

COMPUTER SCIENCE (B.S.) - DATA SCIENCE - RESIDENT

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

General Education/Foundational Skills Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Communication & Information Literacy ¹		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
	Communications Elective	3
	Information Literacy Elective	3
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Technological Solutions & Quantitative Reasoning ¹		
UNIV 101	Foundational Skills	1
Math Elective	MATH 114 or higher	4
	Technology Competency ²	0-3
Critical Thinking ¹		
RLGN 105	Introduction to Biblical Worldview ³	2
	Critical Thinking Elective	3
Civic & Global Engagement ¹		
EVAN 101	Evangelism and the Christian Life ³	2
	Cultural Studies Elective	3
Social & Scientific Inquiry ¹		
	Natural Science Elective	4
	Social Science Elective	3
Christianity & Contexts ¹		
BIBL 105	Old Testament Survey	2
BIBL 110	New Testament Survey	2
THEO 201	Theology Survey I ³	2
THEO 202	Theology Survey II ³	2
Total Hours		42-45

¹ Refer to the list of approved general education electives before enrolling in foundational skill requirements

² All students must pass the Computer Assessment OR complete applicable INFT course

³ Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirements of RLGN 105 & EVAN 101 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirements of THEO 201 & THEO 202 waived

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Major Foundational Courses		
BUSI 240	Organizational Behavior and Management ^{1,2}	3
CSCN 110	Introduction to Computer Sciences ^{1,2}	3
CSCN 111	Programming In C++ Beginner ^{1,2}	3
ENGR 270	Technical Communication ^{1,2}	3

Code	Title	Hours
MATH 131	Calculus and Analytic Geometry I ^{1,2}	4
PHYS 201	General Physics I ^{1,2}	4
Total Hours		20

¹ Course may fulfill select general education requirements

² Minimum grade of 'C' required.

Code	Title	Hours
Major Courses		
CSCN 112	Programming in C++ Advanced ¹	3
CSCN 215	Data Structures and Algorithms using C++ ¹	3
CSCN 230	Business Data Communications and Networks ¹	3
CSCN 326	Database Design and Management ¹	3
CSCN 340	Information Security Concepts and Principles ¹	3
CSCN 342	Computer Architecture ¹	3
CSCN 345	Linux Operating System ¹	3
CSCN 352	Windows System Administration ¹	3
CSCN 355	Network Architecture, Protocols, and Theory ¹	3
CSCN 434	Programming Language Design and Compiler Theory ¹	3
CSCN 443	Operating Systems Design ¹	3
CSCN 471	Software Engineering Management ^{1,2}	3
CSCN 481	Computer Sciences Practicum I ^{1,2}	3
CSCN 482	Computer Sciences Practicum II ^{1,2}	3
Quantitative Studies Courses		
MATH 211	Introduction to Statistical Analysis	3
MATH 250	Introduction to Discrete Mathematics	3
MATH 350	Discrete Mathematics	3
Math Elective ^{3,4}		3-4
Lab Science Courses		
Lab Science Elective ⁵		4
Technical Elective Courses		
Technical Elective ⁶		7
Total Hours		65-66

¹ Students are required to take these courses residentially in support of ABET accreditation. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis and require ABET coordinator review and Department Chair approval.

² Course requires Department Chair approval for registration.

³ Choose 3-4 credits from the following: MATH 132, MATH 221, MATH 301, MATH 302, or MATH 307

⁴ Other Math courses may be approved on a case by case basis by the Computer Science Department chair.

⁵ Choose any science course which includes a lab component. If choosing a Physics course, it must be PHYS 202 and PHYS 202L, or a higher level Physics course. PHYS 101 and PHYS 103 are not allowable.

