an index of 3.5 or above.

Registering for a Thesis Course

Students who want to register for a thesis course should submit their proposals by the date shown above. If necessary, they can register for their other courses, then register for the thesis course when the proposal is approved.

If the thesis proposal is approved, the student will be notified and given permission to register for the appropriate thesis course: CISC 7990G, 7992G, or 7994G.

Students should be aware of the following Brooklyn College regulation (for more details, see the BC Graduate Bulletin): A student who submits a thesis which is not acceptable may not then choose to take a comprehensive exam; similarly, a student who fails the comprehensive exam cannot then write a thesis.

Similar rules apply to students who want to do a research project in CISC 7900X.

Guidelines for Master's Thesis Proposals:

1. The student must have a GPA of 3.5 or above.
2. The student needs to find an advisor who will mentor him or her for the thesis research.
3. With the advisor's help, the student needs to write a research proposal that
 - a) includes a statement of the goal of the research,
 - b) gives a short background of the research area with citations of relevant research,
 - c) describes exactly what the student's contribution will be,
 - d) describes the outcomes that are expected,
 - e) includes a timeline for accomplishing the research.
4. The student sends the proposal to the Graduate Deputy Chairperson and the proposal is read by a committee of at least three faculty members that has been assembled by the advisor. Members of the thesis committee shall include a member of the Graduate Curriculum Committee and the thesis advisor. Once the proposal is approved, the student will be given permission to register for the thesis research course.

It takes most students at least a year to perform the research and write the thesis.

VII. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There are roughly 150 students in the graduate program, but only about 5 get assistance each year. Only a few students get assistance in their first semester. Almost no international students receive financial aid from Brooklyn College.

Applications for financial assistance are encouraged from students with strong undergraduate preparation in computer science, mathematics, or related fields. Financial aid forms are available from the Financial Aid Office, 308 West Quad.

Teaching Fellowships

A student with a teaching fellowship can teach one or two courses as an Adjunct Lecturer. The stipend can vary between \$2,000 and \$4,000 per semester. Proficiency in the English language is essential for students seeking teaching fellowships.

There are two types of such fellowships:

1. Those provided by the Ph.D. program. For such a fellowship, apply directly to the Ph.D. program of CUNY (see page 12 for contact information).
2. Those provided by Brooklyn College.

A student who wants to apply for such a fellowship should write a letter to the department chair, Prof. Yedidiah Langsam, with a resume. The applicant should get a recommendation from the Graduate Deputy Chair. The Chair and the Graduate Deputy Chair will make assignments for the limited number of positions.

Grant Support

For exceptional students, there is an opportunity to work on research projects with faculty members who have grant support. These students must speak to the individual faculty member involved.

VIII. COURSES OFFERED BY THE CIS DEPARTMENT

Descriptions of courses can be found in the Graduate Bulletin.

All courses, except as noted, are 37½ hours plus conference and independent work; 3 credits..

7100X Foundations of System Programming

Prerequisite: a course in data structures.

7110X Compiler Construction

Prerequisite: a course in assembly language, and a course in data structures. Not open to students who have taken an undergraduate course in compilers.

7120X Programming Languages and Compilers

Prerequisite: CISC 7110X or a course in compilers.

7122X Programming Language Design

Prerequisite: CISC 7110X or a course in compilers.

7124X Object-Oriented Programming

Prerequisite: One of the following: CISC 7110X, 7120X, 7122X, 7310X, or 7312X.

7200X Analysis of Algorithms

Prerequisite: a course in data structures and a course in discrete structures. This course is open to students who have taken an undergraduate course in analysis of algorithms.

7210X Graph and Network Algorithms

Prerequisite: CISC 7200X.

7212X Parallel Algorithms

Prerequisite: CISC 7200X or a course in analysis of algorithms.

7214X Algorithms and Complexity

Prerequisite: CISC 7200X or a course in analysis of algorithms.

7220X Computability and Unsolvability

Prerequisite: CISC 7221X or a course in theoretical computer science.

7221X Theoretical Computer Science

Prerequisite: A course in discrete structures. Not open to students who have completed a course in theoretical computer science.

7224X Formal Languages and Automata Theory

Prerequisite: CISC 7221X or a course in theoretical computer science.

7226X Information and Computation

Prerequisite: CISC 7200X or CISC 7214X; and a course in probability.

7228X Quantum Computing

Prerequisites: CISC 7200 and a course in calculus.

7230X Cryptosystems

Prerequisite: CISC 7220X or 7224X.

7240X Numerical Methods

Prerequisite: A course in linear algebra and an elementary course in differential equations.

