Discover Viterbi: Computer Science & Informatics Programs

Viterbi School of Engineering
University of Southern California
Spring 2019
WebEx Quick Facts

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
The University of Southern California

- Oldest Private University in the western U.S.
  - Founded in 1880
- 47,500 Students
  - 20,000 Undergraduates | 27,500 Graduates
- 4,450 Full-time Faculty
- Diverse Student Population
- Located in Los Angeles
Viterbi School at a Glance

**Academic Departments**
- 8 Academic Departments

**Faculty**
- 185 tenure-track faculty
- 20+ NAE
- 60+ NSF CAREER, National & Presidential Young Investigator

**Student Populations**
- 2,767 Undergraduate
- 5,922 Graduate students

**Research**
- Leader in funded research
- 35+ Research Centers
- More than $207M in research expenditures

**Alumni**
- More than 77,000+
Best Engineering Graduate Schools

- Top Ranked Graduate Engineering Program

Best Online Graduate Engineering Programs

- Ranked #1 Online Computer Information Technology Program (Computer Science)
- Ranked #2 Online Graduate Engineering Programs

Best Online Graduate Engineering Programs for Veterans

- Ranked #1 Online Graduate Computer Information Technology Program (Computer Science) for Veterans
- Ranked #2 Online Graduate Engineering Programs for Veterans
USC Engineering: Points of Distinction

- International Reputation for Excellence
- The Trojan Family Network: 77,000+ (engineers) strong
- Unique engineering programs available: *Online, on site & on campus*
- Complete range of programs
  - Doctoral, Masters and Bachelors
  - Graduate Certificates
  - Short Courses
  - Custom Programs
The Viterbi School of Engineering: A Leader in Research

Viterbi School is a consistent leader in funded research in the U.S.

- Highly interdisciplinary research environment
- Diverse research areas such as robotics, software engineering, sensor networks, vision sciences, automated construction and photonics
- Over 35 research centers
- Industrial partnerships and collaboration
Meet Our Faculty

- **Professor Cyrus Shahabi**
  - Chair, Computer Science Department
  - Director, USC Integrated Media Systems Center
  - Professor of Computer Science, Electrical Engineering – Systems, and Spatial Sciences

- **Professor Craig Knoblock**
  - Director, Information Sciences Institute
  - Director, Informatics Program
  - Research Professor of Computer Science and Spatial Sciences
Master’s Programs in Computer Science
Motivation

Exciting Time for Computer Science

- Growing public interest and awareness: No day goes by without hearing the title of a major computer science research areas such as AI, Machine Learning, Robotics, Privacy, Cyber Security, and Big Data in mainstream media.
- Major companies with societal impacts are CS companies: Google, Amazon, Facebook, Twitter, Tencent, Alibaba, Didi
Master of Science Programs in Computer Science

- Computer Science
- CS – Computer Networks
- CS – Computer Security
- CS – Data Science
- CS – Game Development
- CS – High Performance Computing and Simulation
- CS – Intelligent Robotics
- CS – Multimedia and Creative Technologies
- CS – Software Engineering
- CS – Scientists and Engineers

- Graduate Certificate in Software Architecture

Available online via DEN@Viterbi
**MS in Computer Science (General)**

Total Units: 28

**Core Curriculum**

**Required course (4 units):**
- CSCI 570 | Analysis of Algorithms

**Choose 2 of the following courses (8 units):**
- CSCI 561 | Foundations of Artificial Intelligence
- CSCI 571 | Web Technologies
- CSCI 585 | Database Systems

**Additional Course Work (16 units):**
- The remaining elective units necessary to earn the degree are completed by selecting additional 500-level CSCI courses

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MS in Computer Science (Scientists & Engineers)

- An expanded MS degree, designed specifically for students with an academic background in engineering or science, but a limited background in computer science.

- Combines an introductory sequence of undergraduate preparatory and foundational coursework with all the graduate breadth requirements necessary to satisfy the traditional MS in Computer Science.

