

**A Guide to the
Computer Science Department, Fisk University Collection
Papers 1979-1994**

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Background Information: In 1983, an eighteen credit hour computer science minor program was approved by the faculty and administration. This was given impetus by the award of a National Science Foundation grant that allowed the purchase of a VAX 11/750 for academic computing. Planning for an expansion of the computer science program began, however implementation were stalled due to the University's financial difficulties. Another grant under the Title III program provided funding for development of both general academics computing and a computer science major.

As stated in the application for this latter grant, a computer science major is important at even a liberal arts school due both to its attractiveness to students interested in this rapidly growing discipline and to the enrichment that possession of a strong computer science program will provide to the other academic disciplines. The computing resources at Fisk University grew to a point where there existed the base materials for a computer science major. It seems logical to take this step, in order to help maintain the momentum achieved in this academic area.

The Computer Science major at Fisk University was established in 1987 in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science offering a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. The first set of students graduated in 1991.

The major in Computer Science was designed to prepare students either for immediate employment or for graduate study. In keeping with the mission of the University to teach and provide research opportunities for students, the goals of the program in computer science are designed to produce graduates who can:

- successfully qualify for positions in data processing, entry into graduate schools in the computer and information sciences; entry into the workforce as computer laboratory coordinators;
- enter other professions that require a background in computer technology;
- teach computer-related subject matter to individuals at the post-secondary level; and
- become productive citizens who contribute to the welfare and development of their communities through their career activities.

Scope and Content Note: The Computer Science Department, Fisk University Collection consists of one archival box (.5 linear feet). The small collection contains correspondence, reports, printed materials and publications. In addition, the collection contains an abundance of proposed curricular for the building and accreditation of the bachelor degree program.

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Inventory

Box 1

- f. 1. Correspondence, General -- 1987-1990
- 2. Computer Science Program -- Proposals and Development
- 3. Computer Science Program -- Accreditation
- 4. Computer Science Program -- Curriculum, Syllabi
- 5. Computer Science Program -- Curriculum, Other Computer Science programs
- 6. Computer Science Program -- Curriculum, Other Computer Science programs
- 7. Printed Materials -- Pamphlets and Programs
- 8. Publications -- About Computer Science programs 1979, 1985-1987
- 9. Publications -- About Computer Science programs 1991, 1994, no date
- 10. Reports -- Computer Science program development 1979-1980, 1984-1986, 1991
- 11. Reports -- Computer Science Major Committee Meeting minutes 1987
- 12. Miscellaneous -- Fisk University, Curriculum in Accounting 1989-1990