



BEST MASTER'S IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

DEGREE PROGRAMS OF 2022

Computer science professionals use technology to solve problems. Because of the pervasiveness of computer technology in today's society, computer scientists play an important role in every industry in the United States and can earn lucrative salaries.

Why This Matters

THE U.S. NEEDS 531,200 MORE COMPUTER SCIENTISTS BY 2029

Employment opportunities for computer and information technology occupations is projected to **increase by 11% through 2029**, which is much faster than average.

COMPUTER SCIENTISTS HAVE ENDLESS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

With jobs available in every sector due to the pervasiveness of computer technology, computer science degrees are highly marketable. A few of the many careers include computer programmer, software developer, and database administrator.

THOSE WITH A MASTER'S CAN EARN OVER \$122,000 YEARLY

The **median annual salary** for all computer and information technology workers is \$88,240 nationally. However, computer scientists in occupations that require a master's degree earn a median \$122,840 per year.

Our Research

This list focuses on graduate programs in computer science that offer master's degrees. Computer science programs typically award a master of science in computer science degree, although some award a Master of Computer Science degree. We reviewed programs that are offered online, in person, and in hybrid formats.

Several regional organizations accredit master's degree programs that meet high standards of quality in computer science within the United States. One such example is the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). All listed programs are accredited by a regional organization to ensure that they meet the highest standards of quality and that employers will recognize your degree.

We evaluated each program on the basis of flexibility, faculty, course strength, cost, and reputation. Then we calculated the Intelligent Score for each program on a scale from 0 to 100. For a more extensive explanation, check out [Our Ranking Methodology](#).

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196 UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES WE ASSESSED

265 EDUCATION PROGRAMS WE COMPARED

The Top 45 Master's in Computer Science Degree Programs



- 01 **INTELLIGENT PICK**
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS
- 02 **BEST MS-IN-PASSING OPTION**
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
- 03 **BEST FOR DATA AND KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS**
GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
- 04 **BEST FOR SOFTWARE ENGINEERING**
NORTH AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
- 05 **BEST CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT OPTION**
LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY
- 06 **BEST HYBRID**
UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO
- 07 **BEST INTERDISCIPLINARY OPTION**
CLARKSON UNIVERSITY
- 08 **BEST NON-THESIS**
GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
- 09 **BEST MACHINE LEARNING OPTION**
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
- 10 **MOST AFFORDABLE**
GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
- 11 **BEST ROBOTICS OPTION**
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
- 12 **BEST PART-TIME OPTION**
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, BOTHELL
- 13 **BEST INDEPENDENT STUDY**
- 14 **BEST PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE TRACK**
- 15 **BEST FOR REAL-WORLD COMPUTING**

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY ▼	KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY ▼	NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY ▼
16 BEST FOR PATTERN RECOGNITION NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ▼	17 BEST FOR GAMING UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ▼	18 BEST FOR COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE/ENGINEERING UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN ▼
19 BEST FOR BIOINFORMATICS JOHNS HOPKINS ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONALS ▼	20 BEST COLLOQUIUMS NC STATE UNIVERSITY ▼	21 BEST FOR INFORMATION SECURITY PURDUE UNIVERSITY ▼
22 BEST PRE PHD PROGRAM UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY ▼	23 BEST NO GRE OPTION BOSTON UNIVERSITY ▼	24 BEST SELF-DESIGNED PROGRAM CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY ▼
25 BEST TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS CORNELL UNIVERSITY ▼	26 BEST BRIDGE PROGRAM NYU TANDON SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING ▼	27 MOST FLEXIBLE STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ▼
28 BEST FOR ENGINEERING UC SAN DIEGO DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING ▼	29 BEST ELECTIVES UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ▼	30 MOST COMPREHENSIVE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ▼
31 BEST DUAL DEGREE OPTION DREXEL UNIVERSITY ▼	32 BEST FOR ECONOMICS AND COMPUTATION DUKE UNIVERSITY ▼	33 BEST FOR CLOUD COMPUTING ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ▼
34 BEST FOR WIRELESS/MOBILE SYSTEMS COMPUTER SCIENCE - MISSOURI S&T ▲	35 BEST PROJECT TRACK NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY ▼	36 BEST FOR NON-PHD STUDENTS PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY ▼

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Computer Science - Missouri S&T

<p><small>INTELLIGENT SCORE</small> 69.92</p> <p><small>DEPARTMENT</small> Computer Science Department</p> <p><small>ESTIMATED COST PER CREDIT</small> \$731.66 per credit</p> <p><small>ACCREDITATION</small> Higher Learning Commission</p> <p><small>MORE PROGRAM INFORMATION</small> Email: csdept@mst.edu Phone: 573-341-4491</p>	<p><small>AWARD</small> Best for Wireless/Mobile Systems</p> <p><small>DELIVERY FORMAT</small> On-Campus</p> <p><small>PROGRAMS</small> Master of Science in Computer Science</p> <p><small>REQUIRED CREDITS TO GRADUATE</small> 31 credits</p>
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37 BEST FOR GRAPHICS RUTGERS UNIVERSITY ▼	38 BEST FOR MENTORING UC DAVIS COMPUTER SCIENCE ▼	39 BEST FOR HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ▼
40 BEST SPECIALIZATIONS UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE ▼	41 BEST FACULTY UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA ▼	42 BEST MINOR UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA ▼
43 BEST MODULE COURSE PROGRAM DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL ▼	44 BEST EVENING OPTION UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON ▼	45 BEST COURSEWORK-ONLY OPTION VIRGINIA TECH ▼