7300X Computer Systems and Architecture

Prerequisite: a course in computer organization or architecture and a course in data structures. Not open to students who have taken CISC 7310X.

7302X Computer Architecture

Prerequisite: an undergraduate course in computer organization

7310X Operating Systems I

Prerequisite: A course in data structures and a course in computer organization. Not open to students who have taken CISC 7300X or a course in operating systems.

7312X Operating Systems II

Prerequisite: CISC 7310X or a course in operating systems.

7320X Computer Security

Prerequisite: a course in calculus; CISC 7310.

7330X Teleprocessing Systems

Prerequisite: CISC 7300X or 7310X or a course in operating systems; CISC 7302X or a course in

computer organization; and a course in probability and statistics.

7332X Local Area Networks

Prerequisite: CISC 7300X or 7310X or a course in operating systems; CISC 7302X or a course in computer organization; and a course in probability and statistics.

7334X Computer Communication Networks

Prerequisite: CISC 7300X or 7310X or a course in operating systems; CISC 7302X or a course in computer organization; and a course in probability and statistics.

7340X Parallel and Distributed Systems

Prerequisite: CISC 7100X and either 7310X or a course in operating systems.

7342X Programming Parallel Processors

Prerequisite: CISC 7312X and 7340X.

7350X Distributed System Administration

Prerequisite: CISC 7310X or a course in operating systems or permission of the chair.

7352X Performance Evaluation of Computer Systems

Prerequisite: CISC 7310X or a course in operating systems; two terms of calculus; and a course in probability and statistics.

7354X Topics in Systems Simulation

Prerequisite: a course in data structures; and a course in probability and statistics.

7360X Microprocessors

(24 hours lecture plus conference; 21 hours laboratory plus independent work; 3 credits)

Prerequisite: a course in computer organization. Not open to students who have taken an undergraduate course in microprocessors.

7362X Advanced Microcomputer Applications

Prerequisite: a course in microcomputer applications.

7400X Foundations of Cognitive Science

Prerequisite: A course in probability and statistics; and knowledge of a high-level programming language such as C, Pascal, PL/I, or LISP.

7410X Artificial Intelligence I

Prerequisite: a course in data structures.

Not open to students who have taken an undergraduate course in artificial intelligence.

7412X Artificial Intelligence II

Prerequisite: CISC 7410X or a course in artificial intelligence.

7414X Expert Systems

Prerequisite: CISC 7410X or a course in artificial intelligence.

7420X Logic in Computer Science

Prerequisite: a course in discrete structures and a course in data structures.

7422X Game Theory and Social Choice

The course will concentrate on game theory and the theory of elections.

Prerequisite: a course in discrete structures.

7430X Natural Language Processing

Prerequisite: a course in data structures.

7440X Pattern Recognition and Neural Networks

Prerequisite: one year of elementary calculus; a course in probability theory; and CISC 7410X or a course in artificial intelligence.

7442X Robot Vision

Prerequisite: CISC 7440X or CISC 7650X

7450X Computer Applications in Health Sciences (45 hours; 3 credits)

Prerequisite: one 7000-level course in health and nutrition sciences and one 7000-level course in computer and information science.

7500X Introduction to Management Information Systems

Prerequisite: a course in advanced programming techniques.

7510X Database Systems

Prerequisite: knowledge of a database management system. Not open to students who have taken an undergraduate course in database systems.

7512X Advanced Database Systems

Prerequisite: CISC 7510X or its equivalent.

7520X Requirements Modeling for Information Science

Prerequisite: a course in data structures.

7522X Systems Analysis and Design

Prerequisite: a course in data structures.

7530X IT Project Management

Prerequisite: CISC 7500X.

7532X Information Systems Management

Prerequisite: CISC 7500X.

7534X Information Systems Planning and Policy

Prerequisite: CISC 7500X.

7540X Software Methodology

Prerequisite: CISC 7510X and two courses chosen from among CISC 7522X, 7532X, and 7534X.

7610X Multimedia Databases

Prerequisite: CISC 7510X or a course in database systems.

7620X Computer Graphics: Software System Design

Prerequisite: a course in data structures.

7622X Algorithms for Computer Graphics

Prerequisite: CISC 7620X or a course in computer graphics.

7630X Multimedia Computer Systems

Prerequisite: One of the following: CISC 7310X, 7302X, 7334X, 7510X, 7620X, 7640X, 7650X.

7640X Multimedia Presentations

Prerequisite: a course in data structures.

7642G Advanced Digital Art

Prerequisite: Matriculation for the M.A. in teaching art or matriculation for the M.F.A., or CISC 7620X or CISC 7640X.

7650X Digital Signal Processing

Prerequisite: two terms of calculus; and CISC 7200X or a course in analysis of algorithms.

