

MPCS Student Advisor Bot



where is the faculty page? what information can i find there?



The faculty page for the Master of Science in Computer Science program at the University of Chicago can be found at [MPCS Faculty Page](#). On this page, you can find information about the full-time faculty members who are part of the MPCS program, including their profiles, research interests, and contact information. Sources: [MPCS Faculty Page](#)



is michael spertus a faculty there?



Yes, Michael Spertus is a faculty member at the University of Chicago in the Master of Science in Computer Science program. He teaches the course "Advanced C++" in the Spring 2024 quarter. You can find more information about the course [here](#). Sources: [Course Detail - Advanced C++](#)



is borja sotomayor a faculty there?



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What is up?





which courses were available on winter 2024?



The following courses were available in the Winter 2024 quarter for the Master of Science in Computer Science program at the University of Chicago:

1. Algorithms
2. Applied Data Analysis
3. C/C++ for Advanced Programmers
4. Cloud Computing
5. Compilers
6. Distributed Systems
7. Entrepreneurship in Technology
8. Foundations of Computational Data Analysis
9. Generative AI
10. High Performance Computing
11. Human-Computer Interaction
12. Introduction to Computer Security
13. Introduction to Computer Systems
14. Introduction to Software Engineering
15. Introduction to Unix Systems
16. iOS Application Development
17. Mathematics for Computer Science: Discrete Mathematics
18. Object Oriented Programming
19. Parallel Programming
20. Product Management
21. Python Programming
22. User Interface and User Experience Design
23. Web Development

You can find more details about each course on the [MPCS Winter 2024 Courses Page](#). Source: [MPCS Winter 2024 Courses](#)



The course "Generative AI" with course code MPCS 57200-1 was offered in the Winter 2024 quarter at the University of Chicago. Here are some details about the course:

- **Instructor:** Chaudhary, Amitabh
- **Location:** Ryerson 251
- **Meeting Times:** Wednesday 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- **Fulfills:** Elective Specialization - Data Analytics (DA-1)

Course Description: Generative AI covers the mathematical prerequisites for the Data Analytics Specialization courses in machine learning and large-scale data analytics. Topics include basic statistics, linear algebra, discrete and continuous random variables, probability distributions, variance, covariance, correlation, sampling, distribution of the mean, hypothesis testing, Gaussian elimination, matrix operations, eigenvectors, eigenvalues, and singular value decompositions. Python is used for computations and visualizations.

Course Prerequisites:

- B+ or above in MPCS 51042 Python Programming or equivalent
- B or above in MPCS 55001 Algorithms
- Knowledge of univariate and basic multivariate calculus

Other Prerequisites:

- Competency in Unix and Linux
- Completion of three core classes or concurrent registration for the third core class

Overlapping Classes: This class overlaps with:

- MPCS 50103-2 Mathematics for Computer Science: Discrete Mathematics
- MPCS 51042-1 Python Programming
- MPCS 51250-1 Entrepreneurship in Technology

Eligible Programs: Bx/MS in Computer Science (Option 3: Professionally-oriented - Non-CS Majors) Masters Program in Computer Science

You can find more information about the course [here](#). Source: [MPCS Winter 2024 Course - Generative AI](#)



The course "Generative AI" in the Winter 2024 quarter at the University of Chicago is instructed by Michael Spertus. Here are some details about the course:

- **Instructor:** Michael Spertus
- **Location:** JCL 011
- **Meeting Times:** Wednesday 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- **Fulfills:** Elective

Course Description: The course covers the history of Generative AI, neural network concepts, generative AI concepts, customizing generative AI, strengths and weaknesses of Large Language Models (LLMs), incorporating generative AI into applications, and various labs related to text and image generation, model deployment, and more.

