The courses in the Computer Science Department are designed to teach the foundations of computing rather than a particular technology, so that the student is prepared to adapt to changing technology. Students are exposed to various programming languages and computing systems.

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### Graduate

**Jing Deng**, Director of Graduate Study

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### Computer Science Disciplinary Honors

#### Requirements

- A minimum of 12 credit hours as defined below.
- A grade of B or higher in all course work used to satisfy the Honors requirements in Computer Science and at least a 3.30 overall GPA at graduation.

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CSC 478  Principles of Wireless Networks

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**Recognition**

Receive a Certificate of Disciplinary Honors in Computer Science; have that accomplishment, along with the title of the Senior Honors Project, noted on the official transcript; and be recognized at a banquet held at the end of the spring semester.

**Honors Advisor**

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