

# CS412 Project

**Group 11**

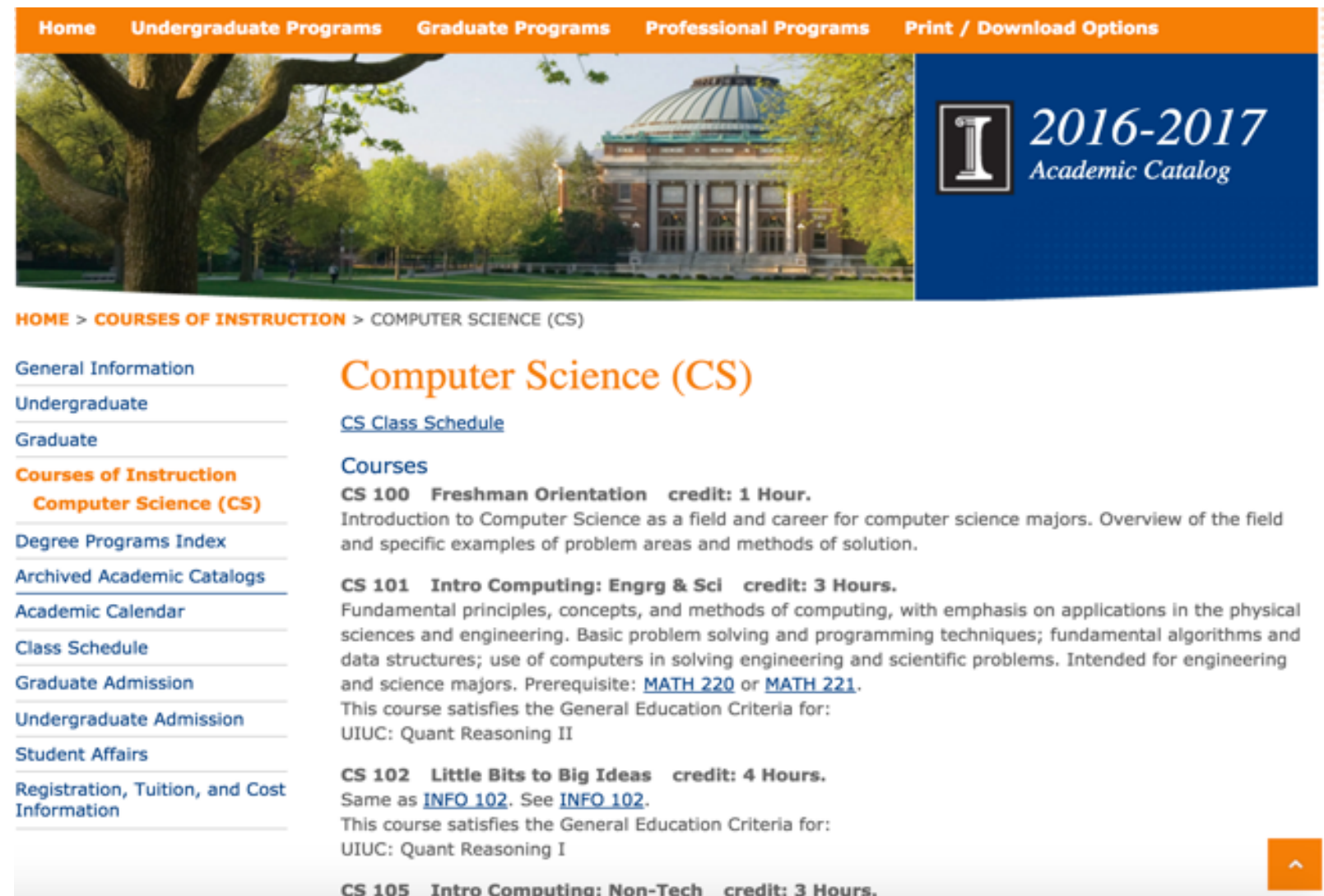
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# Course Information from Course Instruction Pages

