Computing

Departmental Notes

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Subject Code for Cognitive Science: COGS
Subject Code for Computer Science: CSCI
Subject Code for Computing: COMP
Subject Code for Computing and Information Science: CISC
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Overview


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Introductory Courses

Students considering pursuing any Plan offered through the School of Computing must take CISC 102 Discrete Mathematics for Computing I or MATH 110 Linear Algebra. Students without programming experience should take either CISC 101 Elements of Computing Science or CISC 110 Creative Computing or CISC 151 before CISC 121 Introduction to Computing Science I. Students entering CISC 121 Introduction to Computing Science I should be able to express a procedural solution to a natural-language problem, properly using modularity, repetition, conditionals, and simple (rectangular) data structures. Students with considerable programming experience may be allowed to take CISC 121 Introduction to Computing Science I and CISC 124 Introduction to Computing Science II concurrently, or to substitute a more advanced course for CISC 121 Introduction to Computing Science I; consult the Undergraduate Chair.

Special Study Opportunities

Computing Facilities

Undergraduates in the School of Computing can take advantage of over 20 research labs such as labs for Big-data Analytics and Management, Computational Genomics, Collaborative Gaming Technology, Percutaneous Surgery, Medical Informatics, Robotics, Modeling and Analysis in Software Engineering, Reliable Software Technology, Smart Information Management, Software Analysis and Intelligence, and Telecommunications. Through the School's network of labs, students access leading software such as Unity and Matlab. Our hosted cloud services give students a platform to learn industry-leading technologies like managing virtual hosts and collaborative development using Gitlab.

Professional Internship Program

Qualified students in any of the Plans leading to a Bachelor of Computing (Honours) degree may register in a 12- or 16-month Professional Internship program for their degree. Students who meet the minimum GPA requirement of 1.90 in at least 54.0 units and no more than 90 units must seek approval of the Chair of Undergraduate Studies in the School of Computing. These students have the opportunity to pursue a 12- or 16-month paid work term in a career-related position after completing their second or third year of study. Upon successful completion of the internship program, students' transcripts will be annotated with a statement certifying that they have completed their degree with a Professional Internship.

The requirements for the Professional Internship versions of the B.Cmp.(Hons.) degrees are the same as the standard versions of these degree programs except for the following change.

The project course normally required in the Plan (i.e. CISC 496 Game Development Project or CISC 498 Information Technology Project or CISC 499 Advanced Undergraduate Project or COGS 499 Advanced Undergraduate Project) is replaced by (for a 12-month internship) the courses COMP 390 Computing Internship I and COMP 391 Computing Internship II, or COMP 390 Computing Internship I and COMP 392 Computing Internship III, or COMP 393 Computing Internship IV, COMP 391 Computing Internship II and COMP 392 Computing Internship III. In the case of a 16-month internship, they are replaced by COMP 390 Computing Internship I, COMP 391 Computing Internship II and COMP 392 Computing Internship III. The unit requirements
for the Professional Internship versions of B.Cmp.(Hons.) degrees are increased accordingly.

In all cases the internship report documents how the internship work has satisfied the requirements for a conventional CISC 496 Game Development Project or CISC 498 Information Technology Project or CISC 499 Advanced Undergraduate Project or COGS 499 Advanced Undergraduate Project project.

Faculty

Programs
• Biomedical Computing – Specialization (Computing) – Bachelor of Computing (Honours) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/computing/biomedical-computing-specialization-computing-bc-honours/)
• Computer Science – Specialization (Computing) – Bachelor of Computing (Honours) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/computing/computer-science-specialization-computing-bc-honours/)
• Computing - Minor (Science) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/computing/computing-minor-science/)
• Computing and the Creative Arts - Specialization (Arts) – Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/computing/computing-creative-arts-specialization-arts-ba-honours/)
• Computing – Major (Computing) – Bachelor of Computing (Honours) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/computing/computing-major-computing-bc-honours/)
Courses

