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Re: CS and CS&E Course Creation CS 192A, Request for Approval

We propose the creation of the new course, Computer Science 192A. We request that these changes take effect for Spring 2018.

Regarding Computer Science 192A:

Undergraduate learning assistants already receive training as part of a campus-wide initiative to facilitate learning in an array of life science, physics, chemistry, and math courses. This course would be created as an addition to the learning assistant program in which Computer Science students could enroll. It is a training seminar for advanced undergraduate students who are selected as learning assistants (LAs) or peer learning facilitators (PLFs) in Computer Science 31 and 32. Students explore current topics in pedagogy and education research and work on communication skills with constant assessment of and feedback on progress. The 1-unit seminar is generally taught by a campus expert in evidence-based instruction, and all past instructors have received formal training in the form of a degree or workshops on these topics. As a learning assistant, students get upper division credit for: attending a weekly seminar about learning, meeting weekly with TAs and instructors to plan and discuss collaborative learning activities, and helping all students get the most out of their course by facilitating learning in discussion sections.

We appreciate your kind consideration.