Mellon College of Science

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The Mellon College of Science (MCS) has provided the undergraduate training for many of today's leading scientists. We have earned national recognition for our integration of undergraduate education and research from such organizations as the National Science Foundation, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and the Beckman Foundation. MCS students gain a broad education in science, mathematics, and the liberal arts while using state-of-the-art computational approaches in their courses, laboratories, and research activities. Our faculty members are committed to teaching as well as to a wide range of scientific research. This combined emphasis on education and research brings special benefits to students, including increased awareness of current scientific developments that are incorporated in classroom instruction, and, most importantly, opportunities to participate with faculty, graduate students, and other research scientists in a variety of research projects.

In the context of rigorous training in each field, the MCS curriculum emphasizes problem-solving, communication, and analytical skills, and it teaches our students the value of hard work and discipline. Our students go on to highly successful careers in a broad range of fields like astrophysics, biotechnology, computer science, business management, environmental science, health care policy, investment banking, marketing analysis, medicine, patent law, and pharmaceuticals. Our alumni credit their education in science for preparing them for a lifetime of learning and achievement; their employers attest to their ability to succeed and to continue learning in an ever-changing world.

The MCS Departments of Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Mathematical Sciences, and Physics each outline their degree programs and courses in the departmental sections. Students select their major in the spring of the first year so that the sophomore year begins with a focus within a department. Most of the courses required within a major are scheduled in the sophomore year so that the sophomore year begins with a focus within a department. Most of the courses required within a major are scheduled in the sophomore year so that the sophomore year begins with a focus within a department. Most of the courses required within a major are scheduled in the sophomore year so that the sophomore year begins with a focus within a department. Most of the courses required within a major are scheduled in the sophomore year so that the sophomore year begins with a focus within a department.

1. Recognize and explain the importance of at least one current research topic in a STEM field outside of their major.
2. Engage in recursive, reflective processes to assess their own levels of physical, emotional, and social wellness and then to choose activities that promote these aspects of wellness.
3. Recognize ethical issues and appreciate the complexities of interrelationships among them, and the use of information in ethical and legal manners.
4. Articulate how one’s own developing skills in science and technology can be increasingly used in constructive community service or engagement that recognizes the potential impact on local and global issues, including environmental impact and sustainability.

Tailoring Your Education

The Mellon College of Science offers students tremendous opportunity for tailoring their education to meet individual professional objectives. Whether you target your degree to a particular field in your discipline via departmental options and concentrations, add a secondary major, minor, or degree to your primary degree program, participate in honors programs, or pursue a master’s degree along with your bachelor’s degree, MCS has much to offer you. Many of these opportunities are outlined below.

Departmental Concentrations

Each department in MCS offers degrees and programs that allow students to explore particular fields within a science discipline. These are outlined below — see the departmental sections for further details.

Biological Sciences

- Biochemistry
- Biophysics
Interdisciplinary Majors and Minors

As an MCS student, you can pursue additional majors and minors to complement your primary degree, not only within the science college, but also through the other colleges at Carnegie Mellon. Carnegie Mellon offers many exciting interdisciplinary majors and minors, some of which are listed below. In addition, every college and most departments have designed minors or second majors in their discipline so that you can gain expertise in their fields as well.

Some students choose to gain this expertise by following a double degree program. This results in two distinct bachelor’s degrees. Please see the section on Undergraduate Academic Regulations for a more formal definition of these "Multiple Degree" programs.

University Student-Defined Majors

With a well-thought proposal, you may be able to pursue a major you have designed to meet your particular interests and goals. Please see the catalog section on Student-Defined Majors (http://coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu/aboutcmu/undergraduateoptions/#studentdefinedmajortext).

General Education Requirements

Students pursuing any MCS bachelor’s degree will fulfill the 15 Core Education outcomes through their primary MCS major and by completing the following technical and nontechnical breadth requirements prior to graduation.