Each school has several webpages listing the courses in the university together with their information

Course information:

**Course ID,**  
**Course Name,**  
**Credit,**  
**Lecturer**  
**Description,**  
**Prerequisite.**



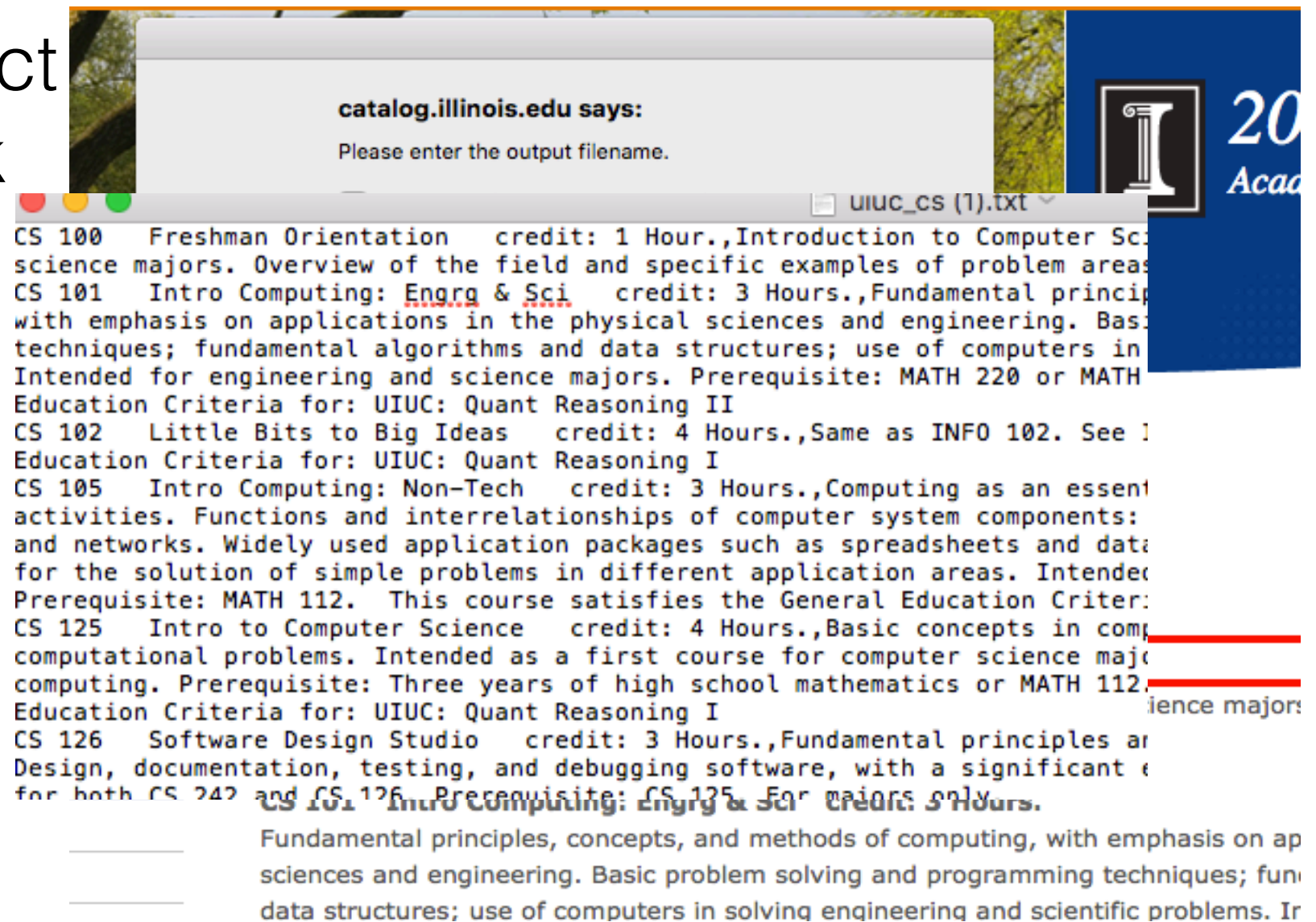
The screenshot shows the UIC Academic Catalog website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Undergraduate Programs, Graduate Programs, Professional Programs, and Print / Download Options. The main header features a large image of a university building and the text "2016-2017 Academic Catalog". Below the header, the breadcrumb trail reads "HOME > COURSES OF INSTRUCTION > COMPUTER SCIENCE (CS)". A left sidebar contains a list of navigation links: General Information, Undergraduate, Graduate, Courses of Instruction (highlighted), Degree Programs Index, Archived Academic Catalogs, Academic Calendar, Class Schedule, Graduate Admission, Undergraduate Admission, Student Affairs, and Registration, Tuition, and Cost Information. The main content area is titled "Computer Science (CS)" and includes a link to the "CS Class Schedule". Under the "Courses" section, three courses are listed: CS 100 (Freshman Orientation, 1 credit), CS 101 (Intro Computing: Engrg & Sci, 3 credits), and CS 102 (Little Bits to Big Ideas, 4 credits). Each course entry includes a brief description and the General Education Criteria it satisfies. CS 105 (Intro Computing: Non-Tech, 3 credits) is partially visible at the bottom.

