Carnegie Mellon University
School of Computer Science

**Master's Programs Overview and Comparison Data** 

Winter 2019–2020 (version of 9/15/2020)

| School of Computer Science Master's Programs             | Shortname & Handbook Link | Apply Link   | Degree  | Department   | Partner Dept/College  | Awards, Honors, Distinctions  |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|---|--|---|---|
| Artificial Intelligence and Innovation                   | MSAII                     | Apply        | Master of Science   | Language Technologies Institute (LTI)                  |   | World's first M.S. program combining AI with Innovation.  |
| Automated Science - Biological<br>Experimentation        | MSAS                      | Apply        | Master of Science   | Computational Biology Dept<br>(CBD)                    |   | World's first professional Master's Program in automated science.   |
| Computational Biology                                    | <u>MSCB</u>               | <u>Apply</u> | Master of Science   | Computational Biology Dept<br>(CBD)                    | Mellon College of Science/Biology Department                          | MSCB student named a 2017 ACM SIGHPC/Intel Computational and Data Science Fellow  |
| Computational Data Science                               | MCDS                      | <u>Apply</u> | Master of Computational Data<br>Science                       | <u>Language Technologies</u><br><u>Institute (LTI)</u> |   | Top honors in Automated Question-Answering Competition and Facebook global hackathon  |
| Computer Science   | <u>MSCS</u>               | <u>Apply</u> | Master of Science   | Computer Science Dept (CSD)                            |   | <u>Carnegie Mellon and Tsinghua Universities Renew Dual-</u><br><u>Degree Masters</u>   |
| Computer Vision  | MSCV                      | <u>Apply</u> | Master of Science   | Robotics Institute (RI)                                |   | First-of-its-kind Professional Masters Program in Computer Vision; industry sponsored capstone projects.  |
| Educational Tech. and Applied Learning Science           | <u>METALS</u>             | <u>Apply</u> | Master of Educational Technology and Applied Learning Science | Human-Computer Interaction Institute (HCII)            | <u>Dietrich College of Humanities</u>                                 | 100% career placement every year  |
| Human-Computer Interaction                               | MHCI                      | <u>Apply</u> | Master of Human-Computer<br>Interaction                       | Human-Computer Interaction Institute (HCII)            |   | World's 1st professional program in human-computer interaction, user experience design & research.  |
| Information Tech. Strategy                               | MITS                      | <u>Apply</u> | Master of Information<br>Technology Strategy                  | Institute for Software Research (ISR)                  | Electrical and Computer Engineering/Institute for Politics & Strategy | Capstone project resulted in U.S. cyber operations research in the area of the Law of Armed Conflict.   |
| Information Tech., Privacy Engineering                   | MSIT-PE                   | <u>Apply</u> | Master of Science   | Institute for Software Research (ISR)                  |   |   |
| Intelligent Information Systems                          | MIIS                      | <u>Apply</u> | Master of Science   | Language Technologies Institute (LTI)                  |   |   |
| Language Technologies                                    | MLT                       | Apply        |   | Language Technologies Institute (LTI)                  |   | MLT graduates win multiple paper awards, for example at ACL-2016  |
| Machine Learning   | MSML                      | <u>Apply</u> | Master of Science   | Machine Learning Dept (MLD)                            |   | Master's degree from world's first PhD program in Machine Learning.   |
| Product Management                                       | <u>MSPM</u>               | Apply        | Master of Science   | Human-Computer Interaction Institute (HCII)            | Tepper School of Business   | First Master of Science in Product Management Degree to blend Computer Science and Management   |
| Robotic System Development                               | MRSD                      | <u>Apply</u> | Master of Science   | Robotics Institute (RI)                                |   | Ranked #1 by Grad School Hub for Robotics masters programs  |
| Robotics   | <u>MSR</u>                | <u>Apply</u> | Master of Science   | Robotics Institute (RI)                                |   |   |
| Software Engineering                                     | <u>MSE</u>                | <u>Apply</u> | Master of Software<br>Engineering                             | Institute for Software<br>Research (ISR)               |   | A student team won the top prize at the Student IT Architecture Competition in 2020. Capstone projects have resulted in numerous significant deliverables for project sponsors including developing a framework for embedded space applications for NASA, and developing software to analyze data from a radiation sensor in collaboration with the CMU Robotics department for the Department of Energy. |
| <u>Software Engineering - Embedded</u><br><u>Systems</u> | MSE-ES                    | <u>Apply</u> | Master of Science   | Institute for Software Research (ISR)                  |   | Unique specialized program at the intersection of hardware and software engineering. MSE-ES students award national honors for a wearable opioid overdose detection device developed for a capstone project.  |
| Software Engineering - Scalable Systems                  | MSE-SS                    | <u>Apply</u> | Master of Science   | Institute for Software<br>Research (ISR)               |   | MSIT-SS team placed in Student IT Architecture Competition in 2019 and student won the National Center for Women & Information Technology Collegiate Aware in 2018.   |