- Available on campus or online via DEN@Viterbi
MS in Computer Science (Scientists & Engineers)

Total Units: 37 (33 degree applicable units)

Curriculum

Preparatory Programming Requirement (4 units):
- CSCI 455x | Introduction to Programming Systems Design

Foundational Requirements (7-8 units)
- CSCI 402 | Operating Systems
- EE 450 | Computer Networks or EE 457 | Computer Systems Organization

Breadth Courses (16 units)
- CSCI 570 | Analysis of Algorithms
- CSCI 561 | Foundations to Artificial Intelligence
- CSCI 571 | Web Technologies
- CSCI 585 | Database Systems

Elective Courses (7-8 units of approved graduate-level coursework from CSCI)
USC CS Dept by Numbers!
Students -- MS

- CSCI – 1349
- CS Computer Networks – 14
- CS Computer Security - 42
- CS Data Science-225
- CS Game Development – 53
- CS High Performance Computing – 17
- CS Intelligent Robotics – 65
- CS Multimedia and Creative Technologies –20
- CS Software Engineering – 46
- CSES 565

Total: 2396
Faculty

T/TT
- Current: 45

Teaching
- Current: 19

Research
- Current: 35

100 Full-Time
The CS Dept Advisory Board

- Laurent Itti – Associate Chair for the Ph.D. program and Research Faculty Affairs
- William G.J. Halfond -- Associate Chair for Undergraduate Programs and Teaching Faculty Affairs
- Ellis Horowitz – Associate Chair of MS Programs
- Yan Liu-- AI, ML, Privacy/FATE, and Security
- Ramesh Govindan --Systems, Databases, Software Engineering & CyberPhysical Systems
- David Kempe -- Theory & Computation
- Ram Nevatia -- Vision, Robotics, Graphics & HCI
Three pillars of our CS program

1. Classroom interaction
2. Peer interaction
3. Research
Unique features of USC CSCI

- Many research opportunities, including capstone courses
- Hands-on experience in research labs
- USC alumni network (many at top CS companies, e.g., Google, FB, Apple, Snapchat)
- Multidisciplinary Research (across TOP Schools. E.g., Annenberg, Keck, Price, Marshall, Cinema)
- Entrepreneurship Opportunities (several funding and networking opportunities for startups, e.g., Maseeh Entrepreneurship Prize Competition) -- (“start-up” capstone), Internships
- Proximity to top IT, Game and Entertainment companies (silicon beach, Hollywood)
Evidence! 😊
The winners of the regional coding contest will compete against more than 100 teams at the world finals in Portugal this summer.

Out of more than 90 participating teams, the USC Trojans was the only team to solve 10 questions in the given five hours. This year’s win marks the sixth time in eight years that a USC team has advanced to the world’s final.
From personal experience, I usually have 4-5 MS students per year who work with me at my research lab. They all get offers from top CS companies, the most recent ones are:

- Jianfa Lin, Spring ’19, Amazon
- Akshay Deshmukh, Summer ’18, Oracle
- Hyunjun Park, Fall ’18, IBM
- Shivnesh Rajan, Fall ’18, Facebook
- Sumeet Agrawal, Spring ’18, Microsoft
Hi Professor Papa,

When I got through Google's hiring committee, two managers from YouTube wanted me on their team because of the iOS app I built for your class last semester. Thanks for the really hard class that nonetheless pushed me outside my comfort zone and forced me to learn new things.
Silicon Valley hires the most alumni from these 10 universities – and none of them are Ivy League

May 2, 2017, 7:39am PDT

No. 4: University of Southern California
This Los Angeles-based private school in the hub of the entertainment capital boasts the 11th ranked Viterbi School of Engineering, per U.S. News and World Report. The university also maintains a cutting edge interactive media and games division within their highly rated School for the Cinematic Arts.

1. UC Berkeley
2. Stanford
3. CMU
Two New Initiatives at CS

- The Informatics Program -- > CS For All
- CS Industry Affiliate Program
CS INDUSTRY AFFILIATE PROGRAM (IAP)

For A Closer Interaction with Industry

The Computer Science (CS) Department Industry Affiliate Program provides engagement opportunities with our exceptionally talented students, world-class faculty, and innovative researchers in an array of path-setting disciplines.
Current Members

Founding Members
Platinum Affiliate

Google

Level 5 Engineering Center

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Microsoft

Gold Affiliate

Plug and Play

Silver Affiliate

Zillow Group

Affiliate

Honey

USC Viterbi
School of Engineering
Program Kick-Off and Inaugural Affiliates Day

Career Fair on Sept. 12, 2018

- Excellent turnout:
  625 students (CS UG, MS & PhD),
  6 affiliate companies (Google, Lyft, Microsoft, Plug and Play,
  Zillow Group and Honey)

- Affiliate’s post comments: Most resumes ever collected.
CS INDUSTRY AFFILIATE PROGRAM

IAP in full swing... sample scheduled events:

