

## Adding CS Minor and Selecting Courses for it.

Students can add (declare) up to two Options/Minors in a subject **other than their Major** any time, either before or after they start taking Minor/Option courses. You are recommended to add (declare) your CS minor after you have taken [CP104](#). No prior programming experience is required to take CP104: [more info](#).

To add/declare a Computer Science Minor, students do not need a Computer Science advisor's pre-approval or permission. Normally, you will not need your Department/Program advisor permission, either. To add a Minor, fill in '**Program Selection Form: Science, Education, Music and Lazaridis School**' that will be available on page [Changing Undergraduate Programs](#).

For help with the 'Program Selection Form' and with the process of adding (declaring) Minor, please contact [ServiceLaurier@wlu.ca](mailto:ServiceLaurier@wlu.ca) directly. If the 'Program Selection Form' is presently not available for submission, either wait until it re-opens or contact [ServiceLaurier@wlu.ca](mailto:ServiceLaurier@wlu.ca) for availability dates.

Once your Minor has been added, it will reflect on your [mydegree.wlu.ca](http://mydegree.wlu.ca). Subsequently, on [mydegree.wlu.ca](http://mydegree.wlu.ca), you will also see your Minor progress and whether or not you have completed the Minor's requirements.

Please review the CS Minor course [requirements](#). You should begin with [CP104](#). Recommended are 1.5 senior CP credits: [CP202](#), [CP212](#), [CP363](#), or for more programming, [CP264](#).

**Important:** if you have taken courses at another university, **no more than 1.0 transfer credit will count towards the minor** (according to [Academic Regulations](#)).

You can take as few as one or zero Minor courses per term. You just need to complete the Minor course requirements before you finish your Program/Major.

To see CS courses offered in a given term: go to [Browse Classes](#) > Select a Term > Type in "Computer Science" and scroll down. You will find detailed real-time course information, including [Prerequisites](#) and [Restrictions](#), as well as course instructor name and email address. For course-specific information, please contact the course instructor directly.

If a Computer Science course does not show up in [Browse Classes](#), and for course availability inquiries, contact Adm. Assistant [pcs@wlu.ca](mailto:pcs@wlu.ca).

**Note:** It's your responsibility to find course offerings for a given term, noting prerequisites and adding courses. Read [Registration for courses with multiple lecture/lab/tutorial sections](#).

**Note:** Brantford students are usually not eligible for the CS minor due to campus restrictions. For campus restrictions information, contact [ScienceAdvising@wlu.ca](mailto:ScienceAdvising@wlu.ca).

For contacting the Computer Science Academic Advisor, please use this [web form](#). However, time overrides are **not permitted**, and such requests will not be considered, without exception.

### **The following only applies to students who have taken Computer Science courses at university of Waterloo:**

If you have previously taken UW CS courses listed below, they will substitute for the respective CS courses at Laurier. Such a substitution is called "course exclusion".

However, your course exclusions will not happen automatically, so you will need to include your course exclusion request along with your 'Program Selection Form', in the 'Comments' section at the bottom of the form. For example, if you have taken UW-CS135 and UW-CS136, you will write:  
"Requesting course exclusions: UW-CS135 => CP104 and UW-CS136 => CP164".

UW to Laurier course exclusions, approved for [Computer Science Minor](#):

\* CS116 or CS135 => [CP104](#).

\* CS136 or CS234 => [CP164](#).

\* CS240 => [CP264](#).

\* CS246 => [CP213](#) (permitted for CS minor, but not for CS major).

\* CS251 => [CP216](#).

**Note:** UW CS115 is not equivalent to either [CP104](#) or [CP164](#).

**Note:** If you see on your [Mydegree.wlu.ca](#) that the CS minor has been added, but do not see your course exclusions, contact [ServiceLaurier@wlu.ca](mailto:ServiceLaurier@wlu.ca) and [TransferCredit@wlu.ca](mailto:TransferCredit@wlu.ca). It will however take time to transfer credits from UW.

**Note:** If you have previously added the CS minor, but not requested the course exclusions, you can do so by emailing [ServiceLaurier@wlu.ca](mailto:ServiceLaurier@wlu.ca) and [TransferCredit@wlu.ca](mailto:TransferCredit@wlu.ca)

**Note:** You should request a course exclusion for every UW CS course you have taken from the above list even though only 1.0 transfer credit will count towards the minor (according to [Academic Regulations](#)).

The most important course exclusions will be for the following two courses: [CP104](#) and [CP164](#). Nevertheless, the other course exclusions (**whether** counted towards your minor or not) would satisfy prerequisites for other Laurier CS courses you will take.