| School of Computer Science Master's Programs    | Program Director                    | Program Administrator   | Typical<br>Semesters of<br>Tuition | Typical Pattern of On-<br>campus Semesters    | Туре         | Typical<br>Internship<br>Semesters | Typical<br>Culminating<br>Activity | Dept<br>Providing<br>Courses | Dept<br>Providing<br>Courses | Dept<br>Providing<br>Courses |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|   |                                     |                         |                                    |   |              |                                    |                                    |                              |                              |                              |
| Computational Biology                           | Christopher Langmead                | Samantha Mudrinich      | 4                                  | Fall, Spring, Fall, Spring                    | Professional | 1                                  | N/A                                | CBD                          |                              |                              |
| Automated Science - Biological Experimentation  | Christopher Langmead                | Janet Garrand           | 4                                  | Fall, Spring, Fall, Spring                    | Professional | 1                                  | Capstone/<br>Research              | CBD                          |                              |                              |
| Computer Science                                | David Eckhardt,<br>David O'Halloran | Angy Malloy             | 3 or 4                             | Fall, Spring, Fall (Spring)                   | Professional | 1                                  | N/A                                | 65% CSD                      | 15% MLD                      | 5% LTI                       |
| Machine Learning                                | Katerina Fragkiadaki                | Dorothy Holland-Minkley | 3                                  | Fall, Spring, Fall                            | Professional | 1                                  | N/A                                | 69% MLD                      | 18% CSD                      | 9% STATS                     |
| Human-Computer Interaction                      | Skip Shelly                         | Nicole Willis           | 3                                  | Fall, Spring, Summer                          | Professional | 0                                  | Capstone                           | 80% HCII                     | 12% Design                   | 1% CSD                       |
| Educational Techn. and Applied Learning Science | Ken Koedinger                       | Michael Bett            | 3 or 4                             | Fall, Spring, Summer (Fall)                   | Professional | 0                                  | Capstone                           | 81% HCII                     | 14% Psych                    | 3% Design                    |
| Product Management                              | Jason Hong, Greg<br>Coticchia       | Casey Walker            | 2                                  | Spring, Summer, Fall                          | Professional | 1                                  | Capstone                           | 50% HCII                     | 50% TSB                      |                              |
| Robotics  | George Kantor                       | BJ Fecich               | 4                                  | Fall, Spring, Summer, Fall,<br>Spring, Summer | Research     | 0                                  | Thesis                             | 75% RI                       | 12% MLD                      | 5% CSD                       |
| Robotic Systems Development                     | John Dolan                          | Sarah Conte             | 4                                  | Fall, Spring, Fall, Spring                    | Professional | 1                                  | Capstone                           | 73% RI                       | 9% TSB                       | 7% HC                        |
| Computer Vision                                 | Kris Kitani                         | Sarah Conte             | 3                                  | Fall, Spring, Fall                            | Professional | 1                                  | Capstone                           | 67% RI                       | 33% MLD                      |                              |
| Language Technologies                           | Robert Frederking                   | Kate Schaich            | 4                                  | Fall, Spring, Summer, Fall,<br>Spring, Summer | Research     | 0                                  | N/A                                | 70% LTI                      | 22% MLD                      | 3% CSD                       |
| Computational Data Science                      | Eric Nyberg                         | Jennifer Lucas          | 3                                  | Fall, Spring, Fall                            | Professional | 1                                  | Capstone                           | 37% LTI                      | 20% HCII-<br>CSD-MLD         | 3% STAT                      |
| Intelligent Information Systems                 | Teruko Mitamura                     | Alexandra Balobeshkina  | 3 or 4                             | Fall, Spring, Fall (Spring)                   | Professional | 1                                  | Capstone                           | 75% LTI                      | 18% MLD                      | 7% CSD                       |
| Artificial Intelligence and Innovation          | Michael Shamos                      | Amber Vivis             | 4                                  | Fall, Spring, Fall, Spring                    | Professional | 1                                  | Capstone                           | 65% LTI                      | 15% MLD                      | 20% Other                    |
| Software Engineering                            | Travis Breaux                       | Lauren Martinko         | 4                                  | Fall, Spring, Summer, Fall                    | Professional | 0                                  | Capstone                           | 80% ISR                      | 9% CSD                       | 2% TSB                       |
| Software Engineering - Scalable Systems         | Travis Breaux                       | Lauren Martinko         | 3                                  | Fall, Spring, Fall                            | Professional | 1                                  | Capstone                           | 76% ISR                      | 7% CSD                       | 7% IS                        |
| Software Engineering - Embedded Systems         | Travis Breaux                       | Lauren Martinko         | 3                                  | Fall, Spring, Fall                            | Professional | 1                                  | Capstone                           | 75% ISR                      | 25% MLD                      |                              |
| Information Techn. & Strategy                   | Travis Breaux                       | Marlana Pawlak          | 3 or 4                             | Fall, Spring, Summer, Fall                    | Professional | 0                                  | Capstone                           | 25% ISR                      | 45% LTI-<br>MLD-CSD          | 30% IPS                      |
| Information Techn., Privacy Engineering         | Lorrie Cranor, Norman<br>Sadeh      | Tiffany Todd            | 3                                  | Fall, Spring, Summer (Fall)                   | Professional | 1                                  | Capstone                           | 85% ISR                      | 5% CSD                       | 3% HCII                      |
| School of Computer Science, Dean's Office       | David Garlan                        | Tony Mareino            |                                    |   |              |                                    |                                    |                              |                              |                              |

#### Notes:

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Internships are typically taken away from campus during the Summer semester; some programs feature on-campus summers without classes or tuition, typically involving research.