• Lyft Tech Talk attended by over 200 students (Star Value: 5)
• Lyft PhD Lunch attended by 80 students (Star Value: 3)
• PhD Social at Plug & Play Tech Center
• UG Microsoft Lunch with 30 CS students (Star Value: 3)
• Google Brain PhD Talk (Star Value: 5) presented by Jessie Jie Ren, USC PhD alum. 70 PhD students attended the talk.
Master’s Programs in Informatics
Master’s Programs in Informatics

- Master of Science in Applied Data Science
- Master of Science in Data Informatics
  - Merged into Applied Data Science in Fall 2020
- Master of Science in Communication Data Science
- Master of Science in Cyber Security Engineering
- Master of Science in Healthcare Data Science
- Master of Science in Spatial Data Science
- Master of Science in Public Policy Data Science
- Graduate Certificate in Big Data Fundamentals

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Students in MS Degree Programs

Informatics
- Applied Data Science 53
- Data Informatics 197
- Cyber Security Engineering 47
- Spatial Data Science 14
- Communication Data Sci. 22
- Health Care Data Science 1
- Public Policy Data Science new

Total: 334
Master of Science in Applied Data Science

Goal of the degree is to provide students with the knowledge and skill to:

- Understand and use large data environments
  - Hadoop, HDFS, Spark, etc.
- Work with and use the various analysis tools
  - Machine learning
  - Data mining
  - Visualization
  - User interfaces
- Apply these methods to real-world problems

[Etzioni, Knoblock, et al. KDD 2003]
Master of Science in Applied Data Science

Total Units: 32 | Designed for students with a range of backgrounds from no programming experience to a CS undergraduate major

Curriculum

Required courses (12 units):
- INF 551 | Foundations of Data Management
- INF 552 | Machine Learning for Data Informatics
- INF 553 | Foundations and Applications of Data Mining

Recommended courses for students with limited CS background (count as electives):
- INF 510 | Principles of Programming for Informatics
- INF 549 | Introduction to Computational Thinking and Data Science
- INF 550 | Overview of Data Informatics in Large Data Environments

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Master of Science in Applied Data Science (cont.)

Elective courses (20 units):

- INF 529 Security and Privacy in Informatics
- INF 554 Information Visualization
- INF 555 User Interface Design, Implementation, and Testing
- INF 556 User Experience Design and Strategy
- INF 558 Building Knowledge Graphs
- INF 560 Data Informatics Professional Practicum
- INF 599 Special Topics Units: 1, 2, 3, 4 (Probability and Statistics for Data Science)
- CSCI 544 Applied Natural Language Processing
- CSCI 550 Advanced Data Stores
- CSCI 561 Foundations of Artificial Intelligence
- CSCI 570 Analysis of Algorithms
- CSCI 572 Information Retrieval and Web Search Engines
- CSCI 587 Geospatial Information Management
Master of Science in Cyber Security Engineering

Focuses on fundamental theory and practice for engineering and operating secure information systems

The program addresses challenges of

- policy formulation
- verifiably secure operating system components
- security-aware applications
- use of cryptography
- high assurance environments
- highly distributed cloud and network based applications

Cyber security's ever-growing brain drain

by Peter Suciu  SEPTEMBER 9, 2015, 12:14 PM EST

With each passing hack, the U.S. needs more cyber security professionals—and has fewer options on where find them.

Good help is increasingly hard to find. For proof, just watch the cyber security industry, where it may soon be impossible to fill all the jobs that need to be staffed. And though this isn't a new problem for the space, it's one that's poised to get much worse in years to come.
Master of Science in Cyber Security Engineering

Total Units: 28

Curriculum

Required course (20 units):
- CSCI 530 | Security Systems
- INF 519 | Foundations and Policy for Information Security
- INF 523 | Computer Systems Assurance
- INF 525 | Trusted System Design, Analysis and Development
- INF 529 | Security and Privacy in Informatics

At least one of the following (3 or 4 units):
- INF 521 | Applications of Cryptography to Information Security Problems
- INF 526 | Secure Systems Administration
- INF 528 | Computer Forensics

Additional Course Work (4-5 units):
- See department for approved coursework or other courses may be approved in consultation with department advisor

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Interdisciplinary Data Science

Computer Science
- e.g., Machine Learning Algorithms
- e.g., Data Mining, Scalable Data Management

Data Science
- e.g., Machine Learning Algorithms
- e.g., Data Mining, Scalable Data Management

