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You’ll get a rigorous foundational education with the flexibility to pursue your interests

A CORE CURRICULUM, equally balanced between computer science, applied math, and statistics, will teach you tools for parallel programming, stochastic optimization, and numerical modeling. This training, combined with the flexibility to explore elective topics ranging from machine learning and visualization to computational economics or computational biology, will equip you to solve problems in whatever arena you choose to work in. In addition, our project-based courses will give you practical experience in collaborative problem solving.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Master of Science
Eight courses, usually over two semesters

Master of Engineering
Eight courses, plus one year of research leading to a master’s thesis

Secondary Field
Four courses, open to all Harvard Ph.D. students.

COURSEWORK

3 CORE COURSES
1 COURSE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
1 COURSE IN APPLIED MATH
3 ELECTIVES
You’ll be a part of a small cohort of students from a wide variety of academic backgrounds

Our students come from a variety of academic backgrounds and arrive here with a wide range of previous work and life experience. Because the program is within an engineering school embedded in a liberal arts University, you will have the opportunity both within and outside of the classroom to interact with other Harvard students ranging from doctoral candidates to advanced undergraduates.

You will also be part of Harvard’s vibrant collaborative environment, with access to opportunities at Harvard’s other schools, including Harvard Business School, the Kennedy School of Government, and Harvard Medical School, and at a wide range of other centers and institutes on campus such as the Institute for Quantitative Social Science and the Harvard Innovation Lab.

I found the CSE curriculum to be extremely challenging—in a good way! I’m looking forward to some time off, but I’ve learned a tremendous amount in my time here and would certainly do it again.

2015 Graduate

In addition to a variety of undergraduate majors, CSE students have held graduate degrees in law, business, science and medicine.
You’ll enter a dynamic sector with cutting-edge skills and experience. You’ll be part of the next generation of leaders who will understand the complexities of technology and society to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

CSE graduates go on to work across a variety of industry sectors or choose to pursue further studies at leading graduate business or doctoral programs. Graduates have placed at:

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