A culminating activity involves more work than most classes, draws on learning from the rest of the program, produces a document and presentation and satisfies a graduation requirement.

After completion **Professional** program students typically obtain jobs in industry; **Research** program students typically enter PhD programs.

Departments teaching courses include: Statistics (STATS), Design (Design), Psychology (Psych), Heinz College (HC), Tepper School of Business (TSB)

Departments teaching courses include: Information Systems (IS), Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), Institute for Politics and Strategy (IPS)

Department providing courses data averaged over 2015-2019.

| School of Computer Science<br>Master's Programs          | Program Goal   | An Example Program Outcome (see later page for complete learning outcomes)   |
|--|--|--|
| Computational Biology (MSCB)                             | Produces elite Computational Biologists who understand how to use computation to model and analyze complex biological systems and who are prepared for doctoral degrees at top universities or industry jobs across the spectrum of pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and | Identify and formulate the algorithmic, analytic, and modeling problems associated with a wide range of research and engineering objectives in Biology by applying knowledge of Computer Science, Machine Learning and Mathematics.  |
| Automated Science - Biological Experimentation (MSAS)    | Trains practitioners in the design, implementation, and application of automation in scientific research.  | Combine robotic scientific instruments, machine Learning, and artificial intelligence to iteratively build predictive models from experimental data and select new experiments to improve them.  |
| Computer Science (MSCS)                                  | To provide students a solid Computer Science core education plus access to a student-customized curriculum, thus supporting careers in industry, research labs, and/or further graduate study in Computer Science fields   | Within one or more sub-fields of Computer Science, select, implement, deploy, and/or develop viable solutions to current and emerging problems   |
| Machine Learning (MSML)                                  | To provide students with a solid formal and practical understanding of machine learning, and to prepare them for careers in industry, research labs, or further graduate study.  | Design and evaluate novel learning algorithms  |
| Human-Computer Interaction<br>(MHCI)                     | Integrates service and design thinking into a rigorous HCI curriculum that prepares our students to design and guide the future of human and technology interactions.  | Envision how emerging technologies such as natural language processing, machine learning, big data and the IoT can be integrated to engage all human senses and contexts, and beyond visual presentation on a screen   |
| Educational Tech. & Applied<br>Learning Science (METALS) | Trains graduate students to apply evidence-based research in learning to create effective instruction and educational technologies within formal and informal settings.  | Evaluate and improve instructional and assessment solutions using psychometric and educational data mining methods   |
| Product Management (MSPM)                                | To develop successful product managers who can apply Computer Science and Management to disrupt software intensive industries.   | Manage and work effectively with interdisciplinary product development teams to bring new products and services to market  |
| Robotics (MSR)   | Prepares students to take a leading role in the research and development of future generations of integrated robotics technologies and systems.  | Formulate an approach to address an open robotics research problem, and develop a solution that matches or exceeds the current state-of-art.   |
| Robotic System Development<br>(MRSD)                     | To instill the fundamentals of robotics engineering and teach students the critical systems, technical, and business skills that robotics companies value in their employees   | Design, implement and evaluate robotic systems including mechanical, sensing/electronics, and programming/control components   |
| Computer Vision (MSCV)                                   | Prepare students for careers in the field of computer vision and facilitate hands-on experience with real research and development projects addressing current applications of computer vision.  | Analyze and evaluate fundamental methods in computer vision, experiment with sensing, mathematically analyze image projection, estimate features, analyze multi-view geometry, reconstruct 3D geometry of scenes, adapt physics of surface reflection, infer the objects shape and movement, and reason about and classify types of scenes |
| Language Technologies (MLT)                              | Prepare students to enter top-tier PhD programs in the area of Language Technologies, or start successful careers at the best industrial research labs   | Interpret, select, and apply current theory, resources, and practice in language technology. This includes the application of computer technology to the analysis and/or production of human languages.  |
| Computational Data Science<br>(MCDS)                     | To develop expertise and mastery over techinques essential to computational data science systems in (a) large scale machine learning and data analysis, (b) large scale parallel and distributed systems, or (c) human-computer interactions and learning experience.  | Design, implement and evaluate analytic algorithms on sample datasets; implement and evaluate complex, scalable data science systems, with emphasis on providing experimental evidence for design decisions; design, implement and evaluate a user experience prototype for a user need.   |
| Intelligent Information Systems<br>(MIIS)                | To enable students to master advanced content-analysis, mining, and intelligent information technologies to assume leadership careers in industry and government.  | Design, implement and evaluate a software system and machine-learning model on real world data sets at real world scale  |
| Artificial Intelligence and<br>Innovation (MSAII)        | To prepare students to develop innovative AI applications in industry through the use of deep AI implementation skills, perception of market gaps of AI usage, the ability to persuade sponsors that a proposed AI system is worth supporting.                         | To prepare students to develop real-world AI applications in industry through the innovative use of a wide variety of AI tools, identify market gaps that can be filled using AI, develop personal skills needed for intrapreneurship and entrepreneurship.  |
| Software Engineering (MSE)                               | Prepare software developers, who have at least two years of experience, through coursework and application in state of the art practices in software engineering and management to become technical and strategic leaders.   | Apply formal modeling, analysis techniques, and tools to software requirements, design, implementation and validation to ensure quality in the software systems produced.  |
| Software Engineering - Scalable<br>Systems (MSE-SS)      | Prepare entry-level software developers through coursework and application to specialize and prepare for careers in software engineering of scalable systems, including large-scale, intelligent systems.  | Design, implement and evaluate a large-scale, real scalable system as part of a team.  |
| Software Engineering -<br>Embedded Systems (MSE-ES)      | Prepare entry level sofware developers through coursework and application to specialize and prepare for careers in software engineering of embedded systems, including Internet of Things and cyber-physical systems.  | Design software for embedded systems to include: selecting appropriate data structures and algorithms, software structures and patterns, to satisfy systemic functional and quality attribute requirements (e. g. safety, reliability, performance, etc.).   |
| Information Tech. Strategy<br>(MITS)                     | To produce leaders with the critical thinking skills and strategic perspective needed to solve challenges within the information and cyber domains.  | Apply software architectural principles in the design and implementation of secure computer systems in light of the emerging realm of cyber warfare.   |
| Information Tech., Privacy<br>Engineering (MSIT-PE)      | To prepare students for jobs as privacy engineers and technical privacy managers   | Assess privacy-related risk and compliance, devise privacy incident responses, and integrate privacy into the software engineering lifecycle phases  |
| Product Management (MSPM)                                | To develop successful product managers who can apply Computer Science and Management to disrupt software intensive industries  | Manage and work effectively with interdisciplinary product development teams to bring new products and services to market  |