⁶ Choose from: BUSI 300, BUSI 301, BUSI 313, BUSI 424, BUSI 427, or any 200-400 level Computer Science course, any 200-400 level Engineering course (except ENGR 210), or any Advanced Math course (must be MATH 132 or higher) not already required by the degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Cognate		
CSCN 321	Python and R for Data Science ¹	3

Code	Title	Hours
CSCN 322	Data Engineering ¹	3
CSCN 323	Data Visualization ¹	3
CSCN 421	Applied Machine Learning ¹	3
or CSCN 422	Artificial Intelligence	
Total Hours		12

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All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- **120** Total hours
- **2.0** Overall grade point average
- **30** Hours must be upper-level courses (300-400 level)
- **Grade of 'C'** Minimum required for **all** courses in the major, Quantitative Studies, Lab Science, Technical Elective, and Major Foundational sections
- **25%** Of major, core, and cognate taken through Liberty University
- **30** Hours must be completed through Liberty University
- **Grad App** Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date
- **CSER** All requirements must be satisfied before a degree will be awarded

Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
EVAN 101	Evangelism and the Christian Life	2
INQR 101	Inquiry	1
RLGN 105	Introduction to Biblical Worldview	2
Information Literacy Elective (CSCN 110) ¹		3
Technology Competency ²		0-3
MATH 128	Precalculus with Trigonometry ³	4
CSER		0
Hours		15-18
Second Semester		
BIBL 105	Old Testament Survey	2
RSCH 201	Research	3
UNIV 101	Foundational Skills	1
Information Literacy Elective (CSCN 111) ¹		3
Math Elective (MATH 131) ¹		4
CSCN 230	Business Data Communications and Networks	3
CSER		0
Hours		16
Second Year		
First Semester		
BIBL 110	New Testament Survey	2

Course	Title	Hours
Communications Elective (ENGR 270) ¹		3
CSCN 112	Programming in C++ Advanced	3
CSCN 345	Linux Operating System	3
MATH 250	Introduction to Discrete Mathematics	3
CSER		0

Hours 14

Second Semester

Social Science Elective (BUSI 240) ¹		3
CSCN 215	Data Structures and Algorithms using C++	3
CSCN 352	Windows System Administration	3
CSCN 355	Network Architecture, Protocols, and Theory	3
MATH 250	Introduction to Discrete Mathematics	3
CSER		0

Hours 15

Third Year

First Semester

Natural Science Elective (PHYS 201) ¹		4
CSCN 321	Python and R for Data Science	3
CSCN 342	Computer Architecture	3
CSCN 461	Aspects of Computer Security-Defensive	3
MATH 211	Introduction to Statistical Analysis	3
CSER		0

Hours 16

Second Semester

CSCN 322	Data Engineering	3
CSCN 323	Data Visualization	3
CSCN 326	Database Design and Management	3
CSCN 471	Software Engineering Management	3
Lab Science Elective ⁴		4
CSER		0

Hours 16

Fourth Year

First Semester

THEO 201	Theology Survey I	2
CSCN 421	Applied Machine Learning or Artificial Intelligence	3
CSCN 434	Programming Language Design and Compiler Theory	3
CSCN 443	Operating Systems Design	3
CSCN 481	Computer Sciences Practicum I	3
CSER		0

Hours 14

Second Semester

THEO 202	Theology Survey II	2
Critical Thinking Elective ¹		3
Cultural Studies Elective ¹		3
CSCN 482	Computer Sciences Practicum II	3
Technical Elective ⁵		3

Course	Title	Hours
CSER		0
	Hours	14
	Total Hours	120-123

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² All students must pass the Computer Assessment OR complete applicable INFT course; refer to www.liberty.edu/computerassessment for more information

³ Any student entering the major directly into MATH 131 will require a 4 credit MATH Elective to substitute in place of MATH 128 (for example, MATH 132 may sub for credit)

⁴ Choose any science course which includes a lab component. If choosing a Physics course, it must be PHYS 201 and 202L, or a higher level Physics course. PHYS 101 and 103 are not allowable.

⁵ Choose from: BUSI 300, 301, 313, 424, 427, any 200-400 level Computer Science course, any 200-400 level Engineering course (except ENGR 210), or any Advanced Math course (must be MATH 132 or higher) not already required by the degree.