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 $21,200 MORE COMPUTER SCIENTISTS BY 2029

Employers will need an additional 531,200 computer scientists in the United States by 2029. This means that positions related to computer science will continue to be available and in high demand.

COMPUTER SCIENTISTS HAVE ENDLESS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

With jobs available in every sector due to the pervasive nature of technology, computer science graduates have a wide range of careers to choose from.

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 is based on graduate programs in computer science that offer a master’s degree. 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. We used the highest ranking organizations 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.

The Top 45 Master’s in Computer Science Degree Programs

1. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS
2. VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
3. GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
4. NORTH AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
5. LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY
6. UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO
7. CLARKE UNIVERSITY
8. GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
9. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
10. GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
11. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
12. UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, BOTHELL
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**Computer Science - Missouri S&T**

- **INTELLIGENT SCORE**: 69.92
- **DEPARTMENT**: Computer Science Department
- **ACCREDITATION**: Higher Learning Commission
- **DEGREE PROGRAM**: Professional Master of Science in Computer Science
- **DELIVERY FORMAT**: On-Campus
- **REQUIRED CREDITS TO GRADUATE**: 31 credits
- **ESTIMATED COST PER CREDIT**: $731.66 per credit
- **AWARD**: Best for Wireless/Mobile Systems
- **EMAIL**: csdept@mst.edu
- **PHONE**: 573-341-4491
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**: More program information available from the department.

**Best for Wireless/Mobile Systems**

- **Rutgers University**
- **UC Davis Computer Science**
- **University of Chicago**
- **University of California, Irvine**
- **University of California, Santa Barbara**
- **Department of Computer Science at UNC-Chapel Hill**
- **University of Washington**
- **Virginia Tech**