| School of Computer Science Master's Programs   | 2019 Enrolled | 2019 2019<br>Accepted Applications |       | 2019 Selectivity | 25-75 %tile<br>Quant. GRE | 25-75 %tile<br>Verbal GRE | 25-75 %tile<br>Analytic GRE | % Female |
|--|---------------|------------------------------------|-------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
|  |               |                                    |       |                  |                           |                           |                             |          |
| Automated Science: Biological Experimentation  | 15            | 46                                 | 137   | 34%              | 165-168                   | 154-157                   | 3.0-4.0                     | 39%      |
| Computational Biology                          | 32            | 112                                | 365   | 31%              | 165-169                   | 156-161                   | 3.5-4.5                     | 46%      |
| Computer Science                               | 35            | 111                                | 1839  | 6%               | 168-170                   | 158-165                   | 4.0-4.5                     | 23%      |
| Human-Computer Interaction                     | 62            | 97                                 | 443   | 22%              | 157-165                   | 157-165                   | 4.0-5.0                     | 69%      |
| Educational Tech. and Applied Learning Science | 29            | 62                                 | 105   | 59%              | 164-170                   | 155-164                   | 3.5-4.5                     | 76%      |
| Product Management                             | 21            | 27                                 | 53    | 51%              | n/a                       | n/a                       | n/a                         | n/a      |
| Information Tech. Strategy                     | 26            | 51                                 | 110   | 46%              | 168-170                   | 152-157                   | 3.0-3.5                     | 35%      |
| Software Engineering                           | 15            | 30                                 | 141   | 21%              | 160-169                   | 153-160                   | 4.0-4.5                     | 21%      |
| Software Engineering - Scalable Systems        | 29            | 80                                 | 170   | 47%              | 164-170                   | 153-156                   | 3.0-4.0                     | 34%      |
| Information Tech., Privacy Engineering         | 11            | 14                                 | 27    | 52%              | 169-170                   | 152-154                   | 3.5-4.0                     | 21%      |
| Computational Data Science                     | 70            | 155                                | 1566  | 10%              | 168-170                   | 157-162                   | 3.5-4.5                     | 31%      |
| Intelligent Information Systems                | 25            | 42                                 | 483   | 9%               | 167-170                   | 155-161                   | 3.5-4.0                     | 38%      |
| Language Technologies                          | 25            | 76                                 | 657   | 12%              | 168-170                   | 156-164                   | 3.5-5.0                     | 18%      |
| Artificial Intelligence and Innovation         | 37            | 52                                 | 858   | 6%               | 167-169                   | 157-163                   | 3.5-4.5                     | 31%      |
| Machine Learning                               | 27            | 98                                 | 1270  | 8%               | 168-170                   | 158-165                   | 4.0-4.5                     | 18%      |
| Computer Vision                                | 28            | 79                                 | 672   | 12%              | 168-170                   | 152-161                   | 3.0-4.0                     | 19%      |
| Robotics                                       | 45            | 104                                | 795   | 13%              | 166-170                   | 155-164                   | 3.5-4.5                     | 13%      |
| Robotic Systems Development                    | 46            | 80                                 | 418   | 19%              | 166-170                   | 155-162                   | 3.5-4.5                     | 25%      |
| School of Computer Science Master's Overall    | 578           | 1316                               | 10109 | 13%              |                           |                           |                             |          |

