

Name and Address of Chapter:

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Brief description of chapter and school including number of members:

The ACM-W chapter at the University of Virginia is also known as WiCS (Women in Computing Sciences) at UVA. We seek to create a network for all the women in computing majors and computing-related majors at the university. We also include members in non-affiliated majors who are interested in learning more about computing. WiCS provides professional, social, educational, mentorship, and outreach opportunities for our members. As of April 18, 2016, the chapter has 127 members.

The University of Virginia is a public research university in Charlottesville, Virginia. UVA is commonly known for its historic significance and honor code.

Number of students at your school who take CS and related courses and typical majors of chapter members:

The computer science department has not gathered data on the number of students at UVA who take CS and related courses, however there were 952 students enrolled in introductory computing courses in Spring 2016.

Our membership consists primarily of computer science and computer engineering majors.

URL for chapter home page:

<http://wics.cs.virginia.edu>

Outstanding School Service:

The most outstanding contribution of our chapter, Women in Computing Sciences (WiCS), in terms of service to the University of Virginia is increasing the presence of computing majors at various events on grounds. For instance, we have set up a table at the Engineering School's Ladies in the Lab event (<https://www.facebook.com/events/562450733916081/>) for the past two years to represent computer science/engineering majors. We have also participated in the Engineering School Open House (<http://www.seas.virginia.edu/events/openhouse.php>)—both as volunteers and to speak on the experience of being women in tech majors at UVA.

We encourage participation in various hackathons and conferences among UVA computing students by increasing the accessibility of such events. For example, we arranged for a bus to come to UVA to shuttle students to this past PearlHacks (<http://pearlhacks.com/>). WiCS helps the CS department provide scholarships to the Grace Hopper Conference and encourages our

members to participate in GHC. We hold GHC info session prior to the event, and are in the process of creating a "Grace Hopper Experiences" section on our website (wics.cs.virginia.edu) to showcase some of our members' experiences with the conference.

As the only encompassing computing organization on grounds with an active membership, WiCS has taken charge of providing computing representation and involvement at UVA and at computing events outside of UVA.