Computer Science and Computer Engineering (CSCE)

Courses

CSCE 5013. Advanced Special Topics in Computer Science or Computer Engineering. 3 Hours.
Consideration of current computer engineering or computer science topics not covered in other courses. May be repeated for up to 18 hours of degree credit.

CSCE 5033. Advanced Algorithms. 3 Hours.
Design of computer algorithms, with primary emphasis on the development of efficient implementation.

CSCE 5043. Advanced Artificial Intelligence. 3 Hours.
In-depth introduction to AI. Topics include: philosophical foundations, cognition, intelligent agents, AI languages, search, genetic algorithms, first order and modal logic, inference, resolution, knowledge representation, ontologies, problem solving, planning, expert systems, uncertainty, probabilistic reasoning, fuzzy logic, machine learning, natural language processing, machine vision, and robotics. Prerequisite: CSCE 4613.

CSCE 5053. Advanced Virtual Worlds. 3 Hours.
In depth study of 3D multi-user virtual worlds covering application domains like retail and healthcare logistics, simulations, training, and gaming as well as platform architectures. Students will apply their knowledge of programming and data structures while using synthetic worlds to explore, model and script future smart worlds where computing is pervasive.

CSCE 5063. Machine Learning. 3 Hours.
An introduction to machine learning, with particular emphasis on neural network techniques. This course presents the basic principles underlying algorithms that improve with experience, and covers using them effectively for modeling data and making predictions.

CSCE 5073. Data Mining. 3 Hours.
This course surveys the most common methods used in data mining and machine learning. It involves several projects in which students will implement tools that are useful for mining knowledge from data and making predictions. The course will study both heuristic algorithms and statistical techniques. Prerequisite: CSCE 3193 and (INEG 2313 or STAT 3013).

CSCE 5114. Embedded Systems. 4 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4114.) The architecture, software, and hardware of embedded systems. Involves a mixture of hardware and software for the control of a system (including electrical, electro-mechanical, and electro-chemical systems). They are found in a variety of products including cars, VCRs, HDTVs, cell phones, pacemakers, spacecraft, missile systems, and robots for factory automation. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4114 and CSCE 5114. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: CSCE 2214 with a grade of C or better.

CSCE 5133. Algorithms. 3 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4133.) Provides an introduction to formal techniques for analyzing the complexity of algorithms. The course surveys important classes of algorithms used in computer science and engineering. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4133 and CSCE 5133. Prerequisite: CSCE 3193 and (MATH 2603 or MATH 2803) or MATH 4423.

CSCE 5173. Formal Languages and Computability. 3 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4323.) Finite Automata and regular languages, regular expressions, context-free languages and pushdown automata, nondeterminism, grammars, and Turing machines. Church’s thesis, halting problem, and undecidability. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4323 and CSCE 5173. Prerequisite: CSCE 4133 or CSCE 5133 (formerly CSCE 4133).

CSCE 5183. Advanced Data Structures. 3 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4263.) This course continues the study of data structures, algorithmic analysis for these data structures, and their efficient implementation to support standard library in programming languages. Topics include: AVL trees, Red-Black trees, Splay trees, Optimal Binary Search trees, 2-3 tree, 2-3-4 tree, B-trees, Segment trees, Leftist Heaps, Binomial Heaps, Fibonacci Heap, Disjoint Set, Hashing, and big integer with hundreds to thousands of digits. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4263 and CSCE 5183. Prerequisite: CSCE 3193.

CSCE 5193. Concurrent Computing. 3 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4253.) Programming concurrent processes; computer interconnection network topologies; loosely coupled and tightly coupled parallel computer architectures; designing algorithms for concurrency; distributed computer architectures. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4253 and CSCE 5193. Prerequisite: CSCE 3193.

CSCE 5203. Advanced Database Systems. 3 Hours.
Topics include: object databases, distributed databases, XML query, data warehouses, network as database systems, peer-peer data sharing architectures, data grids, data mining, logic foundations, semantic databases, spatial and temporal databases, and knowledge bases. Prerequisite: CSCE 4523 and graduate standing.

CSCE 5213. Bioinformatics. 3 Hours.
Application of algorithmic techniques to the analysis and solution of biological problems. Topics include an introduction to molecular biology and recombinant DNA technology, biological sequence comparison, and phylogenetics, as well as topics of current interest. Prerequisite: Instructor consent.