### Notes:

Selectivity is the ratio of student applications offered acceptance over applications received; some programs requirements may diminish qualified candidates significantly. GRE score ranges are 25th percentile to 75th precentile; for example, 25% of the students offered acceptance by CMU had a score below the 25th percentile.

GRE quantitative and verbal are scored between 130 and 170 in 1 point increments; GRE analytical is scored between 0 and 6 in 0.5 increments.

July 2016-June 2019 worldwide GRE quantitative

For precentiles of all test takers, see http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/gre\_guide\_table1a.pdf

The scope of % female is the fraction of students offered acceptance by CMU that are female.

| School of Computer Science Master's Programs  | 2019<br>Grads | 2019<br>Cont'd<br>Educ | 2019<br>Grads<br>Cont'd | Schools by popularity       | 2019<br>Grads<br>EMPL | 2019<br>Grads<br>EMPL | Employers by Popularity      | Salaries<br>Reported | Mean<br>Salary | Median<br>Salary | Max<br>Salary | Min<br>Salary | % EMPL<br>or<br>Cont'd | 2019<br>Seeking | 2019 No<br>Info |
|---|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Computational Biology                         | 21            | 2                      | 10%                     |                             | 15                    | 71%                   |                              | 8                    | \$ 77,500      | \$ 72,000        | \$120,000     | \$ 48,000     | 81%                    | 1               | 3               |
| Computer Science *                            | 52            | 5                      | 10%                     | MIT, CMU                    | 42                    | 81%                   | Google, Microsoft, Apple     | 23                   | \$ 130,104     | \$125,000        | \$170,000     | \$100,000     | 90%                    | 0               | 5               |
| Machine Learning *                            | 21            | 6                      | 29%                     | MIT, CMU                    | 14                    | 67%                   | NVIDIA, Amazon               | 8                    | \$ 132,125     | \$132,500        | \$155,000     | \$106,000     | 95%                    | 0               | 1               |
| Human-Computer Interaction                    | 67            | 1                      | 1%                      | СМИ                         | 62                    | 93%                   | Google, Samsung, Wayfair     | 34                   | \$ 111,059     | \$106,500        | \$170,000     | \$ 80,000     | 94%                    | 2               | 2               |
| Educational Techn. & Applied Learning Science | 27            | 3                      | 11%                     | CMU, U of Cal, U of<br>Wis. | 19                    | 70%                   | СМИ                          | 9                    | \$ 82,258      | \$ 75,000        | \$120,000     | \$ 60,000     | 81%                    | 2               | 3               |
| Robotics *                                    | 38            | 9                      | 24%                     | CMU, MIT                    | 22                    | 58%                   | CMU, Facebook, Nuro          | 9                    | \$ 120,111     | \$120,000        | \$160,000     | \$ 70,000     | 82%                    | 1               | 6               |
| Robotic System Development                    | 41            | 1                      | 2%                      | Stanford                    | 37                    | 90%                   | Cyngn, Blue River Technology | 20                   | \$ 128,450     | \$130,000        | \$160,000     | \$ 95,000     | 93%                    | 2               | 1               |
| Computer Vision                               | 25            | 2                      | 8%                      | CMU, Max Planck<br>Inst.    | 22                    | 88%                   | Google, Amazon, NVIDIA       | 11                   | \$ 137,909     | \$140,000        | \$170,000     | \$115,000     | 96%                    | 0               | 1               |
| Language Technologies *                       | 15            | 6                      | 40%                     | CMU, Johns Hopkins          | 9                     | 60%                   |                              | 5                    | \$ 113,800     | \$115,000        | \$141,000     | \$ 90,000     | 100%                   | 0               | 0               |
| Computational Data Science **                 | 62            | 1                      | 2%                      | Univ. of Minnesota          | 54                    | 87%                   | Google, Apple, Amazon        | 19                   | \$ 130,000     | \$130,000        | \$150,000     | \$110,000     | 89%                    | 0               | 7               |
| Intelligent Information Systems               | 23            | 1                      | 4%                      | СМИ                         | 20                    | 87%                   | Apple, Microsoft             | 12                   | \$ 135,085     | \$140,000        | \$160,000     | \$ 41,101     | 91%                    | 1               | 1               |
| Software Engineering                          | 13            | 0                      | 0%                      |                             | 13                    | 100%                  | Google                       | 11                   | \$ 127,668     | \$120,000        | \$162,000     | \$108,000     | 100%                   | 0               | 0               |
| Software Engineering - Scalable Systems       | 34            | 1                      | 3%                      |                             | 31                    | 91%                   | Google, Amazon               | 11                   | \$ 127,668     | \$120,000        | \$162,000     | \$108,000     | 94%                    | 1               | 0               |
| Software Engineering - Embedded Systems       | 8             | 0                      | 0%                      |                             | 4                     | 50%                   | Google, Amazon, Apple        | 0                    |                |                  |               |               | 50%                    | 1               | 3               |
| Information Techn. Strategy                   | 13            | 0                      | 0%                      |                             | 10                    | 77%                   | Google, Amazon               | 6                    | \$ 114,257     | \$120,000        | \$125,000     | \$100,800     | 77%                    | 0               | 3               |
| Information Techn., Privacy Engineering       | 8             | 0                      | 0%                      |                             | 6                     | 75%                   | Facebook, Amazon, NSA        | 4                    | \$ 108,500     | \$108,500        | \$125,000     | \$ 86,000     | 75%                    | 0               | 2               |
| School of Computer Science Master's Programs  | 413           | 35                     | 9%                      |                             | 334                   | 81%                   | Google, Amazon, Apple        | 171                  | \$ 123,079     | \$125,000        | \$170,000     | \$ 41,101     | 90%                    | 9               | 35              |