CISC 101  Elements of Computing Science  Units: 3.00
Introduction to algorithms: their definition, design, coding, and execution on computers. Intended for students who have no programming experience. All or most assignment work will be completed during lab time.
NOTE Also offered online. Consult Arts and Science Online.
Learning Hours may vary. Sufficient preparation for CISC 121; alternative to CISC 110/3.0 and CISC 151/3.0
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite None. Exclusion APSC 142; APSC 143; CISC 110; CISC 151. One-Way Exclusion May not be taken with or after CISC 121; CISC at the 200-level or above.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 102  Discrete Mathematics for Computing I  Units: 3.00
NOTE Also offered online. Consult Arts and Science Online.
Learning Hours may vary.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite None. One-Way Exclusion May not be taken with or after CISC 203.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 110  Creative Computing  Units: 3.00
Introduction to fundamental programming concepts in the context of visual, interactive media. Students may develop applications in any domain (e.g., fine art, education, commerce, physical or social sciences) while learning about algorithms, program design, logic, program control flow, functions, testing, etc.
NOTE No computing or art background required.
NOTE Sufficient preparation for CISC 121/3.0. Alternative to CISC 151/3.0. With permission of the School, students with programming experience may take this concurrently with CISC 121/3.0
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Exclusion No more than 3.0 units from APSC142;APSC143;CISC101; CISC110; CISC151. One-Way Exclusion May not be taken with or after: CISC121; CISC or SOFT at the 200 level and above.
Course Equivalencies: CISC 101/110/121 / APSC 143
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 121  Introduction to Computing Science I  Units: 3.00
NOTE Also offered online. Consult Arts and Science Online.
Learning Hours may vary.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
RECOMMENDATION Some programming experience (such as high-school level programming or CISC 101/3.0 or CISC 110/3.0 or CISC 151/3.0)
Requirements: Prerequisite None. Corequisite (CISC 102 or MATH 110 or MATH 111 or MATH 112 or MATH 120 or MATH 121 or MATH 123 or MATH 124 or MATH 126 or APSC 171 or APSC 172 or APSC 174 or COMM 161 or COMM 162).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
CISC 124 Introduction to Computing Science II Units: 3.00
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;24Lb;60P)
Requirements: Prerequisite A minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 121. Corequisite (CISC 102 or MATH 110 or MATH 111 or MATH 120 or MATH 121 or MATH 123 or MATH 124 or MATH 126 or APSC 171 or APSC 172 or APSC 174 or COMM 161 or COMM 162).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 151 Elements of Computing with Data Analytics Units: 3.00
Introduction to algorithms: their definition, design, coding, and execution on computers, with applications drawn from data analytics, including simple prediction and clustering. Intended for students who have no programming experience. All or most assignment work will be completed during lab time.
NOTE Sufficient preparation for CISC 121/3.0. Alternative to CISC 101/3.0 and CISC 110/3.0
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: excl 3 fr APSC142; CISC101, CISC110; CISC151 One-Way Exclusion May not be taken with or after CISC121; CISC or SOFT courses at the 200-level and above.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 181 Digital Societies Units: 3.00
This introductory course provides a broad overview and ethical implications of technological topics and trends in the digital world such as the Internet of Things (IoT), Social Networks, Security and Privacy, Data Analytics, and Artificial Intelligence (AI). No programming experience is required.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite None. Equivalency CISC P81.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 203 Discrete Mathematics for Computing II Units: 3.00
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 2 or above and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 121 and (CISC 102 or MATH 110)).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 204 Logic for Computing Science Units: 3.00
Elements of mathematical logic with computing applications. Formal proof systems for propositional and predicate logic. Interpretations, validity, and satisfiability. Introduction to soundness, completeness and decidability.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 2 or above and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 121 and (CISC 102 or MATH 110)).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 212 Computing Science For Engineer Units: 4.00
Introduction to design and analysis of algorithms. Control structures: recursion, backtracking. Data structures: multidimensional arrays, defined data types. Introduction to numerical computation. Documentation, testing and debugging. Object-oriented design, architecture and programming: encapsulation and representational abstraction, inheritance and polymorphism, interfaces and abstract classes, exception handling. (0/0/0/26/22)
Requirements: (APSC142 AND APSC174)
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 220 System Level Programming Units: 3.00
Basic concepts of Unix-like systems. Shells and scripting. System-level programming in the C language. Software development tools and techniques.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 2 or above and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 121. Corequisite CISC 124.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 221 Computer Architecture Units: 3.00
LEARNING HOURS 120 (12L;24G;84P)
RECOMMENDATION CISC 220/3.0.
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 2 or above and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 124. Recommended CISC 220.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
CISC 223  Software Specifications  Units: 3.00
Introduction to techniques for specifying the behaviour of software, with applications of these techniques to design, verification and construction of software. Logic-based techniques such as loop invariants and class invariants. Automata and grammar-based techniques, with applications to scanners, parsers, user-interface dialogs and embedded systems. Computability issues in software specifications.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 2 or above and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 124 and CISC 204).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 226  Game Design  Units: 3.00
An introduction to techniques for designing elementary computer games. Topics will include game development tools and processes, principles of game design, game prototyping and game evaluation.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;60G;24P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 2 or above and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 124.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 231  Computer Architecture  Units: 4.00
Requirements: CISC121 OR APSC142
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CISC 234  Information Structures  Units: 3.00
Requirements: CISC121
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 235  Data Structures  Units: 3.00
Design and implementation of advanced data structures and related algorithms, including correctness and complexity analysis.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 2 or above and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 124 and CISC 203).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 236  Fund Of Software Eng & Info St  Units: 4.50
Requirements: CISC121
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 251  Data Analytics  Units: 3.00
Introduction to data analytics; data preparation; assessing performance; prediction methods such as decision trees, random forests, support vector machines, neural networks and rules; ensemble methods such as bagging and boosting; clustering techniques such as expectation-maximization, matrix decompositions, and bi-clustering; attribute selection.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;24Lb;60P).
Requirements: Prerequisite A cumulative GPA of a 1.70 or higher. Exclusion CISC 333; CMPE 333. Recommended Experience with problem solving in any discipline.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 271  Linear Data Analysis  Units: 3.00
Elements of linear algebra for data analysis, including: solution of linear equations; vector spaces; matrix decompositions; principal components analysis; linear regression; hyperplane classification of vectorial data.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 2 or above and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 101 or CISC 110 or CISC 151 or CISC 121) and [MATH 110 or MATH 111 or MATH 112] and [MATH 120 or MATH 121 or (MATH 123 and MATH 124) or MATH 126]. Exclusion MATH 272.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 282  Fundamentals of Web Development  Units: 3.00
This course surveys current best practices for implementing attractive, usable, secure and maintainable web applications. Other issues considered include: accessibility, platform and browser independence, licensing of intellectual property, scalability, user privacy, and using web technologies in mobile development.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;48O;36P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 2 or above and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 124. Equivalency CISC P82.
Course Equivalencies: cisc282; ciscP82
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 320  Fundamentals of Software Development  Units: 3.00
Introduction to management of small and medium-scale software projects. Advanced programming methodology using the programming language C++. Includes a significant programming project.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;24T;24G;36P)
Requirements: ASC Students: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan a C- (any term) or a 'Pass' (Winter 2020) in CISC 235. Exclusion None. FEAS Students: Prerequisite Registration in a BASc program (ELEC 276 or ELEC 278). Exclusion CISC 322.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
CISC 322 Software Architecture Units: 3.00
Abstractions and patterns of interactions and relationships among modules. Design recovery; relationship of architecture to requirements and testing.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;24T;36G;24P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 223 and CISC 235). Exclusion CISC 326.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 324 Operating Systems Units: 3.00
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 221 and CISC 235).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 325 Human-Computer Interaction Units: 3.00
Developing usable software requires that human factors be considered throughout the design and development process. This course introduces a series of techniques for development and evaluating usable software, and shows how these techniques can be integrated into a process for software development.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite C- (or P in Winter 2020) in (CISC124 and CISC235) and registration in a School of Computing Plan. Exclusion SOFT325
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 326 Game Architecture Units: 3.00
An introduction to software architectural design through the application domain of game development. Abstractions and patterns of interactions and relationships among modules. Design recovery. Relationship to requirements and testing.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;24T;24G;36P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 223 and CISC 235). Exclusion CISC 322. Recommended CISC 226.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 327 Software Quality Assurance Units: 3.00
Validation of software throughout the life cycle. Comparative effectiveness in defect removal of formal methods (proofs of correctness), inspection (walkthroughs and reviews), and testing (unit, integration, and system testing; white box versus black box).
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84G)
Requirements: Prerequisite C- (or P in Winter 2020) in (CISC 220 and CISC 124) and registration in a School of Computing Plan. Exclusion SOFT 327
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 330 Computer-Integrated Surgery Units: 3.00
Concepts of computer-integrated surgery systems and underlying techniques such as medical-image computing, robotics, and virtual reality, learned through real-life applications and problems. Techniques learned in class will be applied in a hands-on surgery session where students perform minimally invasive surgery with virtual-reality navigation tools.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 121 and CISC 271). Exclusion COMP 329; COMP 230. Equivalency COMP 230.
Course Equivalencies: CISC330; COMP230
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 332 Database Management Systems Units: 3.00
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 2 or above and registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 102 and CISC 124). Exclusion COMM 392.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

