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INTRODUCTION

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CHAPTER II.

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CHAPTER III.

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> The Computer Science Department produces graduates with strong problem-solving, communication and team skills who are able to design, implement and document computer software systems. To this end the Department offers Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree programs. The Departmental faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and actively engages in research and public service activities to support the educational mission of the University and to contribute to the knowledge of the computer science discipline. The Department also provides computer literacy education for the general University population.

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CHAPTER IV.

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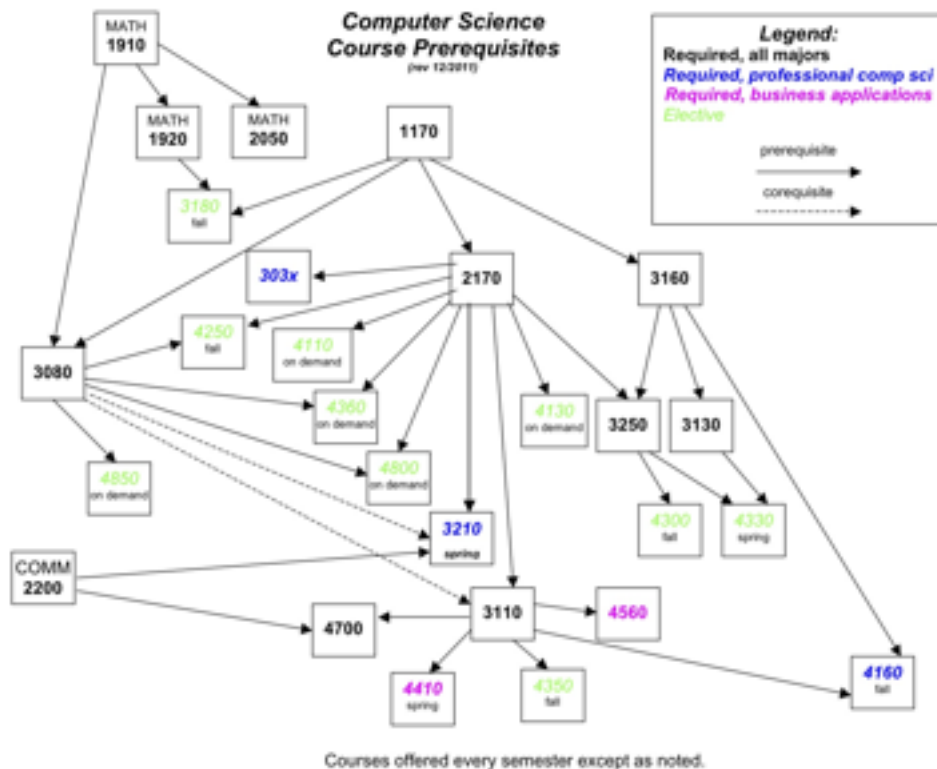

Figure 1: The course prerequisite structure for the undergraduate courses in the MTSU Computer Science Department as of May 2015.

```cpp
// helloworld.cpp
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    cout << "Hello World!";

    return 0;
}
```

Figure 2: Example of code as figure.

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Table 1: Professional Computer Science Emphasis core courses as of Spring 2012

Course	Credit Hours
CSCI 1170	4
CSCI 2170	4
CSCI 3110	3
CSCI 3130	4
CSCI 3160	3
CSCI 3210	3
CSCI 3250	3
CSCI 4160	3
CSCI 4700	3

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