2024 CS Curriculum Changes and Transition Plan

The computer science department is making some changes to its curriculum during the 2023-24 academic year that will be finalized in Fall 2024. The changes are:

• Removing the BS specialization in business and the BS specialization in math.
• Revising the BA program to provide more flexibility.
• Retiring CPSC 3700 The Art of Web Design.

This document describes the transition plan for these changes. Note the BS (general option) is not affected by these changes.

Removal of BS specializations

• The BS specializations (business and math) will be removed at the beginning of Fall 2024 subject to approval.
• Current Seattle University students can switch to a BS specialization before June 30th, 2024. The department will no longer accept switches after June 30th, 2024.
• Students that are in a BS specialization are allowed to continue until graduation.
• Students in the business specialization should be aware that CPSC 3700 is being retired – see more below.

Revised BA

• The modified BA has these changes:
  o Students must take any two 3000-level CPSC courses out of CPSC 3200, 3300, 3400, and 3500. Currently, students must take CPSC 3300, 3400, and 3700.
  o Students must take three CPSC electives (15 credits, 3000-level or higher). Currently, students must take two electives.
• Students enrolled in the BA program prior to Fall Quarter 2024 have the option of remaining in the current catalog or switching to the modified BA.
• Students that remain in the current BA program should be aware that CPSC 3700 is being retired – see more below.

Retirement of CPSC 3700

• CPSC 3700 The Art of Web Design will be offered for the final time in Spring 2024.
• Students in the business specialization or current BA who need the course are advised to take the course in Spring 2024.
  o CPSC 3700 is a lab-based course that is constrained by the number of seats in the lab so space is not guaranteed for all students who wish to take the course.
• Students who are unable to take CPSC 3700 in Spring 2024 can satisfy the CPSC 3700 requirement by taking any 3000-level or 4000-level computer science course that is NOT being used to fulfill another major requirement or elective. This option is also available for students who would rather take a different course than CPSC 3700.