



SOCIAL COMPUTING

Social computing is the study of how people use technology to connect, communicate, and collaborate—and how those technologies can be designed to better support human needs. From social media platforms and online communities to shared documents and AI-powered recommendation systems, social computing focuses on creating systems that are intuitive, inclusive, and responsive to the ways we live and interact. As artificial intelligence becomes more present in our daily lives, social computing helps ensure that these systems understand and respect the complexities of human behavior, values, and relationships. Because it's centered on real people and their goals, social computing has applications across many fields—from healthcare and education to business, journalism, and public policy—making it an essential area of study for anyone who wants to use technology to solve meaningful, human-centered problems.

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COHORT-BASED LEARNING The program's cohort-based model allows students to take Social Computing courses with the same group of students. This learning model offers students opportunities to form connections with others and receive support from peers.

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY During the 2023-2024 academic year, approximately 40 percent of our student population identified as female, which is nearly twice as many female students compared to the estimated national average of computer science bachelor degree earners (National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, 2021).

CAREERS IN SOCIAL COMPUTING

AI
ARCHITECTURE

APP
DEVELOPMENT
& WEB DESIGN

APPLIED
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SCIENCE

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SOCIAL COMPUTING MAJOR - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

FIRST YEAR-SEMESTER #1		FIRST YEAR-SEMESTER #2		UNIVERSITY CORE	
NLP 105 Practical AI & Comps I	3	NLP 125 Practical AI & Comps II	3	COMMON GOOD	
NLP 106 Introduction to Research: Understanding Stakeholder I	3	NLP 126 Introduction to Research: Understanding Stakeholder II	3	CORE 115 Common Ground	Code COR
COM 100/ENG 101	3	COM 100/ ENG 101	3	Justice & the Common Good	Code JCG
CORE 115 Common Ground	3	SOC 103 Our Social World	3	Ethics	Code CE
Course for second major	3	Course for second major	3	Experiential Learning	Code EXP
				Core Capstone	Code CCP
SECOND YEAR-SEMESTER #1		SECOND YEAR-SEMESTER #2		HUMANITIES	
NLP 120 Python Programming I	3	NLP 221 Python Programming II	3	Speech (COM 100)	Code C
Math requirement#	3	Course for second major	3	Writing (ENG 101)	Code C
Course for second major	3	Course for second major	3	Literature (ENG)	Code CL
Core requirement	3	Core requirement	3	Art or Music	Code CAM
Core requirement	3	Core requirement	3	History	Code CH
CED 220^ Found. of Professional	1			Religious Studies	Code CR
				Philosophy	Code CP
THIRD YEAR-SEMESTER #1		THIRD YEAR-SEMESTER #2		SCIENCES	
NLP 230 Databases & Data I	3	NLP 250 Web Design & Develop I	3	Biology/Chemistry/Physics + Lab	Code CN
Core science requirement	4	Course for second major	3	Mathematics	Code CMA
Course for second major	3	Course for second major	3	SOC 103 Our Social World	Code CS
Course for second major	3	Core requirement	3	Choose one discipline:	
Course for second major	3	Core requirement	3	ECO 212 Microeconomics	Code CEP
				PSY 103 Psychology	Code CEP
FOURTH YEAR-SEMESTER #1		FOURTH YEAR-SEMESTER #2		NOTES	
NLP 350 Applied Social Comp.	3	Core Capstone	3	^CED 220 required for cooperative education option 120 credit hours minimum needed to graduate	
Course for second major	3	Course for second major	3	#Math requirement if needed for other major and if students are interested in taking Calculus I, students must either take Precalculus (MTH 187) or test out of the course prior to taking Calculus I	
Course for second major	3	Course for second major	3	NLP courses other than NLP 105, NLP 106, NLP 125, and NLP 126 may be substituted for more advanced courses with permission.	
Core requirement	3	Core requirement	3	Social computing is a double major program, designed to infuse technology with another area of study, such as business, art, communication, education or health. Students pursuing social computing must double major in another available bachelor's degree in order to earn a social computing degree. Many double degree plans do require only four years; students should consult the computer science department for advising to map out their time at the Mount.	
Core requirement	3	Core requirement	3	**Curriculum Guide does not replace advising by a faculty member within the Computing department**	

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