



February 12, 2024

To: Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee

Re: Changes to CIS Minor

We are requesting the following changes to the CIS Minor program, effective Summer 2024:

Change the name of the minor to Computer Science (CS)

Remove the requirement for CSE 2501 from the list of required courses for the minor

Alter the list of recommended courses for minors to take as electives

The CSE faculty unanimously approved these changes.

Rationale for the name change: The Computer & Information Science minor (CIS) as currently constructed does not contain any actual Information Science within it. All of the required coursework is pure Computer Science. To better serve students enrolling in the minor, and those who read their transcripts, a decision was made to change the name of the minor to be the Computer Science minor, which more accurately reflects its contents.

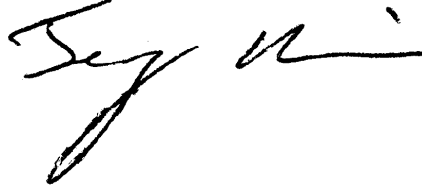
Rationale for the removal of CSE 2501: Our minor is a comparatively large one with a requirement of 17 credit hours for students. One of the current required courses is a 1 credit hour ethics course that fulfills a role as a professional ethics course for our major students. This is a class designed to be taught in small sections to CIS & CSE majors who will become practitioners in various computing fields. In recent years enrollments in our major have grown quite large and the capacity of these courses has been strained. Because of our enrollment issues, and the need for majors to take this course, we have been waiving this requirement for minors due to their inability to actually enroll in any sections of this course. We would like to make this change permanent for all minors as we feel that the 16 hour minor is sufficient to give students the breadth of coverage we want to see in a minor. For students in the minor who are interested in the topics of this course we suggest PHIL 2338 as an alternative.

Rationale for the changes to our suggested elective courses: We previously listed a number of “tracks” that our minors could take. Unfortunately these tracks often contained courses that had pre-requisite requirements that our minor students could not attain without additional coursework that took them well beyond the coursework for a minor. Additionally, due to enrollment pressures as discussed above many of these pre-requisite courses were courses that minor students were consistently shut out of. In place of the tracks we now prefer to recommend a selection of courses that we can guarantee that students pursuing the minor will be able to enroll in. Minor students can still enroll in any CSE course for which they meet the pre-requisites, but the courses listed as recommended present a broad coverage of Computer Science topics, but also are courses that we can make guarantees that minors will be able to enroll in.

I have included both the new and current curriculum sheets for our minor with changes tracked.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at [morris.343@osu.edu](mailto:morris.343@osu.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Morris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a distinct "M".

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Students pursuing the minor do not have priority enrollment in CSE courses.

**A. Prerequisites for the Minor:**

CSE 1222: Introduction to Computer Programming in C++ (3 cr hrs); *or*  
CSE 1223: Introduction to Computer Programming in Java (3 cr hrs)

**B. Requirements for the Minor (min 16 cr hrs):**

1. Required courses (10 credit hours):

- a. Software:  
CSE 2122, Data Structures Using C++, (3 cr hrs);  
*or*  
CSE 2123, Data Structures Using Java (3 cr hrs).
- b. Foundations:  
CSE 2321, Foundations I: Discrete Structures (3 cr hrs)
- c. Systems:  
CSE 3430, Overview of Computer Systems For Non-Majors (4 cr hrs)

2. Elective courses (minimum: 6 cr hrs):

- i. Must be chosen from CSE 2331, and CSE courses at the 3000-level or above;
- ii. Not more than 2 cr hrs of CSE 425X courses;
- iii. The following courses are recommended:
  - 2331 – Foundations II
  - 3241 - Introduction to Database Systems
  - 4471 – Information Security
  - 5052 – AI for non-majors

Note that elective courses for this minor may have additional prerequisites.

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