*Easy Tool for Course Information Extraction!*

# Course Extraction - Rule Based Method

Users need to select an interested block first

Find similar blocks based on DOM features in the vipsTree



**Features: block height, subblock number, vips-id, left alignment, block height, font size, font weight, text color, text content**

# Course Extraction – Function Development

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## Two Functions to Extract Course Information

- Feature Based Analysis
- Kmean Clustering Based

## Two Functions to Extract Information of Similar Courses

- Kmean Clustering Based
- Hierarchical Clustering Based

# Course Extraction –Tested Websites and Output Example

## Working

Stanford

Georgia Tech

UC Berkeley

UIUC

CMU

UIC

Purdue

Princeton

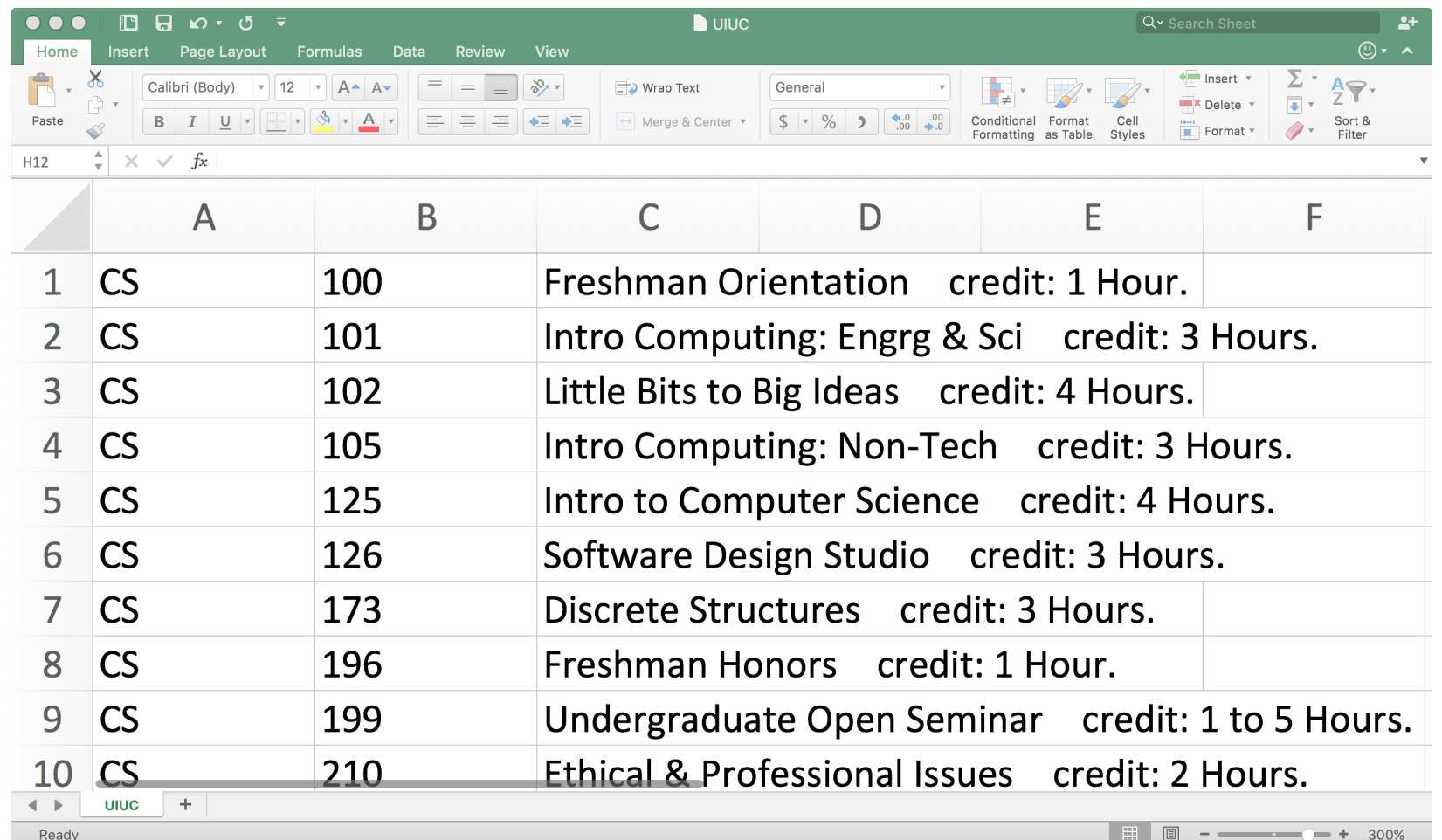
UT Austin

Cornell

MIT

U Washington

## Not Working



	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	CS	100	Freshman Orientation	credit: 1 Hour.		
2	CS	101	Intro Computing: Engrg & Sci	credit: 3 Hours.		
3	CS	102	Little Bits to Big Ideas	credit: 4 Hours.		
4	CS	105	Intro Computing: Non-Tech	credit: 3 Hours.		
5	CS	125	Intro to Computer Science	credit: 4 Hours.		
6	CS	126	Software Design Studio	credit: 3 Hours.		
7	CS	173	Discrete Structures	credit: 3 Hours.		
8	CS	196	Freshman Honors	credit: 1 Hour.		
9	CS	199	Undergraduate Open Seminar	credit: 1 to 5 Hours.		
10	CS	210	Ethical & Professional Issues	credit: 2 Hours.		

Main reason:

VIPS cannot recognize the visual blocks.

Sample from top 10 CS grad school (US News):

<http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-science-schools/computer-science-rankings>





# Course Extraction - Clustering Based Method

Highlight:

1. Allow using large or small visual blocks
2. K-means clustering, user can decide K (range: 2~8)

**CS 101 Intro Computing: Engrg & Sci credit: 3 Hours.**

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**Works for about 60% of the course catalog we tested**

Working	Not Working
UIUC, UCLA, STANFORD, CMU PRINCETON, UIC, YALE, UMICH, UCDAVIS, GATECH, U Washington	UC BERKELEY, PURDUE, CORNELL, MIT, UTEAXAS