# Notes:

The above data and more are available in these programs' placement docs

Data for students graduating in August 2019, December 2019, or May 2019. No salary statistics are reported when fewer than 4 salaries are reported.

Cont'd Educ means some graduates continued in another educational program (Ph.D.). Seeking means still seeking a desired destination.

By popularity means in order of the destinations receiving the most students. Employers are only listed if they hired two or more students.

<sup>\*</sup> Students that obtained a Master's degree while enrolled in a PhD program are omitted.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Single program with multiple Majors: Master of Computational Data Science, majors in Analytics, Systems and Human-Centered (all Language Technologies Inst)
Data last updated July 31, 2020

# **Program Learning Outcomes**

### **Computational Biology (MSCB)**

Explain core concepts, theories, and experimental methods in Genomics, Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, and Systems Biology Identify and formulate the algorithmic, analytic, and modeling problems associated with a wide range of research and engineering Select, implement, justify, and apply computational methods to solve research and engineering problems in Biology Evaluate and interpret the results of computational analyses of biological data and simulations of biological systems Use professional and communication skills in order to be successful in the workplace

### **Automated Science - Biological Experimentation (MSAS)**

Explain core concepts and experimental methods used in scientific research

Explain and operate a range of automated scientific instruments

Explain, implement, use, and justify computational methods for statistical and causal modeling

Explain, implement, use, and justify algorithmic methods for experiment selection and design

Design, implement, and evaluate an automated system for performing scientific experiments

### **Computer Science (MSCS)**

Analyze and prove the properties of algorithms, software, and/or computing systems using the theoretical underpinnings of Computer Analyze, design, and construct software which contributes to large, multi-layered/multi-machine systems

Analyze, design, and construct software which employs intelligence and learning to solve complex, open-ended, and/or noisy real-world Within one or more sub-fields of Computer Science, select, implement, deploy, and/or develop viable solutions to current and emerging

### Machine Learning (MSML)

Predict which kinds of existing machine learning algorithms will be most suitable for which sorts of tasks, based on formal properties and Evaluate and analyze existing learning algorithms

Design and evaluate novel learning algorithms

Take real-world questions involving data and evaluate or develop appropriate methods to answer these questions Present technical material clearly, in spoken or written form

# **Human-Computer Interaction (MHCI)**

Collaborate on interdisciplinary teams to solve complex problems by applying human-centered research and design methods Synthesize new understandings of complex and/or wicked problems that lead to new, innovative ideas

Envision how emerging technologies such as natural language processing, machine learning, big data and the IoT can be integrated to Rapidly prototype designs by selecting methods and tools to depict the preferred state at appropriate fidelity and functionality that can be Evaluate responses to prototypes and select those that are likely to create strategic value by satisfying unmet and/or underserved Construct narratives that describe how HCI methods create business value and strategic significance

Communicate professionally within the context of an HCI team, with clients and all stakeholders

# **Educational Technology and Applied Learning Science (METALS)**

Select and use state-of-the-art technologies as appropriate for a given problem including Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Language Technologies, Intelligent Tutoring Systems, Educational Data Mining, and Tangible Interfaces

Design and implement innovative and effective educational solutions using advanced technologies

Evaluate and create evidenced based solutions to educational problems

Evaluate and create instructional designs using cognitive and social psychology principles of learning