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CISC 335  Computer Networks  Units: 3.00
Fundamental concepts in the design and implementation of computer communication networks, protocols, and applications. Overview of network architectures; applications; network programming interfaces (e.g., sockets); transport; congestion; routing and data link protocols; addressing; local area networks; wireless networks; mobility management; security.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in [CISC 124 and (CISC 102 or CISC 204)].
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 340  Digital Systems  Units: 3.00
Combinational circuits; sequential circuits; digital systems design; micro-programming; bus structures; data communications; interface design; microprocessor systems.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (12L;24G;84P)
Requirements: ASC Students: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 221. Exclusion None. FEAS Students: Exclusion ELEC 272; ELEC 373.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 351  Advanced Data Analytics  Units: 3.00
Design and implementation of complex analytics techniques; predictive algorithms at scale; deep learning; clustering at scale; advanced matrix decompositions, analytics in the Web, collaborative filtering; social network analysis; applications in specialized domains.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;36Lb;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite A minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 251 and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (3 units in STAT or 3 units from STAT_Options). Exclusion CISC 371; CISC 372.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 352  Artificial Intelligence  Units: 3.00
An introduction to the basic principles and tools of artificial intelligence. Problem solving methods and knowledge representation techniques.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
RECOMMENDATION CISC 360/3.0 or CISC 260/3.0.
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 271 and [STAT 263 or STAT_Options]). Exclusion CISC 351.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 360  Programming Paradigms  Units: 3.00
Review of imperatives programming features. Introduction to other widely used programming paradigms. Functional programming languages, such as LISP and Haskell. Higher order functions, lazy evaluation, abstract and recursive types, structural induction, symbolic expressions. Logic programming languages, such as PROLOG. Operational interpretation of predicates and terms, proof search, unification, backtracking. Typical applications.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
EQUIVALENCY CISC 260/3.0.
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 124 and CISC 204). Equivalency CISC 260.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 365  Algorithms I  Units: 3.00
Principles of design, analysis and implementation of efficient algorithms. Case studies from a variety of areas illustrate divide and conquer methods, the greedy approach, branch and bound algorithms and dynamic programming.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 203 and CISC 204 and CISC 235).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 371  Nonlinear Data Analysis  Units: 3.00
Methods for nonlinear data analysis, particularly using numerical optimization. Applications may include: unconstrained data optimization; linear equality constraints; constrained data regression; constrained data classification; evaluating the effectiveness of analysis methods.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 271 and [STAT 263 or STAT_Options]). Exclusion CISC 351.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
CISC 372  Advanced Data Analytics  Units: 3.00
Inductive modelling of data, especially counting models; ensemble approaches to modelling; maximum likelihood and density-based approaches to clustering, visualization. Applications to non-numeric datasets such as natural language, social networks, Internet search, recommender systems. Introduction to deep learning. Ethics of data analytics.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 271 and [3.0 units in STAT or STAT_Options]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 422  Formal Methods in Software Engineering  Units: 3.00
Mathematical methods for describing software behaviour and structure. Topics include (but are not limited to) the following: Requirements specification. Module specification: axiomatic, algebraic, and trace specifications. Abstract models. Verification. Specification-based validation.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 223.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 423  Software Requirements  Units: 3.00
An integrated approach to discovering and documenting software requirements. Identification of stakeholders; customer, operator, analyst, and developer perspectives. Requirements elicitation. Transition from initial (informal) requirements to semi-formal and formal representations. Requirements analysis process; analysis patterns. Requirements specification techniques. Relation to architecture and user interface design; traceability of requirements.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 223 and CISC 235). Corequisite (CISC 325 and [CISC 322 or CISC 326]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 425  Advanced User Interface Design  Units: 3.00
Advanced user-interface styles such as eye-tracking input, digital desks, wearable computing, ubiquitous and context-aware computing, and tangible interfaces.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 325 or permission of the School.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 426  Real-Time Systems  Units: 3.00
Design and implementation of real-time embedded applications. Specifying timing properties: formal and semi-formal methods; soft real-time versus hard real-time. Design notations; language constructs. Real-time operating systems. Abstract device interfaces.
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 324 and CISC 327).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 432  Advanced Data Management Systems  Units: 3.00
Storage and representation of "big data", which are large, complex, structured or unstructured data sets. Provenance, curation, integration, indexing and querying of data.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 235 and CISC 332).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 434  Distributed Systems  Units: 3.00
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 324.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
CISC 437  Performance Analysis  Units: 3.00  
Learning Hours 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 324 and CISC 327).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 447  Introduction to Cybersecurity  Units: 3.00  
An introduction to cybersecurity covering a wide range of vulnerabilities, attacks, and defense mechanisms in individual computers, networks, the Internet and the Web and applications that use them, and storage and computational clouds. The human side of cybersecurity, and the legal and ethical constraints on both attack and defense.
Learning Hours 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite CISC 324 and CISC 335. Exclusion CISC 490 (Topic Title: Computer Security).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 448  Software Reliability and Security  Units: 3.00  
Software dependability and other related concepts, software process models and methods for reliable software. Software reliability engineering process, software fault tolerance and run-time monitoring. Software security engineering process, secure software design, program security vulnerabilities and software security testing.
Learning Hours 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite CISC 327 or CMPE 327.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 451  Topics in Data Analytics  Units: 3.00  
Content will vary from year to year; typical areas covered may include: tools for large scale data analytics (Hadoop, Spark), data analytics in the cloud, properties of large scale social networks, applications of data analytics in security.
Learning Hours 120 (36L;36Lb;48P)
Requirements: Prerequisite A minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 333 or CISC 351 or CISC 372).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 452  Neural and Genetic Computing  Units: 3.00  
Introduction to neural and genetic computing. Topics include associative memory systems, neural optimization strategies, supervised and unsupervised classification networks, genetic algorithms, genetic and evolutionary programming. Applications are examined, and the relation to biologic systems is discussed.
Learning Hours 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 235. Exclusion COGS 400.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 453  Topics in Artificial Intelligence  Units: 3.00  
Investigation of selected areas of artificial intelligence research. Possible topics include natural language understanding, computational perception, planning, learning, and neurocomputing.
Learning Hours 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 352.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 454  Graphics (A)  Units: 3.00  
Introduction to computer graphics, including a review of current hardware; modelling and transformations in two and three dimensions; visual realism: perspective, hidden surface elimination, and shading; colour models; applications in several fields. James Stewart.
Learning Hours 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 3 or above and registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 235 and [MATH 110 or MATH 111 or MATH 112]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 455  Evolutionary Optimization and Learning  Units: 3.00  
Building, applying and studying algorithms based on the Darwinian principles of natural evolution. A creative approach to AI able to create novel solutions. Genetic algorithms, evolution strategies, and genetic programming. Application to optimization and learning problems.
Learning Hours 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 365 and STAT 263).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
**CISC 457 Image Processing and Computer Vision** Units: 3.00
Introduction to fundamental concepts and applications in image processing and computer vision. Topics include image acquisition, convolution, Discrete Fourier Transform, image enhancement, edge detection, segmentation, image registration, human contrast perception, colour perception and reproduction, stereo vision.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
**Requirements:** Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a ‘Pass’ (obtained in Winter 2020) in ([MATH 110 or MATH 111 or MATH 112] and [MATH 120 or MATH 121 or MATH 123 or MATH 124 or MATH 126] and CISC 124).
**Offering Faculty:** Faculty of Arts and Science

