

## Worksheet Instructions for CS and Physics Majors (including combined majors).

Prepared by the Computer Science and Physics Department, Department Worksheet lets you verify what courses you need to take for your degree program and, thus, verify that you have satisfied the course requirements for the program. **Worksheet has empty fields and checkmarks for 40 courses (except the double-degree BBA/CS). So every student can himself/herself verify that the forty courses he/she has completed (or plan to compete) will satisfy the degree requirements.** This is how you will exactly know how many and which courses remain to complete – simply by counting empty fields. Pay special attention to the limit on 100-level courses described in (6.1) and (6.2) below.

**Note:** Coincidentally (and adding to confusion), your [Mydegree](#) website also uses word "Worksheet", which refers to a completely different document. You must use the Department Worksheet from [MyLS Computer Science](#) and [MyLS Physics](#) => 'Content' (which is **not** the one from your [Mydegree](#) website).

If you fill out **all** worksheet fields with courses as instructed, those courses will satisfy the course requirements of the program irrespective of what your Mydegree shows. So, to graduate, you will need to complete just those courses. In case of discrepancy between the worksheet and Mydegree requirements, the worksheet requirements shall prevail.

If, after filling out the worksheet, you still have questions, send the worksheet to the Advisor along with your questions.

**If you do not scrupulously follow every step below, the Computer Science and Physics Academic Advisor will not be able to reply and help you.**

1. You **must** check the **actual 'Academic Calendar Year'** shown for your major on [mydegree.wlu.ca](#) (see [screenshot](#)).

2. If you are 'BSc Computer Science' and your Academic Calendar Year is '2019' and **earlier**, use 'CS\_BSc\_2015to2019.pdf'. If '2020' and **later**, use 'CS\_BSc\_2020to2023.pdf'. For your convenience, the Advisor uploaded to Google drive worksheets: [CS\\_BSc\\_2015to2019.pdf](#) and [CS\\_BSc\\_2020to2023.pdf](#)

For other programs, you download worksheets from [MyLS Computer Science](#) or [MyLS Physics](#) => 'Content'. If the worksheet for your Program and Academic Calendar Year is not available for download, you must contact CS and Physics Adm. Assistant [pcs@wlu.ca](mailto:pcs@wlu.ca).

3. In the worksheet, you check-mark /write the courses you have taken as well as the courses in progress (see [mydegree.wlu.ca](#)). **A course should appear on the worksheet only once.** For example, you may **not** fill out one and the same course in both: 'Electives' and 'Discipline outside Faculty of Science'.

If you take senior CP courses beyond the required for the Computer Science major, the excess CP courses will count as electives. In such a case, you can put the excess CP courses in the "Electives" portion of the worksheet. However, you may not put out one and the same course in both: 'Electives' and elsewhere on the worksheet.

4. If you have a Minor or Option, the courses you have taken for the Minor or Option are counted as 'electives' for your Major.

5. If you have a transfer credit or an approved course substitution, write it down next to its equivalent Laurier course. Your transfer credit(s) and course substitution(s) will be listed as "**Satisfied by <transfer course number>**" on [mydegree.wlu.ca](#), for example: [screenshot](#). If there is no Laurier equivalent for a transfer credit, you get so-called 'MISC' ('miscellaneous', i.e. non-specified) credit in the respective discipline.

**6.1** You **must** count the credits for **all** 100-level (also known as 'junior' or Year-1) courses on your worksheet. That includes program-required courses, electives and credits transferred from other universities and colleges. If the year-level for a transfer course is not explicitly given (such as, for example, 'CP-MISC'), it will count **as a Year-1** credit.

**6.2** For a single-degree, single-major BSc Computer Science as well as BSc Physics, there is a **limit on the number of junior (100-level) courses** which count towards your major. All junior courses, both: required and electives, are included in the count. If you have **junior transfer credits from other universities, they are also included in the count.**

The junior limit is 6.0 credits for Honours BSc Computer Science; 6.0 for Honours BSc Computer Science and Physics; and 7.0 for Honours BSc Physics. For more info, read [Limit on 100-level courses](#).

7. CS and Physics Advisor will not accept inquiries such as "whether or not you can complete certain courses within the next 6 (12 or 24) months and/or graduate this/next Spring (Fall or Winter)". It's your responsibility to watch dates and [courses availability for a given term](#). For questions about application to graduate and its timeline, contact [ServiceLaurier@wlu.ca](mailto:ServiceLaurier@wlu.ca)

8. For a single-degree, single-major BSc Computer Science as well as BSc Physics, the minimum GPA to graduate is 5.0 in the major and 5.0 overall. If you need help with your GPA calculation, contact [ServiceLaurier@wlu.ca](mailto:ServiceLaurier@wlu.ca). CS and Physics Advisor will not accept inquiries about GPA calculation.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

> **Q1: When will I be able to graduate/complete my program?**

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As soon as you complete the course requirements for your program, which means all the voids/banks in your worksheet will be filled in with the courses.

> **Q2: How many electives I need to take?**

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