Evaluate and improve instructional and assessment solutions using psychometric and educational data mining methods

Design educational solutions that are desirable as well as effective by employing interaction design skills and user experience methods

Develop continual improvement strategies that use cognitive task analysis, user experience methods, experiments, and educational data mining to reliably identify best practices and opportunities for change

### Product Management (MSPM)

Identify, refine, and understand target markets

Define requirements, features, form, and delivery method for digital products

Critically analyze user interface evaluation techniques, including low-cost evaluation methods as well as formal summative user tests Collect, organize, manipulate, and analyze data at scale to gain insights into products and services

Manage and work effectively with interdisciplinary product development teams to bring new products and services to market

#### **Robotics (MSR)**

Identify an open robotics-related research problem and describe the practical impact of solving it

Formulate an approach to address an open robotics research problem, and develop a solution that matches or exceeds the current state-of-Summarize and critique the state-of-art in a contemporary robotics research field through a review of the recent research literature. Thoughtfully and accurately depict research and collection experiences in a published written thesis and and a public oral presentation. Perception Core: Identify and select available perception sensors; apply algorithms for processing sensor data; adapt techniques from research literature to solve problems in robotics.

Cognition Core: Identify and apply common algorithms for artificial intelligence and machine learning; extend algoritms to address challenges in robot knowledge representation, task scheduling, and planning.

Action Core: Analyze physics or robotics systems, including actuators, mechanisms, and modes of locomotion; develop controllers to generate desired actions in robotic systems.

Math Foundations: Apply common tools in signal processing, optimal estimation, differential geometry, and operations research; synthesize multiple mathematical tools to address robotics research problems.

### **Robotic System Development (MRSD)**

Design, implement and evaluate robotic systems including mechanical, sensing/electronics, and programming/control components Apply systems engineering principles to the creation of robotic systems throughout their life cycle from design to deployment Apply business principles to robotic product development and strategic technology planning

Understand and apply fundamental robotics concepts in manipulation, mobility, control, computer vision, and autonomy Function and lead effectively in team settings to create robotic technologies responsive to market demand

Cogently and actionably communicate the results of robotic product development work in verbal and written form

# **Computer Vision (MSCV)**

Analyze and evaluate fundamental methods in computer vision, experiment with sensing, mathematically analyze image projection, estimate features, analyze multi-view geometry, reconstruct 3D geometry of scenes, adapt physics of surface reflection, infer the objects shape and movement, and reason about and classify types of scenes

Apply, analyze and evaluate mathematical concepts to computer vision problems - for instance, to apply, analyze, and evaluate methods for optimization, search, linear algebra, differential equations, functional approximation, calculus of variations on computer vision Apply and evaluate core concepts in machine learning. For instance, apply, adapt and evaluate Bayesian learning, the Minimum Description Length principle, the Gibbs classifier, Naïve Bayes classifier, Bayes Nets & Graphical Models, the EM algorithm, Hidden Markov Models, K-Nearest-Neighbors and non-parametric learning, Maximum Margin classifiers (SVM) and kernel based methods, bagging, boosting and Deep Learning, reason about the appropriate methods for particular computer vision applications

Analyze advanced techniques in computer vision related to representation and reasoning for large amounts of data (images, videos and associated tags, text, GPS locations etc.) toward the ultimate goal of image understanding. Analyze theories of perception, identify midlevel vision (grouping, segmentation) cues, discriminate objects and scenes, reason about objects and scenes in 3D, recognize and characterize actions, reason about objects in the context of their backgrounds, parse images into components, jointly study and analyze Deep analysis of advanced geometry and algebraic tools in computer vision such as affine and projective geometry, exterior algebras, fundamental matrix, trifocal tensors, and how to apply these tools for scene reconstruction tasks

Apply, adapt and analyze optical concepts of reflection, refraction, transmission, scattering, polarization, light fields and methods such as compressive sensing, computational imaging as applied to computer vision problems such as material understanding, geometry estimation

Read, understand, implement, analyze, evaluate and present advanced research papers in computer vision

Define and scope a capstone project and communicate with a external or internal customer and interact with customer and within a team over two semesters to implement, analyze, evaluate, iterate and present the project

### Language Technologies (MLT)

Interpret, select, and apply current theory, resources, and practice in language technology. This includes the application of computer technology to the analysis and/or production of human languages.

Read, analyze, criticize and suggest improvements on current research publications in language technologies

Identify and develop an approach to address an open research problem in language technologies. Develop, analyze and report a solution that improves on the state-of-art.

