Take cutting-edge courses and do hands-on research with internationally recognized scholars.

Illinois offers a breadth of CS topics and applications unmatched almost anywhere. Our groundbreaking CS + X blended degree programs can be tailored to fit your academic and career interests.

Study and work with peers who are incredibly smart and talented.

Over 1,800 student groups provide opportunities to make new friends, develop team building and leadership skills, and get involved in exciting large-scale projects and events, like nationally recognized HackIllinois.

Learn new innovative technologies and disrupt the status quo.

Illinois CS graduates are among the biggest names in the high tech arena, having founded or led companies such as: Malwarebytes, Match.com, Microsoft, Netscape, Optimizely, PayPal, YouTube, and Yelp.
Consistently ranked among the top 5 computer science departments in the country, not only do we attract the brightest students—fall 2020 freshmen averaged a 34.3 ACT composite score—but each year Illinois CS graduates hundreds of exceptional undergraduates, including nearly 500 last year, who go on to become leaders in industry, academia, and public service fields.

EXCEPTIONAL, INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FACULTY
Our 110 faculty members have made significant contributions to a vast range of areas, including cloud computing and distributed systems, computer vision, data mining, security, software engineering, high-performance computing, and emerging fields like social computing, computational advertising, and bioinformatics. We’re proud of our 18 ACM Fellows; 20 IEEE Fellows; 9 Sloan Research Fellows; 44 NSF CAREER Award recipients; and 30 national, campus, and college awards for teaching excellence.

Learn more about our research at: cs.illinois.edu/research.

CHOOSE A CS MAJOR THAT FITS YOUR INTERESTS
Illinois CS offers 14 undergraduate degrees with programs based on the same set of core CS courses, but with supplementary courses tailored to fit your passion—whether that’s more computer science or the fundamentals of another discipline through CS + X. We provide rigorous, in-depth training, access to cutting-edge courses taught by world-leading experts, and a breadth of CS topics and applications unmatched almost anywhere. You’ll be able to apply your classroom knowledge to real-world problems through group projects, senior design, a senior thesis, or independent research projects.

College partners and degree options include:

THE GRAINGER COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Computer Science

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES
Mathematics & CS
Statistics & CS
CS + Anthropology
CS + Astronomy
CS + Chemistry
CS + Economics
CS + Geography & GIS
CS + Linguistics
CS + Philosophy

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
CS + Animal Sciences
CS + Crop Sciences

COLLEGE OF FINE + APPLIED ARTS
CS + Music

COLLEGE OF MEDIA
CS + Advertising

General degree requirements, prerequisite flowchart, and course planning forms are available online at: go.cs.illinois.edu/UndergradDegrees

ILLINOIS CS STUDENT BODY

1,982 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
1,897 GRADUATE STUDENTS

$112,975 AVERAGE STARTING SALARY*

98% EMPLOYED OR ENROLLED IN AN ADVANCED DEGREE*

15,962 ALUMNI

Illinois CS alumni have launched entirely new industries, generated billions of dollars in commerce, created tens of thousands of jobs, and revolutionized the way people communicate, shop, conduct business, and are entertained.
HONORS PROGRAMS & SCHOLARSHIPS
All admissions applications are automatically reviewed for eligibility for campus and college Honors Programs and for all scholarships, including the Illinois Commitment – free tuition to qualifying Illinois residents.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES
Programs such as PURE—Promoting Undergraduate Research in Engineering—and Illinois CS’s Summer REU enable students to get hands-on research experience as undergraduates. See: go.cs.illinois.edu/ENGresearch and cs.illinois.edu/reu.
Students can go deeper with a senior thesis or independent research project.

INNOVATORS & ENTREPRENEURS ARE NURTURED
The University of Illinois and its Research Park have a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem that offers courses; training workshops and programs; venture competitions; access to innovation spaces, startup accelerators and incubators; and numerous networking opportunities. Learn more at: entrepreneurship.illinois.edu

FINDING INTERNSHIPS & JOBS
With exclusive events like After Hours, lectures from Engineers in Residence, and about 80 other technology talks, corporate days, and sponsored events occurring each year in the Thomas M. Siebel Center for Computer Science alone, Illinois CS students get to interact with hundreds of companies, from start-ups to household names like Google and Facebook. Be sure to check out Engineering Career Services for great resources to help you land your first internship or job.

STUDY ABROAD & CHICAGO CITY SCHOLARS
The University of Illinois offers many opportunities to study abroad to expand research experience, grow professional skills, and explore new cultures. Learn more at: studyabroad.illinois.edu
The City Scholars program allows students to live, learn, and intern for a semester in Chicago: go.cs.illinois.edu/CityScholars

COLLABORATIVE SPACES & POWERFUL RESOURCES
The Thomas M. Siebel Center for Computer Science has some of the best classrooms, research and instructional labs, and informal meeting spaces on campus. Faculty and student researchers have access to the NSF-funded Blue Waters supercomputer, one of the nation’s most powerful and productive machines for open science.

OVER 1,800 DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, & CAMPUS GROUPS
Interact with students from all majors, backgrounds, and areas of interest to meet friends and enhance your leadership, learning, networking, and team building skills. Learn more at: go.cs.illinois.edu/studentgroups. CS-affiliated student groups include: the Association for Computing Machinery, Black & African Americans in Computing, Latinxs in Computer Science, and Women in Computer Science.

AT ILLINOIS, YOU WILL FIND:

UNPRECEDENTED UNDERGRADUATE DEMAND, TALENT, & DIVERSITY

FALL 2020 FRESHMEN
25 STATES REPRESENTED
14 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
34.3 ACT COMPOSITE AVERAGE
72.7% MALE / 27.1% FEMALE

1,143 1,238 1,254 1,228 1,369 1,542
3,577 4,599 5,111 5,766 5,861 6,541
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Applied
Admitted
EXTRAORDINARY QUALITY OF LIFE

Conveniently centered between Chicago, Indianapolis, and St. Louis, the University of Illinois provides an entertainment and cultural hub on par with the country’s leading cities. Our micro-urban campus is home to Big 10 Division I sports; marquee theatrical, musical, and dance performances; amazing festivals and fairs; and fantastic health and recreational facilities.