

Department of Computer Science

Spring 2021 Undergraduate Registration Guide

For UNC's general registration and enrollment FAQs visit:

<https://registrar.unc.edu/guide/registration-tasks/registration-faqs/>

[Recording of Computer Science Spring 2021 Registration Workshop \(11/2/2020\)](#)

UNC Computer Science Department Undergraduate Registration Info/FAQs below:

Pre-registration for upper division COMP courses

Students currently enrolled in or having already completed COMP 311 or COMP 411 that have not completed the major requirements will be invited to pre-register for up to two (2) upper division COMP courses in **advance** of the normal registration period. The department will be reaching out directly to eligible students. Invitations will be sent out at the end of the day on Friday, Nov. 6th. Please check your email for this invitation. Invited students will be asked to fill out a form to provide a rank ordered list of desired courses. The deadline for turning in this form will be Wednesday, Nov. 18th. The results of preregistration will be communicated to students on Friday, Nov. 20th. We will block enroll students into their preferred classes at that time.

If you were **NOT** invited to pre-register, it may be due to one of the following reasons:

- You are not a declared Computer Science major (either BA or BS)
- You have already completed the upper division requirements for the major

Other Registration Questions / Concerns

For other registration questions or direct actions authorized by instructors or the director of undergraduate studies, please email: registration@cs.unc.edu

IMPORTANT: Registration actions (other than pre-registration) can not occur before your appointed registration period begins. Please wait until after that time before making requests.

This email is monitored throughout the business day by our student services managers. All emails are responded to within 1 business day. Please review the procedures of how to submit your email at <https://cs.unc.edu/files/2020/03/Student-Registration-update-3-18-20.pdf>

I took COMP 116 and would now like to take COMP 210 in order to major or minor in computer science. How can I satisfy the COMP 110 prerequisite for COMP 210?

Please fill out the form linked below to indicate your interest in substituting COMP 116 for COMP 110 as the COMP 210 prerequisite. We may require such students to take a COMP 110 placement exam or to

have achieved a minimum course grade in COMP 116. Demand for COMP 210 by students who do have the COMP 110 prerequisite may also affect our capacity to accept COMP 116 students into COMP 210.

<https://forms.gle/xpvf5EkF93dJSJ6GA>

Why am I unable to enroll in COMP courses higher than 420 for Spring 2021?

If you are not a Computer Science major or minor you will not be able to enroll in any course higher than COMP 420 until they have been released to non-majors after the normal registration period is open for all students (Thursday, December 10th). These courses have been reserved for declared Computer Science majors and minors only until then.

What is the "2 before 3" rule that I'm hearing about?

Starting in Spring 2021, the department will be controlling registration to courses numbered higher than 420 in order to ensure that all computer science majors get a chance to register for 2 courses before any student is able to register for a third or more (see the information above about pre-registration). This does NOT mean that you can not take more than 2 COMP courses ≥ 420 , just that you won't be able to register for a third or more until everyone has a chance to register for two. Depending on the popularity of a course and the total number of course offerings, this may mean that few options for a third or more course will be available.

I'm just starting the major, which course should I take?

If you are just starting out in the major, you should take COMP 210 along with its co/prerequisite COMP 283 or MATH 381. COMP 283 requires MATH 231 as a prerequisite, while MATH 381 requires MATH 232 as a prerequisite. While either course will do, if you are trying to decide between the two, we generally advise computer science majors to take COMP 283 as the material is covered in a more computer science focussed manner.

Can you explain the new introductory sequence for the major?

In short, the new introductory sequence will be COMP 210, COMP 211, COMP 301, and COMP 311. Please see the following page on the department website for more complete information:

<https://cs.unc.edu/academics/undergraduate/proposed-new-introductory-sequence-starting-fall-2020/>

How can I get Tar Heel Tracker to recognize more than one COMP 590 as counting for my degree requirements?

The restriction on only counting one COMP 590 was lifted a while ago, but if you declared your major before the change, Tar Heel Tracker will not recognize multiple COMP 590s correctly as counting toward the major. You can fix this either by asking for a Tar Heel Tracker adjustment or by going to general advising and updating the version of the major that you are associated with. Either solution will work. We have developed one centralized process to receive Tar Heel Tracker requests. Please visit information below: https://cs.unc.edu/files/2020/04/Tarheel-Tracker-Document-for-CS-Website-4-1-20_2.pdf

How can I get COMP 293 credit for my summer internship?

See the information here: <https://cs.unc.edu/academics/undergraduate/learning-contracts/>

You will need to fill out the COMP 293 form with details about the internship and submit it to the college's online learning contract manager (link on the page above). The form asks for contact information and a signature from someone at the company where you are interning. If that information is not available to you, or if the company has a policy of not signing documents like these, go ahead and submit the form as best you can. You will, however, eventually be required to have someone at the company confirm that you started the internship approximately 2 weeks into the experience, confirm the technical nature of the experience, and to attest that you completed the internship at the end of the experience.

Other Important Registration Dates to Note

[Please refer to the Registrar's Academic Calendar for a more detailed listing of Spring 2021 registration dates.](#)