The actual courses offered each term will be determined by student demand and the availability of faculty. All courses are half courses (3.0 credit units). In addition to the courses listed below, descriptions of other courses offered by the school are given in the undergraduate calendars. Graduate students in the school may include in their program relevant courses from other departments such as Electrical and Computer Engineering, Psychology, Mathematics, or the School of Business.

**CSAI 801 Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning**
An introductory course on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for graduate students without a background in Computing. Includes fundamental concepts in AI, state space search, knowledge representation, intelligent agents, problem solving, planning, decision making, robotics, natural language processing, computer vision, embodied and situational cognition, machine intelligence, statistical modeling, clustering, prediction, and artificial neural networks. PREREQUISITES: a 100-level math course; some programming experience; permission of the School.
EXCLUSIONS: CISC 352, CISC 452, CISC 453, CISC 856, CISC 867

**CISC 801 Programming Skills and Tools for Processing of Biomedical Data**
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.
EXCLUSIONS: none

**CISC 802 Biomedical Data Analysis**
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. PREREQUISITES: CISC 801 and admission in the Diploma in Biomedical Informatics or Masters in Biomedical Informatics (MBI) or permission of the Program Coordinator.
EXCLUSIONS: None

**CISC 803 Biomedical Data Mining and Applications**
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. PREREQUISITES: CISC 801, CISC 802 and admission in the Diploma in Biomedical Informatics or Masters in Biomedical Informatics (MBI) or permission of the Program Coordinator.
EXCLUSIONS: None

**CISC 810 Fundamentals of Computational Science**
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. PREREQUISITE: Permission of the instructor.
EXCLUSION: QCSE-810

**CISC 811 High Performance Computing And Its Applications**
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. PREREQUISITE: Permission of the instructor.


CISC 825 Paradigms of Wireless and Mobile Networking

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.

CISC 832 Data Base Management Systems

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. PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School.

CISC 833 Advanced Operating Systems

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. PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School.

CISC 834 Topics in Computer Science

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.

CISC 835 Topics in Computer Systems

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.

CISC 836 Topics in Software Systems

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.

CISC 837 Network Traffic and Resource Management

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. PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School.

CISC 838 Software Engineering

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. PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School.

CISC 839 Topics in Information Systems

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.

CISC 841 Advanced Computer Architecture

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. PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School.

CISC 842 Parallel Languages and Architectures
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.

**PREREQUISITE:** Permission of the School.

**CISC 843 Mining Software Repositories**

**PREREQUISITE:** Permission of the School of Computing.

**CISC 845 Requirements of Specifications and Design**

**PREREQUISITE:** Permission of the School.

**CISC 846 Software Design and Implementation**
General characteristics of designs and design methods. Survey of design methods: information hiding; object-oriented design; state machine methods; 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.

**PREREQUISITE:** Permission of the School.

**CISC 847 Neural and Cognitive Computing**
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. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars.

**PREREQUISITE:** Permission of the School.

**CISC 848 Software Reliability and Security**

**PREREQUISITE:** Permission of the School.
inequality constraints; applications in machine learning. 
Three term-hours; lectures.

**CISC 856 Reinforcement Learning**
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. Three term-hours; lectures.
PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School.

**CISC 857 Image Processing**
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.
PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School.

**CISC 858 Programming Language Processors**
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.
PREREQUISITE: CISC 210, 363 and 366, or permission of the School.

**CISC 859 Pattern Recognition**
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.
PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School.

**CISC 860 Topics in Programming Languages**
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.

**CISC 861 Advanced Graphics**
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.
PREREQUISITES: Permission of the School. CISC 454 or equivalent.

**CISC 865 Introduction to Programming-Language Theory**
The language of while programs. Programming logics. Operational and denotational semantics. The typed and untyped lambda calculi. Recursive definitions and domain theory. Full abstraction. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars.
PREREQUISITE: CISC 222/260 and CISC 202, or permission of the School.

**CISC 866 Introduction to Cybersecurity**
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. Offered jointly with CISC 447.

**CISC 867 Deep Learning**
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.
PREREQUISITE: COGS 400/ CISC 452/CMPE 452 or co-requisite CISC 874.

**CISC 868 Computational Geometry**
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. Three term-hours; lectures.
PREREQUISITE: CISC 365 or permission of the School.
CISC 869  **Advanced Topics in Programming-Language Theory**  
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: CISC 865 or permission of the School.

CISC 870  **Topics in Theoretical Aspects of Computing I**  
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.

CISC 871  **Algorithmic Graph Theory**  
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.  
PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School; CISC 202 or equivalent is recommended.

CISC 872  **Parallel Algorithms**  
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.  
PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School; CISC 365 (or equivalent) is recommended.

CISC 873  **Data Mining**  
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.  
PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School.

CISC 874  **Neural and Cognitive Computing**  
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.  
Three term hours; lectures and seminars.  
PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School.

CISC 875  **Bioinformatics**  
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.  
PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School.  
EXCLUSION: Jointly with BCHM 875.

CISC 876  **Computational Complexity**  
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.  
PREREQUISITES: Permission of the School. CISC 365 (or equivalent) is recommended.

CISC 877  **Topics in Information Systems**  
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. Offered jointly with CISC 486.  
PREREQUISITE: Permission of the School.

CISC 878  **Topics in Computer Applications and Algorithms II**  
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.

CISC 879  **Topics in Theoretical Aspects of Computing II**  
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.

CISC 880  **Topics in Software Systems II**
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.

CISC 881  **Topics in Biomedical Computing I**
2018-19 topic: Medical Image and Signal Processing
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.

CISC 882  **Topics in Biomedical Computing II**
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.

CISC 883  **Introduction to Ultra Large-scale Software Systems**
An introductory course in Ultra Large-scale Software Systems (ULSS). This course gives students an overview of the ULSS area covering a wide range of ULSS topics, while building and strengthening their independent research skills. Topics include research methods, large-scale applications, web services, hosted applications, software as a service, autonomic computing, and mobile applications. Three term-hours; lectures and seminars.
REREREQUISITE: Registration in CREATE program in ULSS.

CISC 884  **Practicum in Ultra Large-scale Software Systems**
This course is an independent studies course to allow ULSS students the opportunity to gain experience with ultra large systems prior to their thesis or project (Pattern II). The student will propose a project to a CREATE professor that investigates issues relevant to Ultra Large Scale Software Systems. The project report will include a report on the current state of the art, the experiment performed, and the results. The student and supervising professor will meet on a regular basis.
REREQUISITE: Registration in CREATE program in ULSS.

CISC 885  **Professional Development in Ultra Large-scale Software Systems**
The Professional Development in ULSS course is designed to develop professional skills that complement students' qualifications and technical skills, and provides multidisciplinary skills relevant to careers in ULSS. These skills encompass aspects of intellectual property/commercialization; leadership and management; social responsibility; communication; and public relations. The course includes regular meetings with the instructor, seminars, and completing external workshops and certification (i.e., Expanding Horizons, MITACS, Ontario Centres of Excellence – VAP).
PREREQUISITE: Registration in CREATE program in ULSS.

CISC 886  **Cloud Computing**
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.

CISC 888  **Advanced Research in Human-Computer Interaction**
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.

CISC 896  **Professional Development in Cybersecurity**
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.

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CISC 897  Research Methods in Computer Science
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.

CISC 898  Master's Project
A major programming project is undertaken under the supervision of a School member. The presentation of a seminar to describe the project is required.

CISC 899  Master's Thesis

CISC 999  Ph.D. Thesis