7700G Introduction to Data Science

Prerequisite: CISC 7510X.

7900X, 7902X Research Project I, II

(Minimum of 90 hours of independent work each term; 3 credits each term)

Prerequisite of 7900X: Permission of the graduate deputy chair.

Prerequisite of 7902X: CISC 7900X.

7940X, 7942X Seminar in Computer Science I, II

Prerequisite of 7942X: CISC 7940X.

7950X, 7952X Advanced Seminar in Computer Science I, II

Prerequisite of 7952X: CISC 7950X

7980G Health Informatics Internship

150 hours conference and independent work; 3 credits

Prerequisite: Completion of at least 21 credits of required graduate courses.

7990G, 7992G, 7994G Thesis Research

(2 credits each term)

Prerequisite: Permission of the graduate deputy chair.

For information, see Section VI, part 2: Thesis.

IX. COMPUTER AND LIBRARY FACILITIES

CIS graduate students have access to computer facilities at Brooklyn College and limited access to other computing facilities across CUNY.

CUNY Computer Facilities

The College of Staten Island houses the CUNY High Performance Computing Center, which makes available to CUNY faculty and students state of the art HPCC resources and expert technical assistance in support of University's research and educational activities.

Brooklyn College Computer Facilities

Computer Labs

Linux accounts are automatically assigned to students enrolled in classes which require them. Students who need computer accounts for other purposes should ask at the front desk of the ITS Public Computing Facility.

The ITS Public Computing Labs (in the West End Building) now feature 250 new computers—including Linux workstations, Windows PCs, and Apple Macs—in an inviting open work space. Nearby are lounge areas, study rooms, classrooms, tutoring areas, and a videoconference room. Special services include scanning, DVD writing, and express printing. The lab has been specially designed acoustically to make for a quiet facility.

Other Computer Facilities

The CIS Department maintains an Ethernet-based network of computers for use by its faculty and other researchers. The network is an Internet node. Many departments have computer-based courses. To meet the demand for computers, there are many computer labs distributed around the campus, especially in the library. The Internet Café in Whitehead Hall is open 24 hours per day.

Brooklyn College Library

The Brooklyn College Library has numerous computers (see <http://libguides.brooklyn.cuny.edu/computingsvcs>), and it also maintains the Internet Café in Whitehead Hall. There is a New Media Center on the second floor. The library also has numerous computer science research resources available online; see <http://libguides.brooklyn.cuny.edu/cis>.

x. INTERNET RESOURCES

The CIS Department's Web page is <http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/departments/cis/>. Information about department programs is available at this site, as are links to the Web pages of various CIS faculty members.

The CISTalk List

There is a CIS email list, called CISTalk. The purpose of this list is to provide a way for CIS faculty to send to students and other faculty information on jobs, internships, and other articles of interest. Messages sent to the list are distributed via email to all subscribers to the list. The list is free, and all CIS students are encouraged to subscribe. Students may not post to the list due to abuses of the list in the past.

To subscribe to the list, unsubscribe from the list, or to access an archive of past postings to the list, go to this page: <http://www.sci.brooklyn.cuny.edu/cistalk/>.

You can also find us on our [Facebook page](#).

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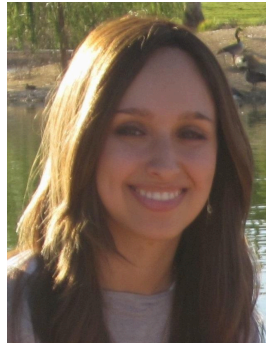
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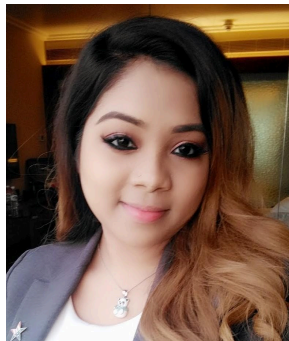
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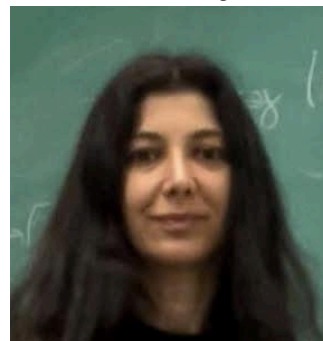


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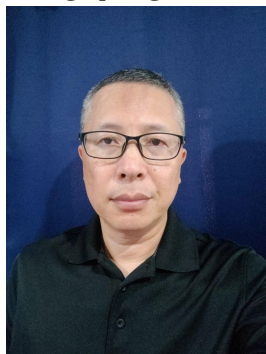
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