

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science Admission to the Major

To enter the Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science, a student must be admitted to the UNLV Graduate College. One can visit the web page of UNLV Graduate College (www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege) for Graduate College admission requirements, application and deadlines.

Applicants for admission to the Ph.D. program in computer science must meet the following:

1. A GPA of 3.70 (on a 4.00 scale) or higher in post-baccalaureate course work is required for admission. Students entering with a bachelor's degree must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the courses at the 200-level or above.
2. Students are expected to have a master's degree in computer science before applying to the Ph.D. program. On rare occasions, an unusually capable student may be admitted to work directly for the Ph.D. degree without having a master's degree.
3. At least three letters of recommendation (preferably from academic sources) attesting to the applicant's professional competence and academic potential are required.
4. A personal statement of purpose, which should be as specific as possible and should include the applicant's objectives and area(s) of interest, is required.
5. A minimum score of 315 on the general test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required. Official score reports from the last five years are acceptable.
6. All domestic and international applicants must review and follow the [Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements](#).

Students are accepted into a degree program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.