

Department of Computer Science

The Good Stuff

So your syllabus has all the important stuff about assignments, projects, grades, and more, but being part of the Department of Computer Science is more than just taking classes. While your coursework will always be the most important aspect of your college career, there are several other opportunities and resources that will enrich your experience. Check them out:

Association for Computing Machinery

The details: 12:15 pm on Tuesdays in LONG 220; Presentations from leaders in the technology industry

What's in it for you: Networking opportunities, hang out with other ACM members/CS majors

The bonus: Free food! Lunch is provided every week.

Computer Science Website

The details: <http://compsci.cofc.edu>

What's in it for you: Your one-stop-shop for everything about the Department of Computer Science.

The Bonus: If you're looking for a registration form, liability form, refusal of advising form (or just about any form you may need on campus), you'll probably find it here. Which will most definitely save you time running around campus!

Advising

The details: If you've declared as a CSCI, CITA, INFS, or DISC major, you've been assigned an advisor. If you'd like to change advisors, just let Kristi McGowan (kratzerkn@cofc.edu) know.

What's in it for you: Taking the right classes, at the right time, in the right order. Getting advising on a regular basis means you're more likely to graduate on time and who doesn't want that?!

The bonus: CS faculty members are cool people. Get to know your advisor. Networking begins right here in our department!

Jobs & Internships

The details: Lots of local (and national!) companies are always on the lookout for fantastic talent. Many available internships and jobs are posted on our website at <http://compsci.cofc.edu/student-opportunities/jobs.php>.

What's in it for you: Get paid to apply the skills and knowledge you are learning in your classes here at CofC.

Social Media

The details: Staying connected to what's going on around the CS department.

Blog - <http://www.cs.cofc.edu/blog/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/csatcofc>

If you want to post something about the CS department on your own twitter, be sure to include the hashtag #csatcofc

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/CSatCofC>

What's in it for you: The more you're connected, the less likely you'll miss out on cool stuff happening around the CS department.

The bonus: Stick around here long enough and you may see your face or your work featured on our blog, twitter, or facebook pages. And who doesn't want a little bit of the limelight?!

Computer Science Lab

The details: Any student declared as a major/minor of the department or enrolled in a CSCI/DISC/CITA course has access to the Computer Science Lab in JC Long Room 218. Declared majors will be added to the Public Safety list for approval for 24 hour access to the building with their ID card.

What's in it for you: Computers to use for studying, gaming, programming, etc. Plus it's a great place to hang out or study with friends.

The bonus: Gaming systems! The lab is set up with several gaming systems and a lounge area. Go kick back and relax every once in a while!

Research

The details: Several research projects are constantly being conducted within the department. Contact your advisor or any of the CS faculty members if you are interested in participating in research.

What's in it for you: Learn more about a specific area of computer science, apply the knowledge of the classroom on relevant research, and even create software that majorly impacts the business world, healthy sciences, technology industry, music realm, and more!

The bonus: If you contribute to a research paper, you could see your name on published work and that would look pretty sweet on your resume!

Scholarships

The details: Several scholarships are available for STEM majors (which includes computer science). Scholarships are posted on the Computer Science Website under "Student Opportunities".

What's in it for you: Save money. Pay less for school. Take out less student loans. All of those things sound pretty fantastic, right?

The bonus: More networking opportunities. Several of our scholarships are sponsored by local and national businesses. Accepting a scholarship likely means you'll get to meet some of the key players at these businesses.