2024-
2025Master of Science in Computer Science -
Specialization in Software Engineering

Sample Plan

All courses are 5 credits unless specified otherwise. This plan is for full-time students who start in Fall 2024.

IMPORTANT: The MSCS-SE curriculum is changing for students starting in Fall 2024 and is reflected in this document. In particular, the capstone project will be a three-quarter project (instead of two) and CPSC 5120 will no longer be offered. These changes will not be reflected in the catalog until Fall 2025.

	Fall	Winter	Spring
Year	CPSC 5110*	CPSC 5200	CPSC 5210
1	core / elective	CPSC 5800 (2 cr)	core / elective
Year	CPSC 5871 (4 cr)	CPSC 5872 (4 cr)	CPSC 5830 (3 cr)
2	core / elective	core / elective	

*Students have the option of waiving CPSC 5110. If so, CPSC 5110 is replaced with an elective.

The set of "core / elective" courses consists of three core courses (algorithms, systems, and software development) and one elective (any 5 credit MSCS course).

Course Frequencies

		Cr	Fall	Winter	Spring
CPSC 5110	Fundamentals of Software Engineering	5	х		х
CPSC 5200 Software Architecture and Design		5		х	х
CPSC 5210 Software Testing and Debugging		5	х		х
CPSC 5800	Ethics & Prof. Issues in Computing	2	х	Х	х
CPSC 5871	Software Engineering Project 1	4	х		
CPSC 5872	Software Engineering Project 2	4		Х	
CPSC 5873	Software Engineering Project 3	3			х
	Algorithms (CPSC 5600 or CPSC 5610)	5	5600	5600	5610
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	Systems (CPSC 5510 or CPSC 5520)	5	5520	5520	5510
	Software Dev. Course (six options)	5	х	х	х

Notes

- Total number of credits to graduate: 48
- The sample plan assumes the student is starting in the full-time in the fall. Due to course sequencing, it will take at least six quarters to complete.
- It will likely take more quarters to complete for part-time students and for full-time students who start in winter or spring.