Course Prerequisites:

- Core Programming completed in any language with a grade of B+ or better
- Basic familiarity with Python

Other Prerequisites:

- Competency in Unix and Linux

Overlapping Classes: This class overlaps with:

- MPCS 50103-2 Mathematics for Computer Science: Discrete Mathematics
- MPCS 51042-1 Python Programming
- MPCS 53110-1 Foundations of Computational Data Analysis
- MPCS 51250-1 Entrepreneurship in Technology

Eligible Programs:

- MS in Computational Analysis in Public Policy (Year 2)
- MS in Molecular Engineering
- MA in Computational Social Science (Year 2)
- Bx/MS in Computer Science (Option 2: Professionally-oriented - CS Majors)
- Bx/MS in Computer Science (Option 3: Professionally-oriented - Non-CS Majors)
- Masters Program in Computer Science

which spring 2024 courses in on friday?



The following courses are scheduled on Fridays in the Spring 2024 quarter at the University of Chicago:

1. Human-Computer Interaction

- Instructor: Katie Wozniak
- Meeting Time: Friday 5:30pm - 7pm
- [Course Link](#)

2. Parallel Programming

- Instructor: Jan Hüchelheim
- Meeting Time: Friday 2:30pm - 5:20pm
- [Course Link](#)

3. Product Management

- Instructor: Rafi Almhana
- Meeting Time: Friday 2:30pm - 5:20pm
- [Course Link](#)

4. Web Development

- Instructor: Trevor Austin
- Meeting Time: Friday 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- [Course Link](#)

You can find more information about these courses on the [MPCS Spring 2024 Courses Page](#).

Source: [MPCS Spring 2024 Courses](#)



what's the Human-Computer Interaction class?



The course "Human-Computer Interaction" (MPCS 51260-1) in the Spring 2024 quarter at the University of Chicago is instructed by Katie Wozniak. Here are some details about the course:

Course Description: The course explores the cognitive psychology and physiology behind humans' interactions with their environment and how this translates to the "good design" of computer-based systems, interfaces, and machines. Emphasis is placed on observing and analyzing the reciprocal relationship between humans and system design from a designer or engineer's perspective. Topics include perception, memory, attention, mental models, accessibility, user/interaction research methods, interface design principles, and design communication strategies.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand cognitive psychology and human factors in human-computer interaction (HCI)
- Identify components and principles of good interaction design
- Analyze and evaluate HCI through empirical research methods
- Design mockups, prototypes, or revisions of interactive systems using HCI principles
- Develop strategies for communicating design, usability, and interactivity

Course Components:

- Class Attendance
- Participation: Discussion, Peer Review, Hot Topics
- Lectures & Demos
- Quizzes
- Project Assignments

Assessment:

- Class Participation & Peer Review: 25%
- Quizzes: 10%
- Project Assignments: 65%

You can find more information about the course, including the syllabus and schedule, on the [MPCS Spring 2024 Courses Page](#). Source: [MPCS Spring 2024 Course - Human-Computer Interaction](#)



why should I learn it?

- interaction patterns, you can create products that are intuitive, user-friendly, and efficient.
2. **Career Opportunities:** HCI skills are in high demand across various industries, including technology, design, healthcare, education, and more. By mastering HCI principles, you can pursue careers as a UX/UI designer, product manager, usability analyst, interaction designer, or user researcher.
 3. **Enhanced User Experience:** HCI knowledge enables you to create engaging and satisfying user experiences. By incorporating HCI principles into your design process, you can improve usability, accessibility, and overall user satisfaction with your products.
 4. **Innovation and Creativity:** HCI encourages creative problem-solving and innovation by considering the human aspect of technology. By understanding user needs, preferences, and behaviors, you can develop innovative solutions that address real-world challenges.
 5. **Interdisciplinary Skills:** HCI combines elements of psychology, design, computer science, and communication. By learning HCI, you develop a diverse skill set that allows you to collaborate effectively with professionals from different backgrounds and contribute to multidisciplinary projects.
 6. **Professional Growth:** Mastering HCI can lead to professional growth and advancement in your career. By staying updated on HCI trends, research, and best practices, you can become a valuable asset to organizations seeking to improve their digital products and services.