**CISC 458 Programming Language Processors (S)** Units: 3.00
Introduction to the systematic construction of a compiler: grammars and languages, scanners, top-down and bottom-up parsing, runtime organization, symbol tables, internal representations; Polish notation, syntax trees, semantic routines, storage allocation, code generation, interpreters.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;36Lb;48G)
**Requirements:** Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a ‘Pass’ (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 121 and CISC 221 and CISC 223).
**Offering Faculty:** Faculty of Arts and Science

**CISC 465 Semantics of Programming Languages** Units: 3.00
Specifying syntax and semantics; operational and denotational semantics. Lambda calculi, type systems and logical foundations. Meta-theoretic properties. Semantics of imperative languages.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
**Requirements:** Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a ‘Pass’ (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 204 and CISC 223 and [CISC 360 or CISC 260]).
**Offering Faculty:** Faculty of Arts and Science

**CISC 466 Algorithms II** Units: 3.00
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
**Requirements:** Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a ‘Pass’ (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 365.
**Offering Faculty:** Faculty of Arts and Science

**CISC 467 Fuzzy Logic** Units: 3.00
History of fuzzy theory; fundamental concepts of fuzzy theory: sets, relations, and logic operators. Approximate reasoning, fuzzy inference, possibility theory. Separation from probability. Fuzzy control systems. Fuzzy pattern recognition. Advanced topics may include fuzzy expert systems, financial systems, graph theory, optimization.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
**Requirements:** Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a BCMP or COCA Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a ‘Pass’ (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 365.
**Offering Faculty:** Faculty of Arts and Science

