Consistently ranked among the top 5 computer science departments in the country, CS @ ILLINOIS has the unique combination of both quality and scale. Not only do we attract the brightest students—fall 2016 admitted students averaged a 33.8 ACT math score—but each year we graduate over 250 exceptional undergraduates who go on to become leaders in industry, academia, and public service fields. Our College of Engineering educates more engineering undergraduates than MIT, Stanford, and Caltech combined.

Exceptional, internationally recognized faculty

Our 80 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 13 ACM Fellows, 13 IEEE Fellows, 8 Sloan Research Fellows, and 28 NSF CAREER Award recipients.

Highly educated, creative, & well-prepared graduates

The class of 2016 bachelor's graduates reported an average starting salary of $99,319. Over the years, our 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.

Companies that have been founded or that are led by CS @ ILLINOIS graduates are among the biggest names in the high tech arena, including Malwarebytes, Match.com, Microsoft, Netscape, Optimizely, PayPal, Siebel Systems, YouTube, and Yelp.

CS @ ILLINOIS Facts and Figures

- 12,760 alumni
- 1,790 undergraduate students
- 920 graduate students
- 80 faculty
- $34.7 million research expenditures in 2016
- Birthplace of Mosaic, the world’s first popular web browser and the LLVM compiler infrastructure
- University of Illinois is #1 in NSF funding
- College of Engineering ranked #13 in Academic Rankings of World Universities in Engineering
- CS is ranked #5 in U.S. News & World Report Graduate School Rankings
- Ranked #28 in Academic Rankings of World Universities in Computer Science
Pick a CS Major that Fits Your Interests

CS @ ILLINOIS offers several undergraduate degree programs based on the same set of core CS courses.

Differences in requirements reflect the differences in the focus of the degree programs. Engineering students take a Physics sequence and science electives, and they have access to our Fifth Year Master’s Programs. Mathematics & CS and Statistics & CS students take additional mathematics and statistics courses.

CS + X students pursue a program of study incorporating a strong grounding in computer science with technical or professional training in the arts and sciences. Learn more at cs.illinois.edu/cs-x

Serious Infrastructure for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Our faculty and students are part of an entrepreneurial ecosystem where groundbreaking research addresses real-world problems. The Brookings Institute recently called Champaign-Urbana one of the top U.S. locations for per-capita venture capital. Popular Mechanics designated C-U a Best Start-Up City in America.

Seize the Day

At Illinois, you’ll have access to countless opportunities and support to ensure an amazing experience both inside and outside the classroom. Get involved in student activities, network with alumni and potential employers, and take advantage of services designed to help you make the most of your college career.

With exclusive events like After Hours, lectures from Engineers in Residence, and about 70 other technology talks, corporate days, and sponsored events occurring each year in the Thomas M. Siebel Center for Computer Science alone, CS students get to interact with a ton of companies, from start-ups to household names like Google and Facebook.

On campus there are over 1,000 student groups that provide a range of activities for social interaction, professional development, mentorship, charity, and fun. ACM, Women in Computer Science, and HackIllinois are just a few of the CS student groups which run exciting projects and events where you can meet interesting people and find your passion. See go.cs.illinois.edu/studentgroups.

Collaborative Spaces & Powerful Resources

Most CS faculty and students work in the Thomas M. Siebel Center for Computer Science, which has some of the best classrooms, research and instructional labs, and informal meeting spaces on the Illinois campus.

CS researchers have access to the NSF-funded Blue Waters supercomputer, the nation’s most powerful and productive machine for open science, which is nearly 3 million times faster than the average laptop and can perform quadrillions of calculations every second.

CS @ ILLINOIS Degree Options

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A lecture in 1404 Siebel Center.

The Thomas M. Siebel Center for Computer Science.

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