CSCE 5223. Introduction to Integrated Circuit Design. 3 Hours.
Design and layout of large scale digital integrated circuits using CMOS technology. Topics include MOS devices and basic circuits, integrated circuit layout and fabrication, dynamic logic, circuit design, and layout strategies for large scale CMOS circuits. Students may not receive credit for both CSCE 4333 and CSCE 5223. Prerequisite: ELEG 3214 or ELEG 3933 and MATH 2584.

CSCE 5233. Low Power Digital Systems. 3 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4333.) The reduction of power consumption is rapidly becoming one of the key issues in digital system design. Traditionally, digital system design has mainly focused on performance and area trade-offs. This course will provide a thorough introduction to digital design for lower consumption at the circuit, logic, and architectural level. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4333 and CSCE 5233. Prerequisite: CSCE 2214 with a grade of C or better.

CSCE 5253L. Integrated Circuit Design Laboratory I. 3 Hours.
Design and layout of large scale digital integrated circuits. Students design, check and simulate digital integrated circuits which will be fabricated, and tested in I.C. Design Laboratory II. Topics include computer aided design, circuit timing, and wire delay. Prerequisite: CSCE 4333. This course is cross-listed with ELEG 5253L.

CSCE 5263. Computational Complexity. 3 Hours.
Turing machines, recursion theory and computability, complexity measures, NP-completeness, analysis on NP-complete problems, pseudo-polynomial and approximation.
CSCE 5273. Big Data Analytics and Management. 3 Hours.
Topics include principles of distributed data computing and management, design and implementation of non-relational data systems, crowd sourcing and human computation, big data analytics and scalable machine learning, real-time streaming data analysis, and social aware computing. Prerequisite: CSCE 3193 and INEG 2313.

CSCE 5283. Graph and Combinatorial Algorithms. 3 Hours.
A study of algorithms for graphs and combinatorics with special attention to computer implementation and runtime efficiency.

CSCE 5293. Computer Architecture. 3 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4213.) The architecture of modern scalar and parallel computing systems. Techniques for dynamic instruction scheduling, branch prediction, instruction level parallelism, shared and distributed memory multiprocessor systems, array processors, and memory hierarchies. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4213 and CSCE 5293. Prerequisite: CSCE 2214 with a grade of C or better.

CSCE 5313. Advanced Operating Systems. 3 Hours.
Concurrent processes and process communication; mutual exclusion and synchronization principles; kernel philosophy; resource allocation and deadlock; and case studies of specific operating systems. Prerequisite: CSCE 3613.

CSCE 5323. Computer Security. 3 Hours.
Study of a broad selection of contemporary issues in computer security. Topics include access control, security policies, authentication methods, secure system design, and information assurance. Prerequisite: CSCE 3613.

CSCE 5333. Computer Forensics. 3 Hours.
Various methods for identification, preservation, and extraction of electronic evidence at a computer crime scene. Specific topics include auditing and investigation of network and host intrusions, computer forensics tools, resources for system administrators and information security officers, legal issues related to computer and network forensics. Prerequisite: CSCE 5323.

CSCE 5343. Advanced Software Engineering. 3 Hours.
This course is about software metrics and models. It will focus on quantitative methods and techniques for management of software projects, design of software systems, and improvement of software quality. The material covered will be metrics and models used in the software lifecycle, such as software requirements metrics, design metrics, implementation metrics, testing metrics, effort estimation model. Prerequisite: CSCE 3513.

CSCE 5353. CPLD/FPGA-Based System Design. 3 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4353.) Field Programmable Logic devices (FPGAs/CLPLDs) have become extremely popular as basic building blocks for digital systems. They offer a general architecture that users can customize by inducing permanent or reversible physical changes. This course will deal with the implementation of logic options using these devices. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4353 and CSCE 5353. Prerequisite: CSCE 2214 with a grade of C or better.

CSCE 5363L. Integrated Circuit Design Laboratory II. 3 Hours.
Students test the I.C. chips they designed in I.C. Design Laboratory I, and propose design corrections where needed. Topics include bipolar chip design, gate arrays, BiCMOS, memory design, design for testability, and dynamic & domino logic. Prerequisite: CSCE 5253L. This course is cross-listed with ELEG 5263L.

CSCE 5423. Cryptography. 3 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4433.) This course provides a general introduction to modern cryptography. Topics include: stream ciphers, block ciphers, message authentication codes, public key encryption, key exchange, and signature schemes. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4433 and CSCE 5423. Prerequisite: CSCE 2014 with a grade of C or better and (MATH 2603 or MATH 2803).

CSCE 5433. Advanced Cryptography. 3 Hours.
This course provides an in-depth look into some facet of either cryptographic theory or the implementation of cryptography. Topics may include: the discrete logarithm problem, integer factorization, information theory, elliptic curves, lattices, pseudorandom number generators, zero-knowledge proofs, and quantum cryptography. Prerequisite: CSCE 4433 or instructor consent.