Interdisciplinary Data Science
- e.g., Mining social media for marketing

Area of Study
- e.g., Marketing

**Computer science becomes more applied**

**Computational needs become more formalized**

Computer science skills

Basic computer science skills applied to expertise area

Expertise area
Interdisciplinary Data Science

Computer Science

Data Science

Interdisciplinary Data Science

MSc Spatial Data Science

Dornsife: Spatial

Viterbi: 2015

MSc Communication Data Science

Annenberg: Communication

Viterbi: 2016

MSc in Public Policy Data Science

Price: Public Policy

Viterbi: 2018

MSc in Healthcare Data Science

Keck: Healthcare

Viterbi: 2019
Interdisciplinary Data Science: Common Requirements

- Common requirements in data science:
  - INF 549 Introduction to Computational Thinking and Data Science
  - INF 510 Principles of Programming for Informatics
  - INF 550 Overview of Data Informatics in Large Data Environments

- Note that:
  - Students with no computer science background are introduced to data science fundamentals
  - Students with a computer science background will have the option of replacing these with INF 551, INF 552, and INF 553, so they can take more data science electives
Master of Science in Communication Data Science

Communication:
• Theories and principles of human communication through technology
• Emerging platforms: social media, collaboration tools, virtual reality
• Affecting social dynamics and behavior through communication technology

Data Science:
• Computational thinking
• Programming
• Data systems
• Machine Learning
• Privacy
• Visualization

Master of Science in Communication Data Science

Total Units: 32  |  A cross-disciplinary joint degree program offered by the Viterbi School of Engineering and the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism

Curriculum

Communication Informatics Core (20 units):

- COMM 502 | Theoretical Approaches to Multidisciplinary Design Projects
- CMGT 515 | Innovation and the Information Economy
- INF 510 | Principles of Programming for Informatics
- INF 549 | Introduction to Computational Thinking & Data Science
- INF 550 | Overview of Data Informatics in Large Data Environments

Informatics Core (4 units):

- Choose from an approved list of courses

Communications Core (8 units):

- Choose from an approved list of courses
Master of Science in Healthcare Data Science

**Healthcare:**
- Manage and process data to improve healthcare
- Data science for clinical research and translational medicine
- Personal devices and mobile apps to monitor health
- Data science to improve health and healthcare delivery processes

**Data Science:**
- Computational thinking
- Programming
- Data systems
- Machine Learning
- Privacy
- Visualization

Master of Science in Healthcare Data Science

Total Units: 32

Curriculum

Core Courses (20 units):
- BME 501 | Advanced Topics in Biomedical Systems
- BME 566a and BME 566b | Topics in Health, Technology and Engineering
- INF 510 | Principles of Programming for Informatics
- INF 549 | Introduction to Computational Thinking and Data Science
- INF 550 | Overview of Data Informatics in Large Data Environments

Elective Courses (12 units):
- Students must take one course from the Data Science electives and one from the Health Science electives and the remaining units can be chosen from either group.
Master of Science in Spatial Data Science

Spatial:
- Spatial computing and geographic information systems (GIS)
- Spatial decision support and geospatial problem solving
- Spatial databases, spatial modeling, and spatial data analysis

Data Science:
- Computational thinking
- Programming
- Data systems
- Machine Learning
- Privacy
- Visualization

http://csa.ou.edu/
Master of Science in Spatial Data Science

Total Units: 32 | A cross-disciplinary joint degree program offered by the Viterbi School of Engineering and the Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

Curriculum

Required courses (24 units):
- INF 549 | Introduction to Computational Thinking and Data Science
- SSCI 581 | Concepts of Spatial Thinking
- SSCI 580 | Spatial Computing
- SSCI 583 | Spatial Analysis
- INF 510 | Principles of Programming for Informatics
- INF 550 | Overview of Data Informatics in Large Data Environments

Spatial & Informatics Elective Courses (8 units):
- Chosen from an approved list
Master of Science in Public Policy Data Science

**Public Policy:**
- Improve government data analysis to increase accountability, improve performance, and increase quality of services
- Institutional and legal challenges of collecting data from citizens
- Incorporate data science in government and public policy

**Data Science:**
- Computational thinking
- Programming
- Data systems
- Machine Learning
- Privacy
- Visualization

Master of Science in Public Policy Data Science

Total Units: 36 | A cross-disciplinary joint degree program offered by the Viterbi School of Engineering and the Price School of Public Policy