Technical Breadth Requirements

As a 21st Century practicing scientist or mathematician, our graduates will work with others from a variety of technical backgrounds. Therefore, all of our students will be broadly trained within the technical fields of science and math. Students will fulfill this training by completing four (4) technical courses in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics (STEM) fields at Carnegie Mellon University. A student must take at least 9 units, outside of their primary major department, from each of four categories listed below. These may include prerequisite courses or courses required by their major Department but must be outside their home Department. AP/IB/Cambridge credit may not be used to fulfill these requirements. At least three of these courses must be taken in their first year. The categories are:

A. Life Sciences
(Refer to your specific department for how this category should be fulfilled. Some courses have prerequisites that can be satisfied by AP, IB, Cambridge A Level Exams. Please check the prerequisites requirements as necessary.)

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B. Physical Sciences
(Refer to your specific department for how this category should be fulfilled. Some courses have prerequisites that can be satisfied by AP, IB, Cambridge A Level Exams. Please check the prerequisites requirements as necessary.)

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Minors, Double Majors, and Double Degrees

Here is a sampling of just a few of the interdisciplinary minors and majors offered at Carnegie Mellon (not all are in MCS). Please see the appropriate sections elsewhere in this catalog for specific descriptions and course requirements.

- Cell Biology
- Computational Biology
- Developmental Biology
- Genetics
- Molecular Biology
- Neuroscience

Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Biological Chemistry
- Colloids, Polymers, and Surfaces
- Computational Chemistry
- Environmental Chemistry
- Management
- Material Chemistry
- Polymer Science

Mathematical Sciences
- Computational and Applied Mathematics
- Computational Finance
- Discrete Mathematics and Logic
- Mathematics
- Operations Research
- Statistics

Physics
- Applied Physics
- Astrophysics
- Biological Physics
- Chemical Physics
- Computational Physics

For a complete list of the minors offered at Carnegie Mellon, please go to Undergraduate Options (http://coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu/aboutcmu/undergraduateoptions/#minorstext).
C. Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science
(Refer to your specific department for how this category should be fulfilled. Some courses have prerequisites that can be satisfied by AP, IB, Cambridge A Level Exams. Please check the prerequisites requirements as necessary.)

MATH, STATS, and CS
02-201 Programming for Scientists 10
21-120 Differential and Integral Calculus 10
21-122 Integration and Approximation 10
21-124 Calculus II for Biologists and Chemists 10
21-127 Concepts of Mathematics 10
21-128 Mathematical Concepts and Proofs 12
21-228 Discrete Mathematics 9
21-241 Matrices and Linear Transformations 10
or 21-240 Matrix Algebra with Applications 12
or 21-242 Matrix Theory 6
21-259 Calculus in Three Dimensions 9
or 21-268 Multidimensional Calculus 9
or 21-269 Vector Analysis 9
21-260 Differential Equations 9
or 21-261 Introduction to Ordinary Differential Equations 10
36-200 Reasoning with Data 9
36-202 Methods for Statistics & Data Science 9
36-217 Probability Theory and Random Processes 9
36-220 Engineering Statistics and Quality Control 9
36-225 Introduction to Probability Theory 9
36-247 Statistics for Lab Sciences 9
36-309 Experimental Design for Behavioral & Social Sciences 9
15-110 Principles of Computing 10
15-112 Fundamentals of Programming and Computer Science 12
15-122 Principles of Imperative Computation 10
15-150 Principles of Functional Programming 10
15-251 Great Ideas in Theoretical Computer Science 12

D. STEM Course
• All of the above courses
• Any introductory engineering course from CIT
• A STEM course approved by an MCS advisor

Technical Breadth-Departmental Requirements
Some of the majors in MCS require certain courses from the technical breadth requirement that are necessary for either prerequisite knowledge in the major or scientific breadth. For each of the four majors in MCS the Technical Breadth Requirement is completed as follows. If these requirements are met by AP/IB/Cambridge A Level Exams, students can choose any course from the categories to fulfill the Technical Breadth Requirement.