#### **Computational Data Science (MCDS)**

Design, implement and evaluate the use of analytic algorithms on sample datasets

Apply and customize systems techniques to application specific data science conditions and objectives

Identify tradeoffs among systems techniques and contrast alternatives, within the context of specific data science application domains Design, implement and evaluate a user experience prototype for a given user need

Explain how a machine learning model is applied and evaluated on real world datasets

Implement and evaluate complex, scalable data science systems, with emphasis on providing experimental evidence for design decisions

### **Intelligent Information Systems (MIIS)**

Design, implement and evaluate the use of analytic algorithms on unstructured and semi- structured information

Explain how a machine-learning model is applied and evaluated on real world datasets

Design, implement and evaluate a software system and machine-learning model on real world data sets at real world scale
Analyze Intelligent Information systems in different application domains and survey as well as critique state of the art solutions for the
Organize, execute, report on, and present a real world Intelligent Information systems in collaboration with other

### **Artificial Intelligence and Innovation (MSAII)**

Facility with a range of AI tools and implementation platforms

Appreciation for the dynamics of intrapreneurship and entrepreneurship

Ability to work in teams, including the skills of team organization and management and accommodating team diversity

Soft skills, such as speaking, presentation time management

Familiarity with the social and legal issues raised by the growth of AI

Ability to define, design and build an AI product

Hands-on implementation of a large-scale AI system for a commercial sponsor

### **Software Engineering (MSE)**

Select appropriate methods for organizing and executing a full life-cycle project including scoping, business and requirements analysis, system design and tradeoffs, principled architecture construction, implementation testing and quality assurance, and documentation Apply formal modeling, analysis techniques, and tools to software requirements, design, implementation and validation to ensure quality in the software systems produced.

Manage a complex software engineering project including gathering, analyzing, and prioritizing requirements from a real-world industrial Demonstrate leadership skills.in managing a software development team including meeting management, project planning and tracking, setting technical direction, communication with customers and project technical leads, and problem solving/remediation.

Communicate effectively with team members and external stakeholders by listening actively, organizing and reporting clearly, and presenting orally in a clear, convincing manner.

Make individual presentations and produce written documentation that effectively explains to relevant stakeholders the rationale behind requirements identification and prioritization, architectural design decisions, project management approaches, and implementation plans.

### Software Engineering - Scalable Systems (MSE-SS)

Select appropriate methods for organizing and executing a smaller, appropriately-scoped life-cycle project including scoping, business and requirements analysis, system design and tradeoffs, principled architecture construction, implementation testing and quality assurance, Apply formal modeling, analysis techniques, and tools to software requirements, design, implementation and validation to ensure quality in the software systems produced.

Manage an appropriately-scoped software engineering project including gathering, analyzing, and prioritizing requirements from a real-Show leadership capability in organizing a software development team including meeting management, project planning and tracking, informing technical direction, interaction with customers and project technical leads, and problem identification / corrective action. Communicate effectively with team members and external stakeholders by listening actively, organizing and reporting clearly, and presenting orally in a clear, convincing manner.

Make presentations and produce written documentation that effectively explains to relevant stakeholders the rationale behind requirements identification and prioritization, architectural design decisions, project management approaches, and implementation plans.

### Software Engineering - Embedded Systems (MSE-ES)

Produce embedded system designs to include: identifying suitable microcontrollers, peripheral hardware, operating systems, and utilize disciplined analysis techniques to perform engineering tradeoffs and determine the fitness of their designs.

Design software for embedded systems to include: selecting appropriate data structures and algorithms, software structures and patterns, to satisfy systemic functional and quality attribute requirements (e. g. safety, reliability, performance, etc.).

Design and develop embedded continuous and event driven control systems and software.

Select the appropriate development lifecycles and processes for an embedded systems project in a given organizational and business context, and manage small project development teams to include: developing project plans, tracking progress, and utilizing data driven Assure systems hardware and software quality with respect to functional correctness and key system qualities (e.g. safety, reliability, performance, and so forth) using disciplined testing, analysis, verification and validation methodologies and technologies.

Interact with customers to perform systems requirements engineering (elicitation, analysis, and change management) for an embedded

systems project in a given organizational and business context.

Create clear and concise technical and project documentation (e.g. requirements, design, planning, and so forth) and effectively communicate such information to managerial, customer, and technical stakeholders.

### Information Technology and Strategy (MITS)

Analyze, design, debug and implement large information systems that have security as a key systemic property.

Build, analyze, and apply computer learning algorithms to problems of data extraction from large data sets.

Reason about and apply basic principles of decision science to improve security decision making relevant to national and international Apply software architectural principles in the design and implementation of secure computer systems in light of the emerging realm of

### Information Technology - Privacy Engineering (MSIT-PE)

Design cutting-edge products and services that leverage big data while preserving privacy

Propose and evaluate solutions to mitigate privacy risks

Explain how privacy-enhancing technologies can be used to reduce privacy risks

Use techniques to aggregate and de-identify data, and understand the limits of de-identification

Explain, compare and contrast current privacy regulatory and self-regulatory frameworks

Explain and reason about current technology-related privacy issues

Assess privacy-related risk and compliance, devise privacy incident responses, and integrate privacy into the software engineering lifecycle Evaluate the usability and user acceptance of privacy-related features and processes

Act as an effective privacy subject-matter expert, working with interdisciplinary teams