Proud of the distinction for being known as the first department in the country, Purdue CS builds on a legacy—moving boldly into the future, providing a meaningful and transformative education for our students.
Delivering the future, one day at a time.

Purdue Computer Science (CS) enjoys a rich history of being consistently ranked in US News and World Report’s top 20 programs, and 18th among the 100 CS programs worldwide.

CS students excel in a variety of careers, as they develop critical and analytical thinking skills that serve well in traditional careers:
- Designing and implementing software
- Devising new ways to use computers
- Developing new ways to solve computing problems

Computer Scientists also develop critical and analytical thinking skills that serve well in a variety of other careers:
- Law
- Healthcare and Medicine
- Finance
- Entertainment
- Security

Our faculty engage in research areas that impact and improve society:
- Bioinformatics and Computing
- Computational Science and Engineering
- Databases and Data Mining
- Distributed Systems
- Graphics and Visualization
- Information Security and Assurance
- Machine Learning and Information Retrieval
- Networking and Operating Systems
- Programming Languages and Compilers
- Software Engineering
- Theory of Computing and Algorithms

Logan Gore
Junior, 2016
Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Chapter President

I came to Purdue without any previous experience with computer science other than a few things I had looked up on my own. Since then, I now know so much more about the field. I have taken an interest in machine learning after taking Professor Neville’s course on data mining. This interest led me to take part in the annual Windward Code Wars AI challenge, where I placed 10th in the nation. After I graduate, I hope to go straight into industry as a software engineer. This summer I interned in Seattle, WA for a company called Isilon, and next summer I’ve already been accepted for an internship with Facebook. I love how many opportunities have opened up to me, since I came to Purdue.

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