BS Computer Science

Applied Option, Software Engineering

The following proposed Applied Option in Software Engineering supplements the Computer Science core requirements with courses that:

1. Bridge the gap between introductory programming (1xx) and software engineering (3xx)
2. Address modern industry needs, (e.g. recent IAB feedback)
3. Provide an intermediate step toward a four-year BS in Software Engineering

The Applied Option in Software Engineering includes existing 400-level CS electives and four new courses:

* One 200-level course on the development of larger software applications
* One 300-level course that extends the existing CS 361 & 362 sequence
* Two 400-level courses that extend the existing CS 466 course

These courses provide students with additional software development practice during year two, extend the existing software engineering course sequence in CS during year three, and extend the existing startup/entrepreneurship course in CS in year four, complementing the CS capstone sequence.

This applied option requires four Category 2 proposals for new courses, and the development of these four courses. Cascades campus faculty shall complete this work during AY2018-19, and make the applied option available in AY2019-20.

**Rationale for SE 201**

Students experience programming “in the small” in year one (CS 160-162), experience very few courses in year two (CS 261, 271 and 290), and then engage in “software engineering” (CS 361 & 362) in year three. Learning software engineering concepts can be challenging when students have only written short, focused programs and have never engaged in building a larger software system. The SE 201 course engages students in programming “in the large” (more OO, more practice, more APIs, more problem solving, more tools, bigger programs) in year two, providing a learning experience that helps bridge the first year and third year courses. In the four-year BS Software Engineering curriculum, this course will be the first in a three-course sequence (SE 201 – 203).

**Catalog Description**

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**Learning Outcomes**

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**Rationale for SE 303**

The CS 361 & 362 courses address the “front end” and “back end” of a software lifecycle, from requirements analysis to verification and maintenance. Modern software engineering is a huge topic, and even our IAB has raised some curricular shortcomings, including continuous integration and delivery, automated testing, cloud computing, and infrastructure. A third course in the software engineering sequence provides more surface area for such topics and additional learning outcomes. In the four-year BS Software Engineering curriculum, this course will be the third of a three-course sequence (CS 361, CS 362, SE 303).

**Catalog Description**

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**Learning Outcomes**

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**Rationale for SE 402 & 403**

The capstone sequence (CS 461-463) provides students a design experience in which they typically engage in a consulting model providing a service to a client. In contrast, a product-based model (such as a software startup) provides students an entrepreneurial experience that includes market analysis, product management, design, marketing, business organization, business administration, selling software, and growing a business. While the CS 466 course introduces students to entrepreneurship fundamentals, it does not provide students the time and depth necessary for a true startup experience. SE 402 and 403 shall follow CS 466 to extend this experience, and complement the capstone experience. In the four-year BS Software Engineering curriculum, these courses will be the second and third of a three-course sequence (CS 466, SE 402, SE 403).

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**Learning Outcomes**

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**Applied Option Criteria**

“Options consist of a minimum of 21 designated quarter credits of related course work, 15 of which must be at the upper-division level.” (Office of Academic Programs & Assessment)

The Applied CS Program must meet the following conditions:

* Minimum of 32 credits
* Recommended minimum of 20 upper division credits
* Coherent body of knowledge where applications of computer science could play an important role

## Core (20 credits)

SE 201 Software Development I (4)

SE 303 Software Engineering III (4)

CS 466 Web-based Startup Project (4)

SE 402 Business of Software II (4)

SE 403 Business of Software III (4)

## Electives (12 credits)

Choose 12 credits from the following:

CS 492 Mobile Software Development (4)

CS 493 Cloud Application Development (4)

CS 464 Open Source Software (4)

ECE 478 Network Security (4)

CS 434 Machine Learning & Data Mining (4)

CS 447 Wireless Embedded Systems (4)

CS 406 Projects (4) or CS 401 Research (4)

4 credits at lower division (SE 201)

28 credits at upper division (SE 303, CS 466, SE 402, SE 403, and CS 4xx electives)

Example Four-Year Plan

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Current Applied Option, Web and Mobile Software Development