**This methods lacks of flexibility, e.g. course catalog of UCB is not left aligned**



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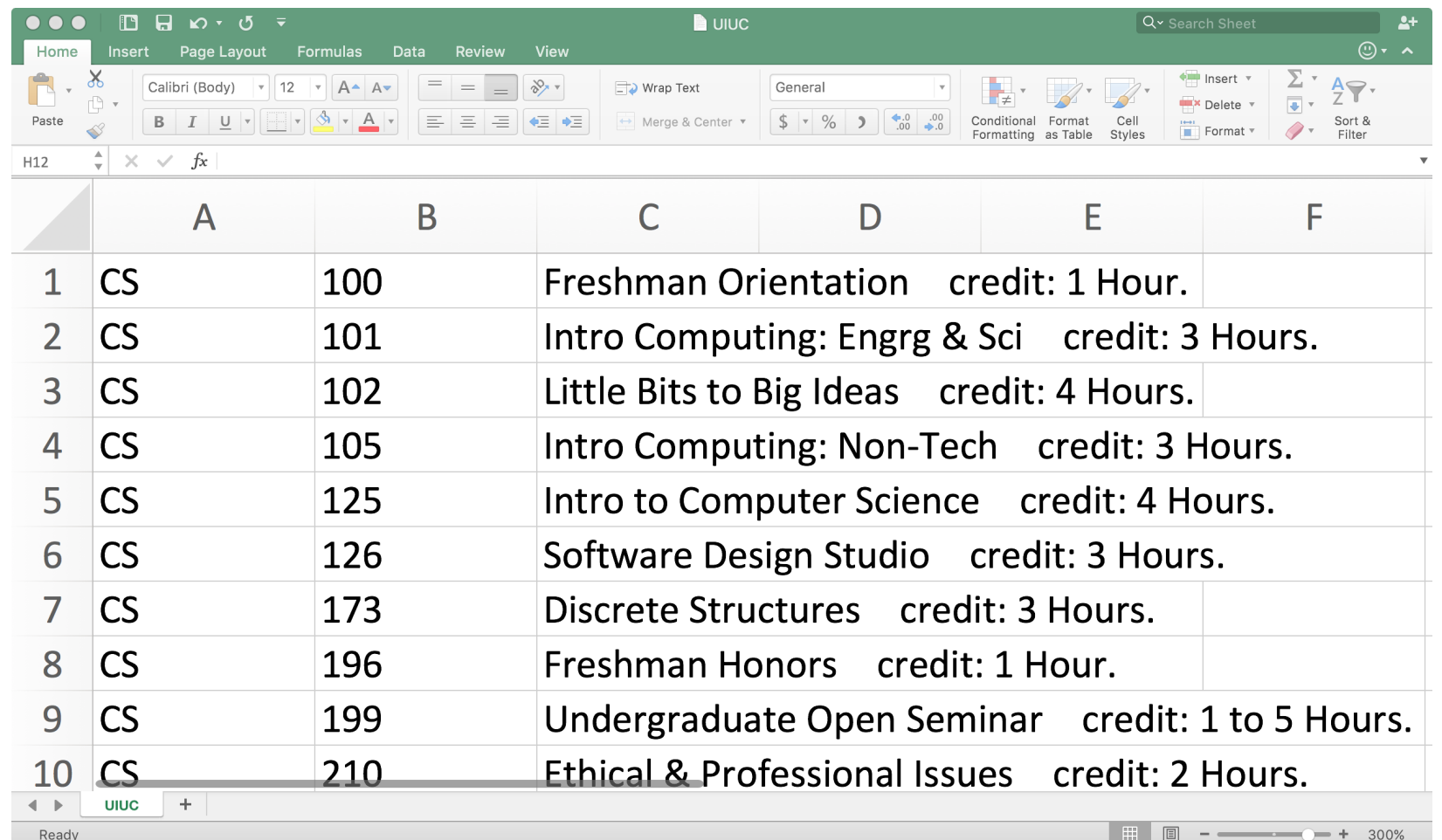
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The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with a table of 10 CS courses. The columns are labeled A through F. The rows are numbered 1 through 10. The data is as follows:

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# Similar Course Suggestion