D. STEM Course

Biological Sciences
1. Life Sciences: any courses in this category except for the 03-XXX courses
2. Physical Sciences: 09-105, 09-106, 33-121 and 33-122
3. Math/CS/Stats: 21-120 and (21-122 or 21-124)
4. STEM Elective: will be filled by courses above or any STEM course from the approved list.
elective units may be filled by transfer credit (with prior approval through AP/IB/Cambridge exam credit. Up to 36 units of these nontechnical courses totaling at least 36 units in the College of Fine Arts, the Tepper School of Business, and/or the Dietrich College for Humanities and Social Sciences. A maximum of 18 units of these units may be fulfilled via AP/IB/Cambridge exam credit. Up to 36 units of these nontechnical elective units may be filled by transfer credit (with prior approval through the MCS transfer credit process). Courses counted toward the Cultural/Global Understanding requirement and the First-Year Writing requirement do not count toward this requirement.

Note: Check our web site for courses from DC, CFA, and Tepper that may NOT be used (http://www.cmu.edu/mcs/undergrad/advising/hss-finearts/deletions.html) to satisfy this requirement because they are too technical in nature, plus a list of courses in other colleges (including SCS, CIT, and Heinz College) that do satisfy (http://www.cmu.edu/mcs/undergrad/advising/hss-finearts/additions.html) this requirement.

The following requirements apply to all MCS bachelor’s degrees:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 360 units.
2. The four courses required for the Technical Breadth category can be completed at Carnegie Mellon or via transfer credit.
3. AP/IB/Cambridge exam credit cannot be used to fulfill the Cultural/Global Requirement. Cultural and global understanding courses that are taken while studying abroad can be used to satisfy this requirement. In addition, transfer courses will also be considered for this category. For the Nontechnical Electives requirement, students must complete a minimum of four courses totaling at least 36 units with a maximum of 18 units from AP/IB/Cambridge exam credit. In addition, transfer courses will also be considered for this category.

Honors Degree Programs in MCS

Several of the departments in MCS offer students an opportunity to participate in a departmental honors degree program. Some of these programs result in a master’s degree along with the bachelor’s degree (see next section on accelerated master’s programs). These programs are listed below; see the department’s section of the catalog for more details.

- Honors Program in Research Biology
- Departmental Honors in Chemistry
- Honors B.S./M.S. Program in Chemistry
- Honors B.S./M.S. Program in Mathematical Sciences

Accelerated Master’s Programs

Carnegie Mellon offers some accelerated master’s programs for motivated students, whereby students complete both the bachelor’s and the master’s degree in four or five years. Some programs are in the student’s home department in MCS as part of an honors program, while others are offered through one of our graduate schools at Carnegie Mellon. Below is a listing of the programs currently available to MCS students; please see the appropriate sections of the catalog for more details.

- Honors B.S./M.S. Program in Chemistry
- Honors B.S./M.S. Program in Mathematical Sciences
- Accelerated Master’s Program in the Heinz College

Study Abroad

There are many programs for studying abroad, usually during your junior year. Please see the catalog section on Undergraduate Options for more details, and talk with the Office of International Education to get information and advice specifically for you.

Pre-Professional Programs

Many students in the Mellon College of Science decide to pursue professional training such as medical school or law school after completing their undergraduate work. Carnegie Mellon offers strong advising services to support these students. Through these programs, students get help with everything from course selection to identification of important experiential opportunities to the application process itself.

Health Professions Program
Faculty Contact: Jason D’Antonio

Please see the Undergraduate Options (http://coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu/aboutcmu/undergraduateoptions/#healthprofext) section for details on the Health Professions Program.

Pre-Law Advising Program
Faculty Contact: Joseph Devine
Mellon College of Science

Please see the Undergraduate Options (http://coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu/aboutcmu/undergraduateoptions/#prelawtext) section for details on the Pre-Law Advising Program.

