Welcome

to

UMass Amherst

Class of 2023
Welcome to:
The College of Information and Computer Sciences at UMass Amherst
Agenda

- Sign In & info sheet?
- Introduction
- Programs
- Application Process
- Fall 19 Classes
- Spring 20 Registration
Introduction

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Advising

- Our job is to help you:
  - Navigate majors (Major Exploration)
  - Narrow your academic focus
  - Develop a “Back Up Plan”!
  - Declare a Major
- During the school year advising is done in person
- On-line appointment system or you can call
Advising

- Meet at least 3 times per semester
  - Today
  - Info Session in late Oct (TBD)
  - One on one prior to enrollment appointment
  - Always welcome to see us
  - Holds – check spire

- CICS transitioning to professional advising
Advising

- **FERPA** – the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
  - College is VERY different from K-12
  - Student records belong to the you (no one else)!
  - Waiver
  - It is your education

You’re in the driver’s seat!
Your parents are in the passenger's seat!
Important Dates

- **Add/Drop** – Sept 16, 2019
- **W date** – Oct 29, 2019
- **Spring 2020 Registration**, Mid November
- “**Students Interested in Computer Science Major**”
  - Sept 13, 2019; 3:00PM TBD
  - Sept 25, 2019; 5:30PM, TBD
- **Informatics Info Session**: Sept 5; 5:30, CS140
Important Dates

Engineering Info Sessions
• Sept 4 & 5 @ 5:30 PM in CC 163C
  * 126 Marston – Advising Office

ISOM Info Sessions
• BBA - Sept 25 @ 4:00 PM, Isenburg 106
• Sport Mgt - Sept 26 @ 4:30 PM Isenburg 112
• HTM - Sept 26 @ 4:00 PM Isenburg 113
Class of 2023 started with 164
Class of 2022 is started with 129 and presently has 64
Class of 2021 started with 114 and presently has 6*

*1 is going to engin, 5 to informatics
CS Undergraduate Programs

- Computer Science - BS
- Computer Science - BA
- Informatics - BS
- Computer Science – Minor
- IT Minor
BS Computer Science

- 14 Computer Science
- 4 Math
- 2 Majors-Level Lab Science
BA Computer Science

- 10 Computer Science
- 3 Math
- Foreign Language
- 4-Course Concentration
Informatics

- Data Science Track
- Applied Computing Program
- Application Process
  - Info 150 – C or better
  - CS 121 – C or better
  - 2.5 or better
  - Apply [https://www.cics.umass.edu/ugrad-education/joining-informatics-major](https://www.cics.umass.edu/ugrad-education/joining-informatics-major)

https://www.cics.umass.edu/informatics
Informatics

- Dr. Michelle Trim (CICS) – Associate Director
- Fabienne Boisson – Informatics Advisor

https://www.cics.umass.edu/informatics
Minor in Computer Science

Course Requirements (5)
• 2 Entry Level Computer Science
• At Least 2 200-Level Courses
• 1 200-Level or Above

Submit “Intent” form (no application)
• Due same time as major application
• Same academic standards
Minor in Information Technology

Course Requirements (6)

- 1 Foundation Course, 2 Technical Courses, 1 Broadened Inquiry Courses, and 2 Electives

Enroll on the IT Minor Website

- This minor allows you to still pursue computing and technical classes if you choose a non-CICS major
- You can apply CS coursework you have taken
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

University
120 Credits
2.0 GPA minimum
Fulfill GenEd requirements
Graduate in 10 semesters maximum

School or College

Major
Fall 19 Schedule

- Should be a “Balanced Schedule”
- 4 Classes + CS Seminar
  - CS 121 or 186 or 187
  - Math 131 or 132 or 233
  - CICS191CICS (seminar)
  - English Writing 112 or Elective
  - Major Exploration Class

- Start thinking about a “Back Up Plan”
CS Application

- Applications are accepted:
  - October 1
  - March 1

- When should you apply?
  - The semester you are enrolled in CS 187

- Up to 2 **consecutive** applications are permitted

- Attend a “students interested in becoming a CS major” mtg each semester an app is submitted
CS Application

Criteria:
• Math 131 & Math 132 - B
• CS 121 & CS 187 - B
  *CS 186

Notification
• Receive contract’s within 2 weeks
• Fulfilled contract or not (after grades are posted)

Importance of Back Up plan!!

https://www.cics.umass.edu/ugrad-education/major-change-cs
### Fall 2016 Schedule

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<td>TuTh 4:00PM - 5:15PM Engineering Lab II Room 119</td>
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<td>Th 10:00AM - 10:50AM Lederle Grad Res Tower Rm 173</td>
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*Weekly schedule*
Spring 20 Registration

- Mid November
- Holds – check spire!
- Late Oct – Group Registration meeting
- Register for at least 12 credits
- Submit overrides
- Major Exploration!
- Diversity (DU or DG) – in first year
Resources

- LRC
- Calc Tutoring Center
- Writing Center
- Professor Office hours
- “Academic Planner for Student Success”
- CMASS
- IPO
- Campus Pulse
Additional Info

• **CICS Student Mentor Program**
  • Meet other students and get advice from someone who has been there!

• **First Friday Fair**
  • 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 6, 2019
  • Your chance to learn more about CICS organizations and offices. Advising will be there - grab a free cookie and say hello!

• **Check out #40DaysofUMass**
  • starting September 1st, for tips, resources, and information on University events.

• **FreshCICS**
  • social group for first-year students in CICS
  • provides support, opportunities for collaboration
  • sense of community, meet peers and second-year students. Sign up for the FreshCICS Piazza: [https://forms.gle/bvVw2Zx5LdcUFhew6](https://forms.gle/bvVw2Zx5LdcUFhew6)
Additional Info

• **Student Success Workshops**
  • Time management, Be an active learned, Preparing for finals, etc
  • [https://www.umass.edu/studentsuccess/successtoolkit](https://www.umass.edu/studentsuccess/successtoolkit)

**Majors Fair**

• Once a year
• Over 90 major’s and minors
• Oct 23, 5:30-7:00PM Mullins Center
Career Development

• Career Services Platform, “Handshake”:
  ➢ Sign up for career **events** like the career fair
  ➢ Apply to **jobs** and internships from over 1,000 employers
  ➢ Request **appointments** with a career advisor

• Want to know more?
  ➢ Visit their website at umass.joinhandshake.com
  ➢ Call the CICS Careers team at (413) 545-8713
  ➢ Visit CICS Career Advising Center LGRC A213

  *Tech Jobs & Internships Fair – Sept 26, 1-5 @ CC Auditorium
Random Advice

- Join the online community, #FreshCICS social events for CICS Students
- Time Management – “Manage your time or time will manage you”
- Rhythm
- Know your syllabus – how is your grade determined
- Read Email – daily!
- Watch spire – 2-3 times weekly
- Connections – Introduce yourself to each Prof
- Advising Website: https://www.cics.umass.edu/advising
- Advising – in person during the academic year
Please Remember

- **Focus** on CS but, **Explore** possible majors (Major Exploration) - take courses that interest and excite you
- **Develop a Back Up Plan**
- **Take your time** with GenEds – get the most out of them
- **Declare a Major**, by the end of your 3rd semester (45 credits)
- **Deadlines** are important, so is the fine print
- **Be a Self Advocate**
Q’s?