Regardless of your major, you can enhance your career with a background in computer sciences. The computer sciences certificate is designed to deepen and validate your computing savvy for your future career prospects and/or graduate school. Compared to a major in computer sciences, the certificate requires fewer courses and offers more flexibility in course selection.

**HOW TO GET IN**

All undergraduate, degree-seeking students are eligible to declare the computer sciences certificate, except for students majoring in computer sciences, and electrical or computer engineering.

Information on declaring the certificate is available on the Department of Computer Sciences advising pages [http://www.cs.wisc.edu/advising](http://www.cs.wisc.edu/advising).

**REQUIREMENTS**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATE**

**REQUIRED COURSEWORK**

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<td>Five courses, at least 12 credits, in computer sciences, including:</td>
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- COMP SCI 300 Programming II (COMP SCI 367 may also be used if completed prior to Summer 2018.)
- At least two COMP SCI courses at the 400 level or higher, selected from the course list below.
- Two additional COMP SCI courses, at any level, selected from the course list below.

**COURSE LIST**

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A 2.000 GPA must be earned on all courses meeting Certificate requirements.

Students may complete no more than two courses toward the certificate post-baccalaureate as a University Special student. Courses taken post-baccalaureate as a University Special student must be completed within three regular academic semesters from the time of degree award (excluding summer) in order to be used toward the certificate.

For students who complete the certificate while enrolled in an undergraduate degree-seeking program, at least 7 credits must be completed in residence.

For students who complete the certificate post-baccalaureate as a University Special student, at least 12 credits must be completed in residence.

**ADVISING AND CAREERS**

**ADVISING**

The undergraduate coordinators in the Department of Computer Sciences are ready to help students with questions about the major, L&S degree requirements and policy, and course selection. Information on academic advising for students interested or declared in the Computer Students major is posted to the Computer Sciences advising page (https://www.cs.wisc.edu/advisors).

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