Overall, learning HCI equips you with valuable skills and knowledge that can enhance your career prospects, foster creativity and innovation, and contribute to creating user-centric and impactful technology solutions.



what about the product management class?



The course "Product Management" (MPCS 51240-1) in the Spring 2024 quarter at the University of Chicago is instructed by Rafi Almhana. Here are some details about the course:

- **Location:** JCL/Ryerson TBD
- **Meeting Times:** Friday 2:30pm - 5:20pm
- **Fulfills:** Elective Specialization - Software Engineering (SE-2)

development and product delivery using tools like the minimum viable product and product roadmap.

Course Prerequisites:

- Completion of Core Programming

Other Prerequisites:

- No prior knowledge of product management concepts or specific technologies required
- Familiarity with software design patterns or completion of other software engineering courses is beneficial
- Competency in Unix and Linux is required

Overlapping Classes: This class overlaps with:

- MPCS 52060-2 Parallel Programming

Eligible Programs:

- MS in Computational Analysis in Public Policy (Year 2)
- MA in Computational Social Science (Year 2)
- Bx/MS in Computer Science (Option 2: Professionally-oriented - CS Majors)
- Bx/MS in Computer Science (Option 3: Professionally-oriented - Non-CS Majors)
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You can find more information about the course, including the syllabus and schedule, on the [MPCS Spring 2024 Courses Page](#). Source: [MPCS Spring 2024 Course - Product Management](#)



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Learning Product Management is beneficial for several reasons:

1. **Cross-Disciplinary Skills:** Product management combines elements of software engineering, marketing, and user experience design. By mastering product management, you develop a diverse skill set that allows you to understand and bridge the gap between technical development, business goals, and user needs.

3. **Customer-Centric Approach:** Product management emphasizes understanding customer needs, preferences, and pain points. By focusing on the customer, you can create products that address real-world problems, deliver value, and enhance user satisfaction.
4. **Project Management Skills:** Product managers oversee the entire product lifecycle, from ideation to launch and beyond. By learning product management, you develop project management skills, including prioritization, resource allocation, and stakeholder communication.
5. **Career Opportunities:** Product management is a high-demand field with diverse career opportunities in tech companies, startups, and other industries. By mastering product management, you can pursue roles such as product manager, product owner, or product marketing manager.
6. **Innovation and Problem-Solving:** Product managers are responsible for identifying market opportunities, defining product features, and driving innovation. By learning product management, you enhance your problem-solving skills and ability to innovate in product development.
7. **Collaboration and Communication:** Product managers work closely with cross-functional teams, including engineers, designers, marketers, and executives. By learning product management, you improve your collaboration and communication skills, enabling you to work effectively with diverse stakeholders.

Overall, learning product management equips you with valuable skills and knowledge that can enhance your career prospects, foster strategic thinking, and enable you to create successful products that meet customer needs and business goals.



what courses are related to software engineering?



Here are some courses related to software engineering offered in the Winter 2024 quarter at the University of Chicago's Master of Science in Computer Science program:

1. **Introduction to Software Engineering (MPCS 51200-1)**
 - Instructor: Rafi Almhana
 - Meeting Times: Friday 2:20pm - 5:20pm

- Meeting Times: Monday 10:30am - 12:20pm
- Location: Crerar 011

3. **Object Oriented Programming (MPCS 51410-1)**

- Instructor: Mark Shacklette
- Meeting Times: Monday 4:10pm - 6pm
- Location: Online Only

4. **Parallel Programming (MPCS 52060-1)**

- Instructor: Jan Hückelheim
- Meeting Times: Monday 2:30pm - 5:20pm
- Location: Crerar 011

5. **Web Development (MPCS 52553-1)**

- Instructor: Trevor Austin
- Meeting Times: Friday 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- Location: Ryerson 251

These courses cover various aspects of software engineering, including software development methodologies, programming paradigms, system design, and web development. You can explore these courses to deepen your understanding of software engineering principles and practices.

