The mission of the Computer Science Department is to:

- Be a department of choice for high-quality and innovative undergraduate and graduate degree programs in computer science, software engineering, and computer engineering.
- Educate a diverse student population.
- Foster research and professional development activities that enable faculty to maintain currency in their fields, and engage students in research.
- Provide technological leadership to the University community and the Sacramento region.
- Provide experiences that reflect state-of-the-art/state-of-the-practice by incorporating new areas and technologies into its academic programs.
- Strive to serve regional educational needs for professional development and interdisciplinary programs.
- Participate in the development of new technologies that drive local, regional, and national economies through interaction with industry.