CSCE 5523. Database Management Systems. 3 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4523.) Introduction to database management systems, architecture, storage structures, indexing, relational data model, E-R diagrams, query languages, SQL, ODBC, transaction management, integrity, and security. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4523 and CSCE 5523. Prerequisite: CSCE 3193 or CSCE 3193H with a C or better.

CSCE 5533. Advanced Information Retrieval. 3 Hours.
Study of the architecture, implementation, and evaluation of current information retrieval systems. Students will apply their knowledge of programming and data structures to implement a large system with an emphasis on efficiency and scalability. They will study current research in the field and implement individual or group projects on advanced topics.

CSCE 5543. Statistical Natural Language Processing. 3 Hours.
Introduction to statistical natural language processing (NLP). Covers the theory and algorithms needed for building NLP tools, provides broad coverage of mathematical and linguistic foundations, and detailed discussion of statistical methods for text mining and information extraction. Current research and applications of statistical NLP will be discussed. Prerequisite: CSCE 2014 and (STAT 3013 or INEG 2313).

CSCE 5553. Software Architecture. 3 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4543.) A study of software architecture through the use of case studies drawn from real systems designed to solve real problems from technical as well as managerial perspectives. Techniques for designing, building, and evaluating software architectures. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4543 and CSCE 5553. Prerequisite: CSCE 4133 or CSCE 5133 (formerly CSCE 4133) and CSCE 3513.

CSCE 5613. Artificial Intelligence. 3 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4613.) Introduction to intelligent agents, AI languages, search, first order logic, knowledge representation, ontologies, problem solving, natural language processing, machine vision, machine learning, and robotics. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4613 and CSCE 5613. Prerequisite: CSCE 2014 with a grade of C or better.

CSCE 5623. Secure Digital System Design. 3 Hours.
This course is to give graduate students an insight of contemporary security-related issues in modern digital systems. In addition to lectures, students will be practicing secure digital system design during a project.

CSCE 5633. Network Performance Evaluation. 3 Hours.
A study of performance modeling tools for telecommunication networks, computer networks, and wireless networks. Prerequisite: STAT 3013.

CSCE 5643. Computer Communications Networks. 3 Hours.
A study of computer communication networks, including the data link layer, routing, flow-control, local area networks, TCP/IP, ATM, B-ISDN, queuing analysis, and recent developments in computer communications.

CSCE 5653. Network Security. 3 Hours.
This course introduces security and secrecy in a networked environment. It is intended to familiarize students with the elements of secure communication, and how they inter-relate to provide secure networks in public and private settings.

CSCE 5663. Database Security. 3 Hours.
This is an advanced course covering security issues in database systems. Topics to be covered include discretionary and mandatory access control policies, multilevel secure database systems, auditing, data recovery, database intrusion detection, database insider threat, etc. Prerequisite: CSCE 4523.
CSCE 5673. Mobile Programming. 3 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4623.) An introduction to software development on mobile devices. The major topics covered in this course include underlying concepts and principles in mobile programming, as well as hands-on programming experience on mobile devices with an emphasis on smartphones. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4623 and CSCE 5673. Prerequisite: CSCE 3193 or CSCE 3193H.

CSCE 5683. Image Processing. 3 Hours.
The objective of this class is to give students a hands-on introduction to the fundamentals of image processing. A variety of image processing techniques and applications will be discussed including image enhancement, noise removal, spatial domain and frequency domain filtering, image restoration, color image processing, image compression, edge detection and image segmentation. Prerequisite: CSCE 4813.

CSCE 5693. Graphics Processing Units Programming. 3 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4643.) This course provides an introduction to massively parallel programming using Graphics Processing Units (GPUs). Topics include basic programming model, GPU thread hierarchy, GPU memory architecture, and performance optimization techniques and parallel patterns needed to develop real-life applications. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4643 and CSCE 5693. Prerequisite: CSCE 2014 with a grade of C or better.

CSCE 5703. Computer Vision. 3 Hours.
The objective of this course is to give students a hands-on introduction to the fundamentals of computer vision. Topics include image formation, object modeling, image processing, feature and edge detection, image segmentation, motion estimation, depth from stereo, shape description and object recognition. Prerequisite: CSCE 4813 or CSCE 5683.