**CISC 468 Cryptography** Units: 3.00
Fundamentals of cryptographic algorithms: secure pseudorandom number generators, hash functions, symmetric-key cryptography (stream ciphers, block ciphers); public-key cryptography (encryption and decryption, digital signatures, key agreement). Applications of cryptography to secure communication protocols and systems.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
**Requirements:** Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a ‘Pass’ (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 235 and CISC 335).
**Offering Faculty:** Faculty of Arts and Science
CISC 471 Computational Biology  Units: 3.00
Advanced computational approaches to the problems in molecular biology. Techniques and algorithms for sequence analysis and alignment; molecular databases; protein structure prediction and molecular data mining.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 271 and CISC 352 and CISC 365).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 472 Medical Informatics  Units: 3.00
Current topics in the application of information technology to medical image computing and its use in image-guided medical interventions.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 330.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 473 Deep Learning  Units: 3.00
Design of deep neural networks based on leading-edge algorithms such as Restricted Boltzmann Machines, Recurrent Neural Networks, Convolutional Neural Networks, Long-Short Term Machines. Autoencoding as a clustering technique. Applications to prediction problems in natural language and images.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 371 or [CISC 271 and CISC 352]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 474 Reinforcement Learning  Units: 3.00
Formal and heuristic approaches to problem-solving, planning, knowledge representation and reasoning, Markov decision processes, dynamic programming, temporal-difference learning, Monte Carlo learning, function approximation, integration of learning and planning. Implementing simple examples of logical reasoning, clustering or classification.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;12G;72P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 352.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 476 Game Development  Units: 3.00
An introduction to 'engines' used in networked 3-dimensional games. Topics include game-engine architecture and components providing 3-dimensional rendering, physics simulation, sound, artificial intelligence and networking services.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;15G;69P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 226 and [CISC 322 or CISC 326] and CISC 324 and [MATH 110 or MATH 111 or MATH 112]).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 490 Topics in Computing Science I  Units: 3.00
Content varies. Not offered every year.
NOTE Learning Hours will vary.
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and permission of the instructor.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 491 Topics in Computing Science II  Units: 3.00
Content varies. Not offered every year.
NOTE Learning Hours will vary.
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and permission of the instructor.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 492 Topics in Computing Science III  Units: 3.00
Content varies. Not offered every year.
NOTE Learning Hours will vary.
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a School of Computing Plan and permission of the instructor.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 496 Game Development Project  Units: 3.00
Team-based project involving the development of a game using modern tools and software engineering techniques.
LEARNING HOURS 129 (9L;120G)
Requirements: Prerequisite: Registration in a Computing honours plan and (C- in CISC 486) and 30 units in CISC/SOFT/COGS/COCA and 2.6 GPA in all of CISC/SOFT/COGS/COCA Exclusion CISC 496; CISC 498; CISC 499; COGS 499; CISC 500.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
CISC 497 Social, Ethical and Legal Issues in Computing Units: 3.00
A wide range of topics of current importance in computing, including technical issues, professional questions, and moral and ethical decisions. Students make presentations, deliver papers, and engage in discussion.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (12L;24S;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a COMP Major or Specialization Plan and a cumulative GPA of 1.90 and a (GPA of 2.60 in CISC; COCA; COGS; SOFT) and (30.0 units of CISC; COCA; COGS; SOFT) and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 352 or CISC 365).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 498 Information Technology Project Units: 6.00
Topic selected under the supervision of a faculty member. Emphasis is on the application of software engineering techniques to the development of a substantial software system. Group work, oral presentation, participation in design and code review meetings, and delivery of complete software specification and design are required.
LEARNING HOURS 258 (18S;240G)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a SODE Specialization Plan and a cumulative GPA of 1.90 and a (GPA of 2.60 in CISC; COCA; COGS; SOFT) and (30.0 units in CISC; COCA; COGS; SOFT) and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in [CISC 322 or CISC 326] and [CISC 325 or CISC 327]). Exclusion CISC 496; CISC 499.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 499 Advanced Undergraduate Project Units: 3.00
Topic selected under the supervision of a faculty member. Emphasis may be on the development of a large program, or on more theoretical issues. Independent research, an oral presentation, and a written report are required.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (12L)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a COMP Major or BMCO or COMA or CSCI Specialization Plan and a cumulative GPA of 1.90 and a (GPA of 2.60 in CISC; COCA; COGS; SOFT) and (30.0 units in CISC; COCA; COGS; SOFT) and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in CISC 352. Exclusion CISC 496; CISC 498; COGS 499; CISC 500.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 500 Undergraduate Thesis Units: 6.00
Individual research project under the supervision of a School of Computing faculty member. Evaluation is based on an oral presentation and a written thesis. It is the responsibility of the student to make a research proposal and secure a supervisor prior to enrolling in the course.
LEARNING HOURS 240 (24L;216P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Permission of the School and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher and level 4 or above and registration in a COMP Major or BMCO, COGS, COMA, CSCI, or SODE Specialization Plan. Exclusion CISC 496; CISC 499; COGS 499.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 594 Independent Study Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 595 Independent Study Units: 6.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 596 Independent Study Units: 12.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 801 Programming Skills and Tools for Processing of Biomedical Data Units: 3.00
The objective of this course is to provide students hands-on training in computer programming languages and tools to familiarize them with the principles and practice of cutting edge technologies for bioinformatics used in biomedical and molecular sciences research. This course will span over four weeks and will consist of a combination of lectures and interactive computer labs. Specifically, students will acquire working knowledge of basic functions in R and MATLAB for managing and pre-processing biomedical data, and use examples of real biomedical data to apply methods for identifying data outliers and gain skills for cloud computing.
PREREQUISITE: Admission in the Graduate Diploma (GDip [BI]) or Masters in Biomedical Informatics (MBI) or permission of the Program Coordinator. EXCLUSION: None
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
CISC 802 Biomedical Data Analysis Units: 3.00
The objective of this course is to provide students with hands-on training in the analysis of biomedical datasets to familiarize them with the principles and practice of cutting edge technologies for bioinformatics used in biomedical and molecular sciences research. This course will span over four weeks and will consist of a combination of lectures and interactive computer labs. Specifically, students use examples of real biomedical data to apply methods for recognizing patterns, classify and extract features using supervised and unsupervised learning approaches, and grasp basic concepts in biostatistics and employ statistical algorithms for data analysis. PREREQUISITE: CISC 801 and admission in the Diploma in Biomedical Informatics or Masters in Biomedical Informatics (MBI) or permission of the Program Coordinator. EXCLUSION: None
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 803 Biomedical Data Mining and Applications Units: 3.00
The objective of this course is to provide students with hands-on training in data mining to familiarize them with the principles and practice of cutting edge technologies for bioinformatics used in biomedical and molecular sciences research. This course will span over four weeks and will consist of a combination of lectures and interactive computer labs. Specifically, students will acquire knowledge and skills for mining various biomedical dataset, survey the breadth/depth of biomedical datasets and how they are used to advance biomedical research, design an experiment that will require them to generate a hypothesis and test that hypothesis using real biomedical data. PREREQUISITE: CISC 801, 802 and admission in the Diploma in Biomedical Informatics or Masters in Biomedical Informatics (MBI) or permission of the Program Coordinator. EXCLUSION: None
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 811 High Performance Computing Units: 3.00
This course is offered in the Winter semester and is open to graduate students and advanced undergraduate students interested in Computational Science and Engineering. This course covers the principles and practices of current high performance computing architecture and software, such as parallel, massively parallel, and grid computing. Advanced tools for analyzing and optimizing the performance of algorithms important to computational science and engineering will be introduced. This course is offered jointly with QCSE 811*. Graduate students enrolled in the CSE specialization must register in QCSE 811*. The Queen's CSE management committee may cap enrollment, in which case students in the CSE specialization have priority.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 810 Fundamentals Of Comput. Scienc Units: 3.00
This course is offered in the Fall semester and is open to graduate students and advanced undergraduate students interested in Computational Science and Engineering. The purpose of this course is to present the tools necessary to pursue computational science and engineering within the student's 'home' discipline. This course is offered jointly with QCSE 810*. Graduate students enrolled in the CSE specialization must register in QCSE 810*. The Queen's CSE management committee may cap enrollment, in which case students in the CSE specialization have priority.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 822 Computational Linguistics Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 825 Paradigms of Wireless and Mobile Networking Units: 3.00
This course introduces the different paradigms of wireless and mobile networking. It will also familiarize students with the state-of-the-art technologies, as well as with recent efforts in research and standardization. Students taking this course will develop a strong grasp of the different architectures involved in current and future wireless networks, have a functional understanding of the different paradigms, design and analyze the behavior of wireless and mobile networks protocols using one or more network simulation tools. PREREQUISITE: CISC-435 or equivalent.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 832 Database Management Systems Units: 3.00
Theory and practice of modern data base systems; data as a model of reality; architecture of current and proposed systems. Networks models, entity data model and relational models of data. Data independence, security, data base integrity, contention handling, data definition languages, data manipulation languages and their relation to current and proposed systems. Readings from current research literature. Two term-hours; lectures. Two term-hours; lectures. Pat Martin.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
CISC 833  Advanced Operating Systems  Units: 3.00
This course considers operating systems for distributed architectures covering the following topics: distributed system characteristics, process synchronization and communication, basic distributed algorithms, principles of fault tolerance, reliable broadcast, naming, file systems, load balancing, and layering. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 834  Topics in Computer Science  Units: 3.00
Consists of formal lectures and the study and discussion of research papers appearing in the current literature. Students will be expected to participate in the presentation of the lecture material. Topics chosen for study will be by arrangement with the School. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars. Hossam Hassanein.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 835  Topics in Computer Systems  Units: 3.00
Consists of formal lectures and the study and discussion of research papers appearing in the current literature. Students will be expected to participate in the presentation of the lecture material. Topics chosen for study will be by arrangement with the School. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars. Ahmed Hassan.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 836  Topics in Software Systems  Units: 3.00
Consists of formal lectures and the study and discussion of research papers appearing in the current literature. Students will be expected to participate in the presentation of the lecture material. Topics chosen for study will be by arrangement with the School. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars. Juergen Dingel
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 837  Computer Networks  Units: 3.00
The course describes fundamental techniques, principles and technologies associated with network traffic and Quality of Service (QoS) management. The Broadband Integrated Services architecture and Asynchronous Transfer Mode are described. TCP/IP flow and congestion control and the Integrated and Differentiated Services architectures and their accompanying protocols and techniques for QoS management are detailed. The course includes studies of end-to-end resource management across heterogeneous domains and platforms. H. Hassanein