Intercollege Programs

Bachelor of Science and Arts Degree Program (BSA)

Students in the Bachelor of Science and Arts Degree Program (http://coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu/servicesandadoptions/intercollegeprograms/bxaintercollege/html) are jointly admitted to MCS and the College of Fine Arts (CFA). This is a degree program for students who are naturally gifted in both the arts and the sciences, and allows for the combining of talents in these areas.

Science and Humanities Scholars Program (SHS)

Students who entered Carnegie Mellon prior to the fall of 2018 are eligible for this program and should see their entering year catalog (http://coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu/previous/) for more information and the SHS general education requirements.

Applying Your Education Through Research

An important feature of education in MCS is the opportunity for undergraduate research experience. This experience may be arranged as a course taken for credit or occasionally as a part-time job. Our website (http://coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu/schools-colleges/melloncollegeofscience/www.cmu.edu/mcs/) offers a range of useful information including links to faculty research areas, links to undergraduate research programs at other institutions, and ideas on how to get involved. Because of the strong research base of MCS, undergraduate research positions offer an exciting opportunity to apply your theoretical training to participate in the discovery of new knowledge.

Students can earn MCS Research Honors for significant research accomplishments; see the policy outlined below for the requirements.

Mellon College of Science Research Honors

Undergraduates in the Mellon College of Science will be awarded MCS College Honors at the completion of their degree if they have met one of these requirements:

1. Successfully completed the Honors BS/MS program in the Department of Chemistry or Department of Mathematical Sciences.
2. Successfully completed the departmental honors program in the Department of Biological Sciences or the Department of Chemistry.
3. Earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.20 (by their seventh semester or by the time of graduation) and carried out significant research. Typically, this would consist of an academic project carried out for at least two semesters. However, a single project that spans a summer and a semester or that the research mentor deems to be significant and sustained, even if the student worked for pay rather than credit, will be allowed. In addition, some form of public dissemination of this research, which has been approved by the MCS Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs, such as a peer reviewed publication, research thesis, or presentation at an external scientific meeting is required. The Meeting of the Minds by itself is not sufficient and participation in a pre-approved judged competition (e.g. Sigma Xi, Math Department competition, or Psychology department competition) is necessary.

Final approval of nominations for MCS Honors will come from the Dean of MCS and the MCS Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs.

Research Centers

The Mellon College of Science is home to a number of innovative research centers. These centers are particularly strong because of the interdisciplinary collaboration of their scientists. This interdisciplinary research brings international prestige to the college. Many students conduct undergraduate research with one of these centers.

The Bruce and Astrid McWilliams Center for Cosmology joins research efforts in astrophysics and particle physics and partners with computer science, statistics, and other disciplines to unravel the mysteries of the universe.

The Center of Atmospheric Particle Study’s goal is to be the world leader in science, engineering, and policy covering the full role of fine particulate matter in the atmosphere. Our goal in research is to advance the state of knowledge across this spectrum substantially, to provide both policy-relevant research, and to participate directly and actively in the evolution of environmental policy related to particulate matter.

The Center for Computational Finance’s mission is to improve the interaction between academic research and the finance industry.

The Center for Macromolecular Engineering's goals are to enhance the benefits of polymer science to society by developing new methods to prepare advanced polymer materials, train and develop tomorrow’s scientists, and transfer technology to industry.

The Center of Nano-enabled Device and Energy Technologies’ mission is to work on real-world problems that can be solved potentially with appropriate nano-enabled technologies.

The Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition is a joint program between Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh. It synthesizes the disciplines of basic and clinical neuroscience, cognitive psychology, and computer science, combining neurobiological, behavioral, computational, and brain imaging methods.

The Center for Nonlinear Analysis was established in 1991. A special focus for applications emphasizes new and innovative methods to study contemporary issues in materials science. The center has created a vigorous environment for collaboration among mathematical and allied scientists.

The Center for Nucleic Acids Science and Technology is a community of Carnegie Mellon scientists and engineers unified by interests in the chemistry, biology, and physics of DNA, RNA, and PNA (peptide nucleic acid).

