Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science

Interdisciplinary Programs

The Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science offers a Bachelor of Science program in Computer Engineering. This program is delivered by the combined faculties of the Departments of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering.

Computer Engineering (BS)

The Computer Engineering program is interdisciplinary. It was designed by the combined faculties of the Computer Science Department and the Electrical Engineering Department. Computer Engineering requires a blend of knowledge from the areas of hardware (Electrical Engineering) and software (Computer Science). The focus of the Computer Engineering degree is to provide an excellent education in modern computer systems and prepare its graduates for outstanding careers in the rapidly changing and growing profession and for further continuing education.

The Computer Engineering program is based on a solid foundation of science and mathematics coursework. Students have opportunities to expand their abilities to analyze and solve complex problems and to design new uses of technology to serve society. This program provides an integrated educational experience directed toward the development of the ability to apply pertinent knowledge to the identification and solution of practical problems in computer engineering.

The Computer Engineering curriculum ensures that the design experience, which includes both analytical and experimental studies, is integrated throughout in a sequential development leading to advanced work. Design problems are frequently assigned in both lecture and laboratory courses. Each student is required to complete a major design project during the senior year. In addition, internships and cooperative education programs with area companies may further supplement a student's design experiences.

Mission of the Computer Engineering (CE) Program

The mission of the Computer Engineering Program is to provide an excellent education in modern computer engineering practice. Our graduates are highly qualified for rewarding and successful careers in a diverse range of computer engineering fields.

Program Educational Objectives for Computer Engineering

The UT Dallas Computer Engineering Program educational objectives will enable our graduates within a few years of graduation to:

- Successfully pursue a diverse range of careers as computer engineers, consultants, educators, and/or entrepreneurs as well as pursue advanced education.
- Be effective contributors and leaders in both professional and personal settings.
• Serve their profession and/or employer in a responsible, ethical, creative, and enthusiastic manner to meet the needs of industry and society
• Continue to learn and improve through self-motivation.

High School Preparation
Engineering education requires a strong high school preparation. Pre-engineering students should have high school preparation of at least one-half year in trigonometry and at least one year each in elementary algebra, intermediate and advanced algebra, plane geometry, chemistry, and physics, thus developing their competencies to the highest possible levels and preparing them to move immediately into demanding college courses in calculus, calculus-based physics, and chemistry for science majors. Pre-Computer Engineering students should have some experience with elementary programming in a high level language such as C, C++, or Java. It is also essential that pre-engineering students have the competence to read rapidly and with comprehension, and to write clearly and correctly.

Lower-Division Study
All lower-division students in Computer Engineering concentrate on mathematics, science, and introductory engineering courses, building competence in these cornerstone areas for future application in upper-division engineering courses. The following requirements apply both to students seeking to transfer to UT Dallas from other institutions as well as to those currently enrolled at UT Dallas, whether in another school or in the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science.

ABET Accreditation
The BS program in Computer Engineering is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, www.abet.org.

Academic Progress in Computer Engineering
In order to make satisfactory academic progress as a Computer Engineering major, a student must meet all University requirements for academic progress, and must earn a grade of C- or better in each of the "major requirements" courses. No "Major Requirements" course (as listed under Section II of the BS degree requirement) may be taken until the student has obtained a grade of C- or better in each of the prerequisites (if a higher grade requirement is stated for a specific class, the higher requirement applies).

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Degree Requirements (126 semester credit hours)¹

View an Example of Degree Requirements by Semester

Affiliated Faculty


Associate Professors: Jorge A. Cobb, Cong Liu

Assistant Professors: Kanad Basu, Benjamin Carrion Schafer, Joseph Friedman, Yang Hu, Kaveh Shamsi

Professor Emeritus: William J. Pervin

Professors of Instruction: Richard Goodrum, Greg Ozbirn, William (Bill) Swartz, Marco Tacca

Associate Professors of Instruction: Md Ali, Diana Cogan, Chris I. Davis

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours

Communication: 6 semester credit hours

**RHET 1302** Rhetoric

**ECS 3390** Professional and Technical Communication

Or select any 6 semester credit hours from Communication Core courses (see advisor)

Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours

**MATH 2417** Calculus I

Or select any 3 semester credit hours from Mathematics Core courses (see advisor)

Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours

**PHYS 2325** Mechanics

**PHYS 2326** Electromagnetism and Waves

Or select any 6 semester credit hours from Life and Physical Sciences Core courses (see advisor)

Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Language, Philosophy and Culture Core courses (see advisor)

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Creative Arts Core courses (see advisor)

American History: 6 semester credit hours

Select any 6 semester credit hours from American History Core courses (see advisor)

Government/Political Science: 6 semester credit hours

**GOVT 2305** American National Government
**GOVT 2306** State and Local Government

Or select any 6 semester credit hours from [Government/Political Science Option](#) courses (see advisor)

**Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours**

Select any 3 semester credit hours from [Social and Behavioral Sciences Core](#) courses (see advisor)

**Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours**

- **MATH 2417** Calculus I[^4]
- **MATH 2419** Calculus II[^4]
- **PHYS 2125** Physics Laboratory I[^3]

Or select any 6 semester credit hours from [Component Area Option](#) courses (see advisor)

