

As late as 1967, graduate programs in computer science recruited people who, for the most part, had not had any previous opportunity to study computers. Perforce, they started at the same point as undergraduates, only with considerably less time available to get through the work. The result was that the general level of instruction was approximately what it had been at Minnesota or Stanford in 1955. The masters in computer science varied from being a de-facto undergraduate minor to being a de-facto second bachelors degree.