Source: [MPCS Winter 2024 Courses](#)



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Here are some courses related to software engineering offered in the Spring 2024 quarter at the University of Chicago's Master of Science in Computer Science program:

1. **Advanced Software Engineering (MPCS 51220-1)**

- Instructor: Peter Vassilatos
- Meeting Times: Thursday 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- Location: JCL/Ryerson TBD

2. **Applied Software Engineering (MPCS 51220-1)**

- Instructor: Lamont Kenneth Samuels
- Meeting Times: Wednesday 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- Location: JCL/Ryerson TBD

4. **Product Management (MPCS 51240-1)**

- Instructor: Rafi Almhana
- Meeting Times: Friday 2:30pm - 5:20pm
- Location: JCL/Ryerson TBD

5. **Software Quality Assurance (MPCS 56540-1)**

- Instructor: Rafi Almhana
- Meeting Times: Thursday 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- Location: JCL/Ryerson TBD

6. **Web Development (MPCS 52553-1)**

- Instructor: Trevor Austin
- Meeting Times: Friday 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- Location: JCL/Ryerson TBD

These courses cover various aspects of software engineering, including advanced software development, software quality assurance, parallel programming, product management, and web development. You can explore these courses to deepen your knowledge and skills in software engineering. Source: [MPCS Spring 2024 Courses](#)



tell me about the Advanced Software Engineering



The course "Advanced Software Engineering" (MPCS 51220-1) in the Spring 2024 quarter at the University of Chicago is instructed by Peter Vassilatos. Here are some details about the course:

- **Location:** JCL/Ryerson TBD
- **Meeting Times:** Thursday 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- **Fulfills:** Elective Specialization - Software Engineering (SE-2)

Syllabus: In this course, practical techniques for solving modern software challenges will be explored. Planned topics include code quality, managing complexity, test-driven development

Course Work and Grading:

- 30% - Individual homework
- 40% - Group homework/project
- 15% - Course engagement
- 15% - Exams (midterm, final)

Course Prerequisites:

- Core Programming

Other Prerequisites:

- Competency in Unix and Linux is required. If you did not attend the MPCS Unix Bootcamp, you can review the UChicago CS Student Resource Guide [here](#).

Overlapping Classes: This class overlaps with:

- MPCS 56540-1 Software Quality Assurance
- MPCS 51045-1 Advanced C++

Eligible Programs:

- MS in Computational Analysis in Public Policy (Year 2)
- MS in Molecular Engineering
- MA in Computational Social Science (Year 2)
- Bx/MS in Computer Science (Option 1: Research-Oriented)
- Bx/MS in Computer Science (Option 2: Professionally-oriented - CS Majors)
- Bx/MS in Computer Science (Option 3: Professionally-oriented - Non-CS Majors)
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You can find more information about the course on the [MPCS Spring 2024 Courses Page](#). Source: [MPCS Spring 2024 Course - Advanced Software Engineering](#)



what's the difference between this class and the Applied Software Engineering class?



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Advanced Software Engineering:

- Focuses on advanced software development techniques and practices.
- Covers topics such as code quality, managing complexity, architectural design patterns, security, continuous integration & deployment, and more.
- Emphasizes in-depth understanding of software engineering principles and advanced problem-solving skills.
- May involve complex coding assignments, group projects, and exams to assess advanced knowledge and skills.

Applied Software Engineering:

- Emphasizes the practical application of software engineering concepts in real-world scenarios.
- Focuses on applying software engineering principles to solve specific problems or develop software solutions.
- Includes hands-on projects, case studies, and practical exercises to reinforce learning and application of concepts.
- May involve working on industry-relevant projects, collaborating with stakeholders, and implementing software solutions in a real or simulated environment.

While the specific differences between the two courses may vary based on the course content and instructor preferences, these general distinctions can help you understand the typical focus areas of "Advanced Software Engineering" and "Applied Software Engineering" courses. If you would like more detailed information on the "Applied Software Engineering" course, please let me know, and I can try to provide the information once it becomes available.



is Applied Software Engineering available in winter or spring for 2024?