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 838  Software Engineering  Units: 3.00
Designing and constructing large software system: requirements analysis, architectural design, detailed design and specification, implementation, test planning, delivery, evolution. Project and configuration management issues. This course includes a team project. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 839  Topics in Information Systems  Units: 3.00
Consists of formal lectures and the study and discussion of research papers appearing in the current literature. Students will be expected to participate in the presentation of the lecture material. Topics chosen for study will be by arrangement with the School. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 841  Advanced Computer Architecture  Units: 3.00
Large uniprocessor design, including pipelining, cache management, lookahead and prefetch; array processors and algorithms; multi-processors, conventional multiprocessors, systolic arrays, data driven and demand driven architectures. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 842  Parallel Lang. & Architectures  Units: 3.00
A study of the techniques necessary for developing complete parallel systems. This includes program development techniques in a parallel setting, parallel languages, compilation and transformation techniques, and properties of parallel architectures. The emphasis is on integrating solutions to each of these stages to provide practical parallel systems. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 843  Mining Software Repositories  Units: 3.00
PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School of Computing
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 845  Requirements Specs & Design  Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
CISC 846 Software Design Methodologies Units: 3.00
General characteristics of designs and design methods. Survey of design methods: information hiding; object-oriented design; state machines; data flow design. Module specification techniques: first-order logic; algebraic specification; trace specification; weakest preconditions; the refinement calculus; abstract modeling. Transition from design to implementation. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 847 Software Verific. & Validation Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 848 Software Reliability & Secur Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 850 Topics in Computer Applications and Algorithms I Units: 3.00
Consists of formal lectures and the study and discussion of research papers appearing in the current literature. Students will be expected to participate in the presentation of the lecture material. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars. Diane Kelly.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 851 Evolutionary Optimization and Learning Units: 3.00
This course offers a hands-on introduction to evolutionary computing, a field that amounts to building, applying and studying algorithms based on the Darwinian principles of natural evolution. Evolutionary computing, as a population-based search technique inspired by evolution, is able to create novel solutions and is often regarded as a creative approach to AI. Students will learn various evolutionary computing techniques including genetic algorithms, evolution strategies, and genetic programming, and will study their applications to optimization and learning problems.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 853 Verification Of Software Syst. Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 854 Graphics (A) Units: 3.00
Advanced computer graphics with emphasis on physical modelling and rendering of realistic 3-d scenes. Topics include constructive solid geometry, parametric shape representations, kinematics and dynamics, photometry and surface reflectance, and ray tracing. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars. James Stewart.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 855 Nonlinear Optimization Units: 3.00
Methods for computational optimization, particularly examining nonlinear functions of vectors. Topics may include: unconstrained optimization; first-order methods; second-order methods; convex problems; equality constraints; inequality constraints; applications in machine learning.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 856 Reinforcement Learning Units: 3.00
This course includes topics on formal and heuristic approaches to problem solving, planning, reinforcement learning, knowledge representation and reasoning, Markov decision processes, dynamic programming, temporal difference learning, Monte Carlo reinforcement learning methods, function approximation methods, integration of learning and planning.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
CISC 857 Image Processing Units: 3.00
Examines the techniques used in digital image processing. Topics covered include image transformations (FFT, DCT, wavelets), linear and nonlinear filtering, image compression, image restoration and enhancement, Bayesian estimation of image properties, and image registration methods. Applications examined include medical imaging, motion analysis, remote sensing imagery (satellite and aircraft), and industrial imaging (inspection). Three term-hours; lectures and seminars.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 858 Programming Lang Processors (S) Units: 3.00
An introduction to the systematic construction of a compiler: grammars and languages; scanners; top-down and bottom-up parsing; run-time organization; symbol tables; internal representations; Polish notation; syntax trees; semantic routines; storage allocation; code generation; interpreters. Three term-hours; lectures. Jim Cordy.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 859 Pattern Recognition (A) Units: 3.00
An introduction to statistical and structural pattern recognition. Feature extraction and the feature space. Bayes decision theory. Parametric classification. Clustering methods. Syntactic pattern description: string, tree and graph grammars; attributed grammars; stochastic grammars. Error correcting parsing; parsing of stochastic languages. Assignments include practical experience in application areas such as character recognition and document image analysis. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars. Dorothea Blostein.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 860 Topics: Structure & Design of Programming Languages Units: 3.00
Consists of formal lectures and the study and discussion of research papers appearing in the current literature. Students will be expected to participate in the presentation of the lecture material. Topics chosen for study will be by arrangement with the School. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 861 Advanced Computer Graphics (A) Units: 3.00
The course will cover historical and recent research in computer graphics. The instructor will give lectures on the physics of illumination, radiosity methods for light transport, Monte Carlo methods for light transport, visibility, and geometric problems. Students will give presentations on papers that they’ve chosen from the current research literature. Three term hours: lectures and seminars. James Stewart.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 864 Top. In Robotics & Perception Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 865 Intro to Programming Language Theory (T) Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 866 Introduction to Cybersecurity Units: 3.00
An introduction to cybersecurity covering a wide range of vulnerabilities, attacks, and defence mechanisms in individual computers, networks, the Internet and the Web and applications that use them, and storage and computational clouds. The human side of cybersecurity, and the legal and ethical constraints on both attack and defence.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 867 Deep Learning Units: 3.00
Teaches algorithms and concepts about deep learning based on the biological neural network. Students will learn about deep belief network, restricted Boltzmann machine, Convolutional, Generative adversarial and Long Short Term Recursive NN and develop DNN using tools such as TensorFlow to perform feature extraction, image recognition and text processing.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 868 Computational Geometry (T) Units: 3.00
A study of fundamental techniques for developing effective algorithms and data structures to solve geometric problems. Topics include - algorithms for computing convex hulls, triangulations, minimum spanning circles, Voronoi diagrams; point location problems; intersection problems; path planning, and hidden surface algorithms. David Rappaport.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 869 Adv. Topics-Program.-Language Units: 3.00
Consists of formal lectures and the study and discussion of research papers appearing in the current literature. Students will be expected to participate in the presentation of the lecture material. Topics chosen for study will be by arrangement with the School. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 870 Cryptography Units: 3.00
Consists of formal lectures and the study and discussion of research papers appearing in the current literature. Students will be expected to participate in the presentation of the lecture material. Topics chosen for study will be by arrangement with the School. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
CISC 871 Fuzzy Logic and Fuzzy Algorithms Units: 3.00
An introduction to graph theory, and a survey of graph theoretic algorithms as applied to classic and contemporary problems in combinatorics and computer science. Topics include: colouring, isomorphism, connectivity, network flow, matchings, planarity, shortest path problems, NP-completeness. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars. Robin Dawes.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 872 Parallel Algorithms Units: 3.00
The design and analysis of parallel algorithms. Computational models. Complexity classes. Parallel algorithms for various problems including: basic arithmetic, sorting, searching, selection, graph theory, matrix computations, combinatorial enumeration, optimization, computational geometry, and numerical analysis. Three term hours; lectures and seminars.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 873 Data Mining (A) Units: 3.00
Study of the extraction of concepts from large high-dimensional datasets. Statistical foundations; techniques such as supervised neural networks, unsupervised neural networks, decision trees, association rules, Bayesian classifiers, inductive logic programming, genetic algorithms, singular value decomposition, hierarchical clustering. Three term hours; lectures and seminars. David Skillicorn.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 874 Neural and Cognitive Computing Units: 3.00
Theoretical foundation and practical applications of Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) and Cognitive Computing (CC) models. Paradigms of neural computing algorithms using attention and context embedding models, applications in cognitive modeling, artificial intelligence, and machine learning with multi-stream data processing techniques. PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School of Computing
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 875 Bioinformatics Units: 3.00
This inter-disciplinary course for students in the computational and life sciences looks at the application of computing techniques to molecular biology. Topics may include: DNA data analysis (genomics), secondary and tertiary structure analysis (nucleic acids and proteins), molecular scene analysis, evolutionary trees (phylogenetics), and computing with DNA. Three term hours; lectures and seminars.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 876 Computational Complexity (T) Units: 3.00
A systematic study of the known relations between the most important resource bounded complexity classes. Reductions, separation results and translation techniques. Relativized computation. Topics may include also: Circuit complexity, Kolmogorov-Chaitin complexity, Communication complexity. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars. Kai Salomaa.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 877 Developing Digital Games Units: 3.00
Consists of formal lectures and the study and discussion of research papers appearing in the current literature. Students will be expected to participate in the presentation of the lecture material. Topics chosen for study will be by arrangement with the School. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars. Nick Graham.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 878 Topics in Computer Applications and Algorithms II Units: 3.00
Consists of formal lectures and the study and discussion of research papers appearing in the current literature. Students will be expected to participate in the presentation of the lecture material. Topics chosen for study will be by arrangement with the School.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 879 Topics in Theoretical Aspects of Computing Units: 3.00
Consists of formal lectures and the study and discussion of research papers appearing in the current literature. Students will be expected to participate in the presentation of the lecture material. Topics chosen for study will be by arrangement with the School. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars. Selim Akl.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 880 Mining Software Engineering Data Units: 3.00
Consists of formal lectures and the study and discussion of research papers appearing in the current literature. Students will be expected to participate in the presentation of the lecture material. Topics chosen for study will be by arrangement with the School. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars. Ahmed Hassan.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 881 Topics in Biomedical Computing I Units: 3.00
Consists of formal lectures and the study and discussion of research papers appearing in the current literature. Students will be expected to participate in the presentation of the lecture material. Topics chosen for study will be by arrangement with the School. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
CISC 882  Topics in Biomed Computing II Units: 3.00
Consists of formal lectures and the study and discussion of research papers appearing in the current literature. Students will be expected to participate in the presentation of the lecture material. Topics chosen for study will be by arrangement with the School. Three term hours: lectures and seminars. PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 883  Introduction to Ultra Large-scale Software Systems Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: School of Graduate Studies

