



INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND

Dear Student

On behalf of the faculty in the Department of Computer and Information Sciences, it is my pleasure to *welcome* you to our program. We are very happy that you have chosen Computer Science (CS) as your major and we are confident that you will find this to be an exciting, challenging and rewarding program of study.

Allow me to take a moment to tell you a little about our department.

- ✓ Our core faculty have doctoral degrees in CS or closely related disciplines and they are engaged in cutting-edge research. Our faculty strive to excel in teaching and a number of our faculty have received teaching awards.
- ✓ Opportunities for undergraduate research, work-study, and tutoring exist and provide for very valuable experiences.
- ✓ Class sizes for our major courses are typically around 25 students which provides for a superb environment for interaction with faculty and for learning. CS and Informatics Tutoring Center offers tutoring for lower-level CS core courses.
- ✓ Our department offers exclusive computing labs and collaborative space for CS students. In addition, there are many campus computing labs.
- ✓ Our curriculum is based on the recommendations of the ACM/ABET organizations which are the premier organizations in the CS profession.
- ✓ Select upper-level elective courses include artificial intelligence, computer graphics, computer security, database, data mining, deep learning, game programming, mobile programming, networks, parallel and distributed computing, and software engineering.
- ✓ Our department offers other undergraduate and graduate degrees, certificates, and minors.

For more information about the department please visit our website at cs.iusb.edu

We would like to discuss with you all of the exciting opportunities in CS, as well as the courses that you should take in your *first semester* and the registration process. Please follow the below steps in order:

1. Set up your IU computer account by visiting <https://kb.iu.edu/d/achn>
 - If you have questions contact the support center by visiting <https://kb.iu.edu/d/abxl#iusb>
2. Complete the Math and English placement exams by visiting <https://exams.iusb.edu>
 - If you are not sure if either exam is required, contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@iusb.edu or (574) 520-4839
3. Contact the Department Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Linda Knefely via email: lknefely@iusb.edu or call (574)-520-5521 to setup an appointment with a CS Academic Advisor.
4. Meet the CS Advisor. Enclosed with this letter is the "Golden Chip" CS advising form (or download it from <http://go.iu.edu/1PH8>). Please complete applicable items in Steps 1 and 2 of the form, and bring it with you to your advising appointment.
 - After meeting with the CS advisor register for courses. Course registration instructions are available at <http://go.iu.edu/1PH9> and <https://kb.iu.edu/d/aniq>



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5. Attend the IU South Bend New Student Orientation – January 3, 2018. Reserve your spot by visiting <http://go.iu.edu/1PHa>
6. Start attending classes.
 - o Visit the CS and Informatics Tutoring Center to get help for lower-level CS core courses. Visit the Campus Tutoring Center located in the Library to get help for several of your other courses.
7. Meet with your CS Academic Advisor at least once a semester, and also when needs arise.

Computer Science is an exciting field and a person armed with a CS degree will find that there will be a wealth of post-graduate opportunities! Our faculty and staff will do their best to provide you with an excellent educational experience. We look forward to having you join us!

If you have other questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Knefely via email lknefely@iusb.edu or call (574)-520-5521 or email me at raman@cs.iusb.edu

Sincerely,

Raman Adaikkalavan, Ph.D.
Associate Professor and Chair

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