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Applied Computer Science

Students majoring in the Applied Computer Science program at the University of Nebraska at Kearney are prepared to make useful, meaningful contributions to the world. Students work collaboratively as they creatively design, develop, and implement software solutions, such as mobile apps, games and robotics solutions. Students gain real-world experience by completing hand-on projects and gain a strong theoretical foundation that prepares them for successful careers.

The curriculum is continually updated to keep pace with changing industry needs and practices so students graduate with skills that are in demand in today’s job market. The Applied Computer Science program is designed primarily for students who want to seek employment after graduation rather than pursuing graduate school. A minor or second major is required.

Studying applied computer science is great training for a variety of careers. After graduating, you will qualify for positions as a:

- Programmer
- Server administrator
- Systems analyst
- Web designer
- Database administrator
- Network administrator

Some of our graduates have gone on to:

- The Buckle
- Xpanxion
- Sandhills Publishing
- Cabela’s
- Mutual of Omaha
- Intel
- PayPal
- Microsoft
- Fiserv

Student profile

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Computer science job openings were projected to increase by an average of 23% from 2010-2020.

Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Ben Wagner, a sophomore from Columbus, applied computer science major, is expected to graduate 2017."
COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Applied Computer Science Bachelor of Science
FOUR YEAR CLASS SCHEDULE
The schedule is a guideline for progress toward a degree. Consult with your academic advisor.

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Rachel Feddersen, Applied Computer Science student

Association for Computing Machinery
(An organization for CSIT majors)

Activities at the local level
- Guest speakers invited to campus
- Sponsor of Disinfection Day
- Tours of business IT departments and data centers

...and at the national level
- Yearly conference hosted
- Journal, magazine and newsletter publications provided to enrich a student’s education

Personal traits for CSIT success:
- Solves problems
- Thinks at multiple levels
- Adapts to new technology
- Works professionally
- Collaborates
- Perseveres
- Communicates clearly (oral/written)

Scholarships available:
Freshman scholarship
- The Buckle scholarship
Continuing Student scholarships
- Northwestern scholarship
- Buckle Continuing scholarship
- Association for Computing Machinery

Reasons to choose CSIT at UNK:
- 100% job placement for dedicated students
- Extensive partnerships with businesses
- Low instructor/student ratio
- Hands-on practical experience
- Mobile application, gaming, and robotics development
- One-on-one attention from award winning professors
- Professional certification and online education opportunities
- High rate of acceptance into grad schools

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