The course "Applied Software Engineering" (MPCS 51220-1) is available in the Spring 2024 quarter at the University of Chicago. It is instructed by Peter Vassilatos and will be held on Thursdays from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at JCL/Ryerson (location TBD).

Unfortunately, the course "Applied Software Engineering" is not available in the Winter 2024 quarter. It is specifically offered in the Spring 2024 quarter. If you are interested in taking this



in which quarter is Databases available in 2024?



The course "Databases" (MPCS 53001-1) is available in the Spring 2024 quarter at the University of Chicago. It will be held on Tuesdays from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at JCL/Ryerson (location TBD). If you are interested in taking the Databases course, you can plan to enroll in it during the Spring 2024 term. Source: [MPCS Spring 2024 Courses](#)



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The course "Databases" (MPCS 53001-1) in the Spring 2024 quarter at the University of Chicago covers the following details:

- **Instructor:** Not specified
- **Location:** JCL/Ryerson TBD
- **Meeting Times:** Tuesday 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- **Fulfills:** Core Systems Elective

Course Description: Students will learn database design and development and will build a simple but complete web application powered by a relational database. The course covers topics such as entity-relationship modeling, relational databases, SQL, normalization, relational algebra, web connectivity, and an overview of related topics like data warehousing, big data, NoSQL, and NewSQL databases.

Course Contents:

- Requirements gathering
- Entity-Relationship model and design
- Database design
- Relational model
- Functional dependencies
- Normal forms and normalization
- Relational algebra
- SQL: Schema definition, Simple queries

- Authorization
- Triggers
- Functions/Stored procedures
- Database connectivity
- Basic web programming
- Data warehousing overview
- Big data/NoSQL overview

Coursework:

- Homework (weekly) (~15%)
- Multi-part project (weekly) (~50%)
- Midterm (~30%)
- Class participation (~5%)

Recommended Textbooks:

- Database System Concepts Seventh Edition [Link to Textbook](#)

Course Prerequisites:

- Core Programming
- Cannot be taken if you are taking or have already completed MPC5 53020 Foundations of Database Systems.

Other Prerequisites:

- Competency in Unix, Linux, and GitHub is required.

Overlapping Classes:

- MPC5 55001-1 - Algorithms
- MPC5 55005-1 - Advanced Algorithms
- MPC5 51235-1 - Advanced User Interface and User Experience Design
- MPC5 56520-1 - Advanced Security Topics

Eligible Programs:

- MA in Computational Social Science (Year 2)

You can find more information about the course on the [MPCS Spring 2024 Courses Page](#). Source: [MPCS Spring 2024 Course - Databases](#)



which course is similar to this?



A course that is similar to "Databases" (MPCS 53001-1) in the Spring 2024 quarter at the University of Chicago is "Advanced Databases" (MPCS 53002-1). Here are some details about the "Advanced Databases" course:

- **Instructor:** Not specified
- **Location:** JCL/Ryerson TBD
- **Meeting Times:** Thursday 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- **Fulfills:** Core Systems Elective

Course Description: The "Advanced Databases" course builds on the foundation of the introductory databases course and covers advanced topics in database systems. Students will explore topics such as advanced SQL, query optimization, indexing, transaction processing, concurrency control, recovery, distributed databases, and emerging trends in database systems.

Course Contents:

- Advanced SQL
- Query optimization
- Indexing
- Transaction processing
- Concurrency control
- Recovery
- Distributed databases
- Emerging trends in database systems

Coursework:

- Homework (weekly)
- Multi-part project
- Midterm

Overlapping Classes:

- MPC5 55001-1 - Algorithms
- MPC5 55005-1 - Advanced Algorithms
- MPC5 51235-1 - Advanced User Interface and User Experience Design
- MPC5 56520-1 - Advanced Security Topics

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- Masters Program in Computer Science

You can find more information about the course on the [MPCS Spring 2024 Courses Page](#). Source: [MPCS Spring 2024 Course - Advanced Databases](#)