Graduation with Distinction: Computer Science (COMPSCI)

Procedure for selection of students
Computer science majors with a 3.0 GPA in COMPSCI courses above 100 are eligible to apply. Students should submit an application form to the director of undergraduate studies. It must include a written statement outlining the student's research plan/project and the signature of the student's faculty advisor to the project.

Expected product
Candidates must complete a project, representing at least one year's work and including at least one independent study, under the guidance of a faculty member in Computer Science who oversees and endorses the project. Students are expected to submit a paper summarizing their work.

Evaluative body
A committee of three faculty members, at least two of whom are normally drawn from the Computer Science department, although for interdisciplinary projects this restriction can be relaxed.

Evaluative procedure
The project represents a significant intellectual endeavor of near-publishable quality. The candidate must present and defend the project before the evaluation committee, similar to a master's defense.

Levels of distinction
Three levels: Distinction, High Distinction, and Highest Distinction. Graduation with High or Highest Distinction is awarded at the discretion of the evaluation committee in consultation with the director of undergraduate studies, typically for projects that are of publishable quality. Candidates for High or Highest Distinction are expected to have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in those courses related to the area of research; these courses must include at least one course at the 200-level.

See Also:
- Department of Computer Science
- Application Form
- Graduation with Distinction