CISC 884  Practicum in Ultra Large-scale Software Systems Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: School of Graduate Studies

CISC 885  Professional Development in Ultra Large-scale Software Systems Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: School of Graduate Studies

CISC 886  Cloud Computing Units: 3.00
Cloud computing is a distributed computing paradigm where computing resources are provided in an on-demand manner. The goal of the courses is to introduce students to key concepts and techniques from cloud computing. The course focuses on issues such as system architectures, resource allocation and management, and approaches and systems for the storage, management and processing of data in cloud environments.
Offering Faculty: School of Graduate Studies

CISC 888  Advanced Research in Human-Computer Interaction Units: 3.00
This is a topics-based course that presents a comprehensive set of research within the broad range of activities in Human-Computer Interaction (HCI). Topics include eye-tracking input, digital desks, wearable computing, ubiquitous and context-aware computing, tangible interfaces and organic user interfaces. Each area will be treated in depth, on the basis of its scientific foundations. In addition, you will get important knowledge on the body of scientific work in HCI, practice of scientific evaluation, practice in advanced engineering with project-based deliverables. PREREQUISITE: CISC-325, CISC 425 or permission of the instructor.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 892  Information Structures Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 896  Professional Development in Cybersecurity Units: 3.00
Designed to develop professional skills that complement students' qualifications and technical skills, and provides multidisciplinary skills relevant to industrial and academic careers in cybersecurity. These skills include aspects of intellectual property/commercialization; leadership and management; social responsibility; communication; and public relations. The course includes completing external workshops and certifications (e.g., Queen's Expanding Horizons workshops, MITACS STEP workshops), and participating in either a cyber red on blue exercise, or a tabletop cyber strategic thinking exercise. This course is graded on a Pass/Fail basis.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 897  Research Methods in Computer Science Units: 3.00
This course provides an introduction to the primary and secondary sources of information in the computing science literature. The course includes work aimed at improving research skills. Students are required to submit and present a paper on a topic that relates to their research. Janice Glasgow.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 898  Master's Project Units: 6.00
A major programming project is undertaken under the supervision of a School member. The presentation of a seminar to describe the project is required.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 899  Computer Science M.Sc. Thesis Units: 6.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 911  Numerical Analysis-I Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 912  Numerical Analysis-II Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 932  File Organization Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 933  Operating Systems II Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 934  Topics In Computer Science Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 936  Systems Stimulation Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 951  Infor. Org. & Retrieval I Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 952  Infor. Org. & Retrieval II Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 954  Computer Graphics Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
CISC 955  Pattern Recognition  Units: 3.00  
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 956  Artificial Intelligence  Units: 3.00  
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 958  Compiler Writing I  Units: 3.00  
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 959  Compiler Writing II  Units: 3.00  
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 964  Comparison Of Languages  Units: 3.00  
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 965  Theory Of Language  Units: 6.00  
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 968  Formal Languages I  Units: 3.00  
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 969  Formal Languages II  Units: 3.00  
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 991  Automata I  Units: 3.00  
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 992  Automata II  Units: 3.00  
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CISC 999  PhD Thesis  Units: 6.00  
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

COGA 201  Intro Comp & Creative Arts  Units: 3.00  

Requirements: Prerequisite Level 2 or above and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (ARTF or ARTH or DRAM or FILM or MUSC at the 100-level). Corequisite (CISC 101 or CISC 110 or CISC 121 or CISC 151 or APSC 142 or APSC 143) or permission of the School.

Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

COGS 100  Introduction to Cognitive Science  Units: 3.00  
A multidisciplinary approach to the study of the mind combining approaches from philosophy, psychology, linguistics, neuroscience, anthropology, and artificial intelligence. Logic, rules, concepts, and other mental representations used to generate thought and behaviour. Implementation of computational and cognitive models of mental processes.

NOTE Also offered online. Consult Arts and Science Online. Learning Hours may vary.

LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)

Requirements: Prerequisite None.

Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

COGS 200  Cognitive Psychology  Units: 6.00  
Requirements: (COGS100 AND PSYC100)

Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

COGS 201  Cognition and Computation  Units: 3.00  
Introduction to the computational aspects of the mind. Implementation of computer programs for reasoning, decision making, and problem solving to understand these mental processes. Information theory and behaviourism; computational models of cognition, perception and memory processes demonstrating modeling approaches, and cognitive architectures.

LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)

Requirements: Prerequisite Level 2 or above and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (COGS 100 or PSYC 100). Exclusion COGS 200; PSYC 220.

Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

COGS 300  Programming Cognitive Models  Units: 3.00  
Importance and challenges of building cognitive models; steps of model building, programming simple models using computational and statistical techniques and tools such as Matlab. Recent models from research publications.

LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)

Requirements: Prerequisite A minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in ([COGS 201 or PSYC 221] and [PSYC 202 or STAT_Options]).

Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
COGS 400  Neural and Genetic Cognitive Models  Units: 3.00
Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) and Genetic Algorithms (GA) for problem solving and prediction tasks such as classification, clustering, optimization and data reduction and modeling human cognition, with application to real world problems. Ongoing research in this area in various application domains.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Registration in a COGS Plan and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 235 or ELEC 278). Exclusion CISC 452; CMPE 452.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

COGS 499  Advanced Undergraduate Project  Units: 3.00
Topic selected under the supervision of a member of one of the faculties of CISC, LING, PHIL, PSYC. Emphasis may be on experimental, theoretical, or computer implementation topics. Independent research, an oral presentation, and a written report are required.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (24S;12I;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 4 or above and registration in a COGS Specialization Plan and a cumulative GPA of 1.90 or higher and a (GPA of 2.60 in CISC; COCA; COGS; SOFT) and (30.0 units in CISC; COCA; COGS; SOFT) and a minimum grade of a C- (obtained in any term) or a 'Pass' (obtained in Winter 2020) in (CISC 352 or CISC 365). Exclusion CISC 499; CISC 500.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

COMP 230  Intro Computer-Integra Surgery  Units: 3.00
Course Equivalencies: COMP230, COMP330
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

COMP 329  Introduction to Computer-Integrated Surgery  Units: 3.00
An introduction to concepts and novel technologies used in computer-integrated surgery, including image based navigation, medical robotics and virtual reality. Concepts and techniques learned in class will be applied in a hands-on surgery session where students perform minimally invasive surgery with virtual-reality navigation tools.
NOTE MATH P06/3.0 or one Mathematics 4U level courses is required.
NOTE Not available for credit towards a BCMP/BCM PH program. Computing students should take CISC 330/3.0.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
Requirements: Prerequisite Level 2 or above. Exclusion CISC 330; COMP 230. Note Not available for credit towards a BCMP/BCM PH program. Computing students should take CISC 330.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

COMP 390  Computing Internship I  Units: 6.00
A Computing Internship involves spending twelve to sixteen months in a paid internship position in the private or public sectors. Students in a 12-month internship register in COMP 390/6.0 and either COMP 391/3.0 or COMP 392/3.0, or all of COMP 393/3.0, COMP 391/3.0 and COMP 392/3.0. Students in a 16-month internship register in COMP 390/6.0, COMP 391/3.0 and COMP 392/3.0. The Internship Coordinator must be satisfied that the work carried out has educational merit. Successful completion of the course requires submission of a satisfactory report on the experience within thirty days of completion of the work period. The Internship Coordinator is responsible for evaluating the report. The QUIP program includes prior workshops on interviewing, resume preparation and work performance. Career Services manages the non-academic aspects of the program.
Requirements: Prerequisite A cumulative GPA of 1.90 or higher and level 2 or above and registration in a Bachelor of Computing Internship Plan (BMCO-I-BCH or COGS-I-BCH or COMA-I-BCH or COMP-I-BCH or CSCI-I-BCH or SODE-I-BCH).
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
COMP 391 Computing Internship II  Units: 3.00
A Computing Internship involves spending twelve to sixteen months in a paid internship position in the private or public sectors. Students in a 12-month internship register in COMP 390/6.0 and either COMP 391/3.0 or COMP 392/3.0, or all of COMP 393/3.0, COMP 391/3.0 and COMP 392/3.0. Students in a 16-month internship register in COMP 390/6.0, COMP 391/3.0 and COMP 392/3.0. The Internship Coordinator must be satisfied that the work carried out has educational merit. Successful completion of the course requires submission of a satisfactory report on the experience within thirty days of completion of the work period. The Internship Coordinator is responsible for evaluating the report. The QUIP program includes prior workshops on interviewing, resume preparation and work performance. Career Services manages the non-academic aspects of the program.

Requirements: Prerequisite A cumulative GPA of 1.90 or higher and level 2 or above and registration in a Bachelor of Computing Internship Plan (BMCO-I-BCH or COGS-I-BCH or COMA-I-BCH or COMP-I-BCH or CSCI-I-BCH or SODE-I-BCH).

Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

COMP 392 Computing Internship III  Units: 3.00
A Computing Internship involves spending twelve to sixteen months in a paid internship position in the private or public sectors. Students in a 12-month internship register in COMP 390/6.0 and either COMP 391/3.0 or COMP 392/3.0, or all of COMP 393/3.0, COMP 391/3.0 and COMP 392/3.0. Students in a 16-month internship register in COMP 390/6.0, COMP 391/3.0 and COMP 392/3.0. The Internship Coordinator must be satisfied that the work carried out has educational merit. Successful completion of the course requires submission of a satisfactory report on the experience within thirty days of completion of the work period. The Internship Coordinator is responsible for evaluating the report. The QUIP program includes prior workshops on interviewing, resume preparation and work performance. Career Services manages the non-academic aspects of the program.

Requirements: Prerequisite A cumulative GPA of 1.90 or higher and level 2 or above and registration in a Bachelor of Computing Internship Plan (BMCO-I-BCH or COGS-I-BCH or COMA-I-BCH or COMP-I-BCH or CSCI-I-BCH or SODE-I-BCH).

Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

COMP 393 Computing Internship IV  Units: 3.00
A Computing Internship involves spending twelve to sixteen months in a paid internship position in the private or public sectors. Students in a 12-month internship register in COMP 390/6.0 and either COMP 391/3.0 or COMP 392/3.0, or all of COMP 393/3.0, COMP 391/3.0 and COMP 392/3.0. Students in a 16-month internship register in COMP 390/6.0, COMP 391/3.0 and COMP 392/3.0. The Internship Coordinator must be satisfied that the work carried out has educational merit. Successful completion of the course requires submission of a satisfactory report on the experience within thirty days of completion of the work period. The Internship Coordinator is responsible for evaluating the report. The QUIP program includes prior workshops on interviewing, resume preparation and work performance. Career Services manages the non-academic aspects of the program.

Requirements: Prerequisite A cumulative GPA of 1.90 or higher and level 2 or above and registration in a Bachelor of Computing Internship Plan (BMCO-I-BCH or COGS-I-BCH or COMA-I-BCH or COMP-I-BCH or CSCI-I-BCH or SODE-I-BCH).

Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science