

CSci 127: Introduction to Computer Science



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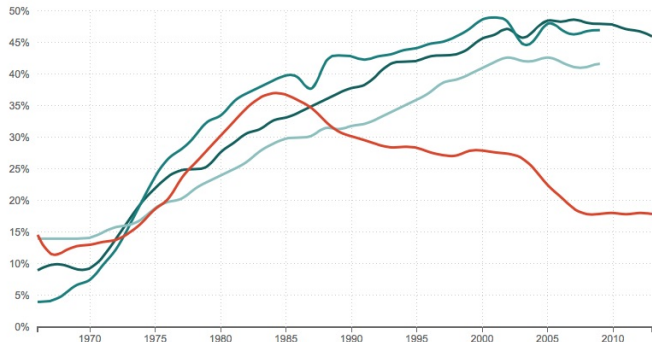
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Source: National Science Foundation, American Bar Association, American Association of Medical Colleges
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Today's Topics



- Functions
- Prof. Xu
- Github
- Final Exam Overview

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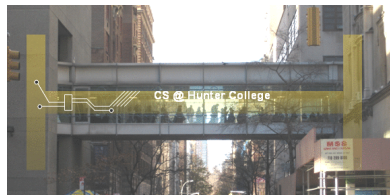
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