

## 3 Reasons to Study Computer Science

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Here are the top three reasons why students should consider pursuing a degree in computer science.

### 1. Computer science jobs aren't going anywhere anytime soon.

According to [a 2017 study](#), jobs in the realm of computer science made the top-10 list for the highest projected job growth in the next seven years. Additionally, the [Computer Science Zone](#) projects an increase of 1 million computer science jobs within the next decade. As technology is constantly developing and growing, the need for computer scientists will continue to increase over the years.

### 2. Computer science graduates have the second-highest projected salary.

According to the [National Association of Colleges and Employers](#) (NACE), computer science graduates are expected to earn the second highest salary among other disciplines. The average projected salary for 2018 computer science graduates is \$66,005, which only falls about \$500 behind engineering graduates.

### 3. Computer scientists are needed across all industries.

Computer science is all about problem solving, and computers have the potential to solve problems across major industries throughout the world. Since there is a broad spectrum of industries that hire computer scientists, graduates can potentially choose a career path that interests them. Some industries that are in high demand for computer scientists include the health industry and artificial intelligence.

[The University of Wyoming computer science](#) curriculum allows students to study a variety of different topics including artificial intelligence, robotics and cyber security. Another benefit of studying computer science at UW is the 20-to-1 student-to-faculty ratio. UW computer science student Sean Glover has noticed that small class sizes have greatly influenced his education. "The small class sizes create a more interactive classroom environment and makes it easier for students to ask questions," he says. Additionally, 79 percent of students in the UW College of Engineering and Applied Science find a job within their field within three months of graduation.