# Computer Science BA

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## PROGRAM KEY POINTS

- Provides a solid foundation in computing principles and software development.
- Covers core topics such as programming, algorithms, data structures, and software engineering, alongside elective courses in specialized areas like web development and artificial intelligence

## FOUR-YEAR CAREER MAP ADVISORY

- Accompanying the Career Milestones, please use the Academic Degree Program Maps link that
  offers suggested four-year course combinations and prerequisites based on the undergraduate
  annual catalog year you started at QC.
- All <u>underlined content</u> in this document acts as a hyperlink to important resources for your guidance. Access these links using the command (ctrl + click) or if you are using the printed version, please scan the QR codes.
- Review your academic program maps to align it with your career milestone map.







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# Freshman

#### **FALL**

Career Milestones	Done
Access Handshake QC*	
Create a <u>Draft Resume</u>	
Review Courses for the Major	
Join a <u>Student Club</u> on campus	
Attend the Career Center's Meet and Greet	
Orientation*	
Take a Focus2 career assessment	

#### **SPRING**

Career Milestones	Done
Create a <u>LinkedIn Account</u>	
Explore career options for Accounting majors	
Attend Hackathons & Pitchfests: <u>Devpost</u> , <u>SowGlow</u> , etc.	
Create a <u>GitHub Account</u>	
Attend <u>Career Center's workshops</u>	
Join professional organizations: <u>ACM</u> , <u>IEEE</u> , IACIS, NSBE	

# Sophomore

#### **FALL**

Career Milestones	Done
Update your <u>Handshake QC</u> profile and interests *	
Develop a network of contact through LinkedIn	
Build out and formulate an effective <u>resume</u>	
Post to Your <u>GitHub Account</u> *	
Apply for computer science internships	
Attend <u>Professional Development Workshops</u>	

#### **SPRING**

Career Milestones	Done
Contribute to open source projects	
Build skills with <u>case studies and project</u> , and/or <u>launch a side project (web app or mobile)</u>	
Identify a mentor and check-in periodically *	
Attend networking events <u>on campus</u> and <u>externally</u> , meetings, conferences, & <u>workshops</u>	
Build cloud computing skills: <u>AWS</u> , <u>Azure</u> , <u>G-Cloud</u>	
Explore and apply for internship opportunities: Angel, Levels, Google, Avande, etc. *	







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# **Junior**

#### FALL

Career Milestones	Done
Update resume to be more succinct and industry ready	
Utilize LinkedIn and other resources such as The Vault	
Apply for <u>internships</u> on <u>HandshakeQC</u> , Spring Forward, <u>Career Launch</u> , <u>CUNY Tech Prep</u> , <u>LifeSci NYC</u> , etc.	
Additional coding resources: Google, Codeacademy, etc.	
Research Big Tech firms recruiting best practices	

#### **SPRING**

Career Milestones	Done
<u>Prepare for technical interviews</u> with industry- specific coding problems	
Participate in <u>peer coding reviews</u>	
Participate in a virtual work experience program	
Start <u>self-guided case studies</u> outside classroom	
Join leetcode <u>coding bootcamps or online</u> <u>challenges</u>	
Join online forums and discussion groups	

# Senior

#### **FALL**

Career Milestones	Done
Take advantage of events offered by <u>Career</u> <u>Center</u> to perfect job search, <u>interviewing</u> and employability skills	
Schedule an appointment with the career advisor	
Inform contacts you are in the process of searching for a job	
Apply, apply and apply for more jobs. Record your progress	
Complete a senior thesis or capstone project	

#### **SPRING**

Career Milestones	Done
Apply for more jobs. Record your progress and remember to follow-up on your applications	
Secure references and recommendations	
If applicable finish applying to graduate school	
Connect with <u>alumni office and join QC alumni</u>	
Connect with alumni in <u>LinkedIn groups</u>	
Consider an MBA or additional certifications	