The Institute for Green Science has been established as a research, education, and development center in which a holistic approach to sustainability science is being developed. The focus of the institute is in three areas: renewable energy technologies, chemical feedstocks, and benign alternatives to polluting technologies.

The Molecular Biosensor and Imaging Center uses an interdisciplinary approach to develop reagents, microscopes, and imaging tools and applies them to the investigation of fundamental problems in biology and biotechnology.

The Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center provides information on advanced scientific computing for engineering and research.

Academic Standards

Academic Actions

**MCS Dean’s List**

Each semester MCS recognizes those students with outstanding academic records by naming them to the Dean’s List. The criteria for such recognition are as follows:

**Dean’s List**

The student must earn a quality point average of at least 3.50 while completing a minimum of 36 factorable units and earning no incomplete grades.

**Dean’s List High Honors**

The student must earn a quality point average of at least 3.75 while completing a minimum of 36 factorable units and earning no incomplete grades.

**Probation, Suspension, and Drop**

In the first year, quality point averages below 1.75 in either semester invoke an academic action. For all subsequent semesters an academic action will be taken if the semester QPA or the cumulative QPA (excluding the first year) is below 2.00.

The progression below probation, suspension, and drop is typical. However, in unusual circumstances, MCS College Council may choose to suspend or drop a student without prior probation.

**Warning of probation**

First-year students who earn between a 1.75 and 1.99 semester QPA will receive a Warning of Probation. This indicates that the student did not qualify for probation because they are a first-year student (see below for details of probation standards), but if their semester
QPA is below 2.0 in subsequent semesters, it will result in academic probation.

Probation

The action of probation will be taken if:

- One semester of the first year is below 1.75 QPA.
- The semester QPA of a student in good standing beyond the first year falls below 2.00.
- A student drops below full-time status (less than 36 units) after the 10th day of classes in a semester. The student would be on probation for the next semester (fall and spring only).

The term of probation is one semester as a full-time student. A student is occasionally continued on probation who has had one semester on probation and is not yet meeting minimum requirements but whose record indicates that the standards are likely to be met at the end of the next semester of study. First-year students are no longer on probation at the end of the second semester if their semester QPA is 1.75 or above.

Suspension

A student who does not meet minimum standards at the end of one semester of probation will be suspended.

A first-year student will be suspended if the QPA from the first two semesters is below 1.75.

A student in the third or subsequent semester of study will be suspended if the semester factor or the cumulative factor (excluding the first year) is below 2.00 for two consecutive semesters.

The minimum period of suspension is one academic year (two semesters). At the end of that period a student may return to school on probation by:

- Receiving permission in writing from the MCS Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs.
- Completing a Return from Leave form from Enrollment Services.
- Providing transcripts and clearance forms if the student has been in a degree program at another college or university, even though academic credit earned will not transfer to Carnegie Mellon unless prior approval has been granted by the MCS Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs.

Employment within the university in non-student jobs is possible for students on academic suspension, subject to the hiring criteria of the hiring department. However, a student on academic suspension wishing to accept a job on campus must speak with the Associate Dean of the student’s college to ensure that the employment will not constitute a violation of the terms of suspension. The Associate Dean will generally allow such employment, in consultation with the Dean of Student Affairs. One employment benefit not available to students on academic suspension who accept a full-time job with the University is the option to take courses through tuition remission. The option to take courses becomes available only after the academic suspension is over.

Drop

This is a permanent severance from the Mellon College of Science. Students are dropped when it seems clear that they will never be able to meet minimum standards. A student who has been suspended and who fails to meet minimum standards after returning to school is dropped.

A student who has been academically dropped or academically suspended and who is not employed by the University must be absent from the University.

Students entering MCS or already declared in MCS:

Entering undergraduate students admitted to MCS can choose to pursue any major within MCS. This choice must be made prior to the first semester of the sophomore year (normally during the second semester of the first year) and does not require approval by any department.