CSCE 5753. Wireless Systems Security. 3 Hours.
Wireless systems such as wireless local area networks, cellular and mobile networks, and sensor networks are vulnerable to attacks. The goal of the class is for students to understand how to design secure wireless systems. Security topics include confidentiality, integrity, availability, privacy, and control of fraudulent usage of networks. Issues addressed include basic wireless theory, cryptography, threat modeling, risks, and mitigation techniques.

CSCE 5763. Privacy Enhancing Technologies. 3 Hours.
This course introduces privacy enhancing technologies and hot privacy topics in modern computing systems. Students will be exposed to many interesting privacy problems, study privacy enhancing technologies, and apply their knowledge to explore an open research problem in a research-oriented project. After completing this course, students will gain broad knowledge of the state-of-the-art privacy enhancing technologies and open research problems. They will also develop skills and enhance potential to do research on privacy and security.

CSCE 5773. Computer Networks. 3 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4753.) This course is an introductory course on computer networks. Using the Internet as a vehicle, this course introduces underlying concepts and principles of modern computer networks, with emphasis on protocols, architectures, and implementation issues. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4753 and CSCE 5773. Prerequisite: INEG 2313.

CSCE 5813. Computer Graphics. 3 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4813.) Introduction to the theory and algorithms used in computer graphics systems and applications. Topics include: 2D and 3D geometric models (points, lines, polygons, surfaces), affine transformations (rotation, translation, scaling), viewpoint calculation (clipping, projection), lighting models (light-material interactions, illumination and shadow calculation). Students will implement their own graphics pipeline to demonstrate many of these techniques. Higher level computer graphics applications will be created using OpenGL. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4813 and CSCE 5813. Prerequisite: CSCE 2014 with a grade of C or better.

CSCE 5823. Multiprocessor Systems on Chip. 3 Hours.
This course covers the latest trends in advanced computer architecture for multiprocessor systems on chip for embedded and real time systems. Topics covered include multicore architectures, modeling abstractions, run time systems, and MIMD/SIMD heterogeneous architectures, Hw/Sw co-design techniques. Prerequisite: CSCE 3613 and CSCE 4213.

CSCE 5833. Computer Architecture Security. 3 Hours.
This course will cover fundamental principles and emerging implementation strategies to reason about, design and construct architecture level security capabilities in the manycore era. Coverage includes formal security models, new and emerging considerations for heterogeneous multiprocessor system on chip architectures, hardware and software implementation methods, operating systems for run time security enforcement. Prerequisite: CSCE 4213.

CSCE 5843. Reconfigurable Computing. 3 Hours.
This course will cover emerging and proposed techniques and issues in Reconfigurable Computing. Topics will include FPGA technologies, CAD/CAE tools, Hw/Sw co-design, system level synthesis, programming models and abstractions. Prerequisite: CSCE 4213 and CSCE 3613.

CSCE 5853. Information Security. 3 Hours.
(Formerly 4853.) This course covers principles, mechanisms, and policies governing confidentiality, integrity, and availability of digital information. Topics to be covered include security concepts and mechanisms, security policies, multilevel security models, system vulnerability, threat and risk assessment, basic cryptography and its applications, intrusion detection systems. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4853 and CSCE 5853. Prerequisite: CSCE 3193 or CSCE 3193H.

CSCE 590V. Advanced Individual Study. 1-3 Hour.
Advanced graduate level individual study directed by faculty in current research topics, state of the art, or advanced methodology in one of the major computer science or computer engineering areas.

CSCE 5914. Advanced Digital Design. 4 Hours.
(Formerly CSCE 4914.) To master advanced logic design concepts, including the design and testing of synchronous and asynchronous combinational and sequential circuits using state of the art CAD tools. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSCE 4914 and CSCE 5914. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: CSCE 2114 or ELEG 2904.

CSCE 5943. Computer Arithmetic Circuits. 3 Hours.
Examination of fundamental principles of algorithms for performing arithmetic operations in computers. This course provides sufficient theoretical and practical information to prepare the digital design engineer with an understanding of basic techniques for the realization of arithmetic circuits.

CSCE 5983. Application Specific Integrated Circuit Design. 3 Hours.
ASIC design is taught with emphasis on industrial preparation. Topics include ASIC technologies, design entry, simulation, and synthesis. Advanced design methods and techniques are studied for cell based and gate array ASICS. Prerequisite: CSCE 4213.

CSCE 610V. Master's Thesis. 1-6 Hour.
Master's thesis. May be repeated for degree credit.

CSCE 620V. Post-Master's Research. 1-18 Hour.
Post-master's research.

CSCE 700V. Doctoral Dissertation. 1-18 Hour.
Doctoral Dissertation. May be repeated for degree credit.