Curriculum

Required courses (20 units):
- PPD 501a Economics for Policy, Planning and Development (2 Units)
- PPD 501b Economics for Policy, Planning and Development (2 Units)
- PPD 554 Foundations of Policy Analysis (4 Units)
- PPD 558 Multivariate Statistical Analysis (4 Units)
- INF 549 Introduction to Computational Thinking and Data Science (4 Units)
- INF 510 Principles of Programming for Informatics (4 Units)
- INF 550 Overview of Data Informatics in Large Data Environments (4 Units)

Elective Courses (8 units)
Capstone Course (4 units)
Graduate Certificate in Big Data Fundamentals

Total Units: 15

Curriculum

Core Courses (15 units):

- INF 510 | Principles of Programming for Informatics
- INF 549 | Introduction to Computational Thinking and Data Science
- INF 550 | Overview of Data Informatics in Large Data Environments
- INF 559 | Introduction to Data Management
General Admission Criteria

Admission criteria differs by program. To review the requirements for your program of interest visit: http://viterbi.usc.edu/msprograms

General Admission Criteria for Masters Programs:

- Undergraduate degree in engineering, math or a hard science from a regionally-accredited university (*official transcripts submitted*)
- To be competitive, a cumulative undergraduate GPA Of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is recommended (*not required*)
- Satisfactory scores on the general portion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) that are less than 5 years old
- CV/Resume Required
- Required supplemental materials may include Letters of Recommendation and a Statement of Purpose
- TOEFL (International Applicants)

USC Viterbi
School of Engineering
Application Deadlines

Application Deadlines for 2019-2020

Fall 2019
- Deadline to submit all required materials: January 15, 2019*

Spring 2020
- Deadline to submit all required materials: September 15, 2019*
- Deadline for Scholarship Consideration (on-campus only): August 31, 2019

Fall 2020
- Deadline to submit all required materials: January 15, 2020
- Deadline for Scholarship Consideration (on-campus only): December 15, 2020

* A deadline extension for DEN@Viterbi applicants may be available. Please email DEN@Viterbi.usc.edu for more information.
Where our Alumni are working

- What do our students do?
- What do our graduates do?
Course Delivery Methods

Methods of Course Delivery

• On-campus, full time
  2 classes per semester
  1.5 – 2 years to complete

• Online delivery via DEN@Viterbi
  1-2 classes per semester
  2.5 – 3 years to complete degree
How DEN@Viterbi Works

The Viterbi School of Engineering uses a state-of-the-art, proprietary web-based delivery system that enables students from around the world to access classes live or on-demand.

DEN@Viterbi Students:
- View the same lectures as on-campus students, with fresh content every semester
- Participate in highly interactive discussions with professors and peers
- Submit homework electronically
- Take exams at proctored testing centers near their home or work (or at USC if in the Los Angeles area)
## DEN@Viterbi Overview

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*DEN@Viterbi Sections Only
DEN@Viterbi’s E-Learning System

DEN@Viterbi Classroom
**DEN@Viterbi Additional Info**

- **Limited Status**
  - Allows strong candidates to begin coursework before formal admission.
  - Courses *(maximum of 12 units)* can be applied toward degree program once admitted but *limited status does not guarantee admission*.
  - *Get Started this Summer 2019*: [https://viterbigradadmission.usc.edu/denviterbi/getting-started/](https://viterbigradadmission.usc.edu/denviterbi/getting-started/)

- **Tuition Deferment Program**
  - Students supported by company can defer “up front” payment of tuition until after the semester is over.
  - Company must pay 75-100% of tuition to be eligible for program.
  - For additional information: [https://viterbigrad.usc.edu/tuition-and-funding/employer-supported](https://viterbigrad.usc.edu/tuition-and-funding/employer-supported)
**Tuition & Fees (2018-2019)**

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Degree Programs are 27-36 units (7-11 courses)

For an overview of additional fees, please visit: [https://viterbigradadmission.usc.edu/programs/masters/tuition-funding/tuition-funding-masters/](https://viterbigradadmission.usc.edu/programs/masters/tuition-funding/tuition-funding-masters/)
Getting Started

For those interested in taking classes on campus:

- Visit USC campus
- Start your application:
  http://www.usc.edu/admission/graduate/apply

For those interested in taking classes online via DEN@Viterbi:

- Start as a Limited Status Student in Summer 2019 –or-
- Start your application:
  http://www.usc.edu/admission/graduate/apply
Contact Us

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