Students who have declared a major in MCS and wish to transfer into another department within MCS must have approval (https://www.cmu.edu/mcs/undergrad/advising/forms/) from the new department (generally through the primary academic advisor (https://www.cmu.edu/mcs/undergrad/advising/)) and from the MCS Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs. Students wishing to transfer into the Mathematical Sciences Department must have completed 21-127 Concepts of Mathematics or 21-128 Mathematical Concepts and Proofs AND 21-241 Matrices and Linear Transformations or 21-242 Matrix Theory with grades of B or better in both courses as well as an overall QPA of 3.5 or higher.

MCS undergraduate students beyond the first year wishing to transfer into another MCS department may do so if they are not on academic probation and if there is room in the department of their choice. If the demand for any department exceeds the space available, then the department will admit students based on a comparative evaluation of all applicants at the end of each semester, up to the limit of available space.

Students enrolled in another college at Carnegie Mellon:

Undergraduate students admitted to colleges other than MCS and wishing to transfer into an MCS department during their first year should consult with the MCS Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs (https://www.cmu.edu/mcs/undergrad/advising/). Students may submit an internal transfer request (https://www.cmu.edu/mcs/undergrad/advising/forms/) no earlier than the first day of their second semester.

Potential transfer students into the departments of Biological Sciences, Chemistry, or Physics must also have credit for 21-120 Differential and Integral Calculus and, depending on major choice, should have completed one of the following courses at Carnegie Mellon: 03-121 Modern Biology, 09-105 Introduction to Modern Chemistry I, or 33-111 Physics I for Science Students. Higher level courses will also be considered by the MCS Associate Dean as alternatives to these courses. Students wishing to transfer into the Mathematical Sciences Department must have completed 21-127 Concepts of Mathematics or 21-128 Mathematical Concepts and Proofs AND 21-241 Matrices and Linear Transformations or 21-242 Matrix Theory with grades of B or better in both courses as well as an overall QPA of 3.5 or higher.

Undergraduate students not in MCS and wishing to transfer into a department in MCS beyond the first semester will be considered for transfer on a space available/academic performance basis. An MCS department may refuse a transfer to a non-MCS student if there are space restrictions and/or if the student’s chance for success is determined to be questionable based on past academic performance.

Students wishing to transfer from another university into an MCS department:

A student first applies through the Office of Admission. If the Office of Admission believes the applicant is acceptable, the student’s record is sent to the appropriate department for evaluation and a decision on acceptance. The MCS department head has the right to refuse to accept the student if there are space restrictions and/or if the student’s chance for success in the MCS department is determined to be questionable based on past academic performance.

Graduation Requirements

To be eligible to graduate, undergraduate students must complete all course requirements for their program with a cumulative Quality Point Average of at least 2.00 for all courses taken. For undergraduate students who enrolled at Carnegie Mellon as freshmen and whose freshman grades cause the cumulative QPA to fall below 2.00, this requirement is modified to be a cumulative QPA of at least 2.00 for all courses taken after the freshman year. Note, however, the cumulative QPA that appears on the student’s final transcript will be calculated based on all grades in all courses taken, including freshman year. Some programs may have additional QPA.
requirements in order to graduate. Students are encouraged to confirm all graduation requirements with their academic advisor.

A minimum of 360 units must be completed. This will include the MCS Core Courses (technical and nontechnical electives) and all departmental course requirements.

Students will be required to meet the residency requirement and to have met all financial obligations to the university before being awarded a degree. The residency requirement is detailed in the Academic Regulations section of the catalog. A student may seek permission to modify graduation requirements by petition to the MCS College Council.

Graduation Honors
There are two types of honors awarded at graduation.

University Honors
University Honors are automatically awarded to students who have earned a cumulative Q.P.A. of 3.5 or better after either seven semesters or by the time they are certified for graduation.

College Research Honors
Please see the section “Mellon College of Science Research Honors (p. 5)” for information on how to qualify for College Research Honors.

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