II. Major Requirements: 79 semester credit hours

**Major Preparatory Courses: 24 semester credit hours including 5 listed above in Core Curriculum**

- **CE 1100** Introduction to Electrical and Computer Engineering[^6]
- **CE 1202** Introduction to Electrical and Computer Engineering II[^6]
- **CE 1337** Computer Science I
- **ECS 1100** Introduction to Engineering and Computer Science[^6]
- **ENGR 2300** Linear Algebra for Engineers
- **CE 2305** Discrete Mathematics for Computing I
- **CE 2310** Introduction to Digital Systems
- **CE 2336** Computer Science II
- **MATH 2417** Calculus I[^4]
- **MATH 2419** Calculus II[^4]
- **MATH 2420** Differential Equations with Applications
- **PHYS 2125** Physics Laboratory I[^3]
- **PHYS 2126** Physics Laboratory II
- **PHYS 2325** Mechanics[^5]
- **PHYS 2326** Electromagnetism and Waves[^5]

**Major Core Courses: 46 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum**

- **CE 3161** Social Issues and Ethics in Engineering
CE 3201 Electrical and Computer Engineering Fundamentals-I Laboratory
CE 3202 Electrical and Computer Engineering Fundamentals-II Laboratory
ECS 3390 Professional and Technical Communication
CE 3301 Electrical Network Analysis
CE 3303 Discrete-Time Signals and Systems
CE 3310 Electronic Devices
CE 3311 Electronic Circuits
CE 3320 Digital Circuits
ENGR 3341 Probability Theory and Statistics
CE 3345 Data Structures and Introduction to Algorithmic Analysis
CE 3354 Software Engineering
CE 4304 Computer Architecture
CE 4348 Operating Systems Concepts
CE 4370 Embedded Systems
CE 4388 Senior Design Project I
CE 4389 Senior Design Project II

Select one of the following laboratories:

CE 4201 Electrical and Computer Engineering Laboratory in Computing Systems and Computer Engineering
CE 4202 Electrical and Computer Engineering Laboratory in Circuits
CE 4203 Electrical and Computer Engineering Laboratory in Signals and Systems
CE 4204 Electrical and Computer Engineering Laboratory in Devices
CE 4205 Electrical and Computer Engineering Laboratory in Power Electronics and Energy Systems

Major Guided Electives: 9 semester credit hours

Students take 9 semester credit hours from any 4000 level course from the list below. Independent Study in Computer Engineering (CE 4V97), Undergraduate Research in Computer Engineering (CE 4V98), or Senior Honors in Computer Engineering (CE 4399) may be used for up to 6 of these hours.

EE 4325 Introduction to VLSI Design
EE 4330 Integrated Circuit Technology
EE 4340 Analog Integrated Circuit Analysis and Design
EE 4342 Introduction to Robotics
EE 4360 Digital Communications  
EE 4361 Introduction to Digital Signal Processing  
EE 4363 Introduction to Power Electronics  
EE 4365 Introduction to Wireless Communication  
EE 4367 Telecommunication Networks  
EE 4371 Introduction to MEMS  
CS 4332 Introduction to Programming Video Games  
CS 4334 Numerical Analysis  
CS 4337 Programming Language Paradigms  
CS 4347 Database Systems  
CS 4352 Human–Computer Interaction I  
CS 4361 Computer Graphics  
CS 4365 Artificial Intelligence  
CS 4375 Introduction to Machine Learning  
CS 4384 Automata Theory  
CS 4389 Data and Applications Security  
CS 4390 Computer Networks  
CS 4392 Computer Animation  
CS 4393 Computer and Network Security  
CS 4398 Digital Forensics

III. Elective Requirements: 5 semester credit hours

**Free Electives: 5 semester credit hours**

Both lower- and upper-division courses may count as free electives, but students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division courses to qualify for graduation.

Degree programs in the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science are governed by various accreditation boards that place restrictions on classes used to meet the curricular requirements of degrees they certify. For this reason, not all classes offered by the University can be used to meet elective requirements. Please check with your academic advisor before enrolling in classes you hope to use as free electives.

**Fast Track Baccalaureate/Master's Degrees**

In response to the need for advanced education in computer engineering, a Fast Track program is
available to well-qualified UT Dallas undergraduate students. Qualified seniors may take up to 15
graduate semester credit hours that may be used to complete the baccalaureate degree and also to
satisfy the requirements for the master's degree. This is accomplished by (1) taking courses (typically
electives) during one or more summer semesters, and (2) beginning graduate coursework during the
senior year. Details are available from the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education.

Honors Program

The Computer Engineering Program offers Departmental Honors for outstanding students in the BS
Computer Engineering degree program. Admission to the Honors programs requires that the student
meet the following qualifications:

- Has repeated no more than 3 courses at UT Dallas and has repeated no course more than once.

Graduation with Honors requires a 3.500 or better GPA and completion of either Senior Honors in
Computer Engineering (CE 4399) or Undergraduate Research in Computer Engineering (CE 4V98). A
Senior Honors Thesis must be completed within one of those two classes. (While the topics may be
related, the Senior Thesis does not replace the need for the student to complete a regular Senior
Design Project).

Departmental Honors with Distinction may be awarded to students whose Senior Honors Thesis is
judged by a faculty committee to be of exemplary quality. Only students graduating with Departmental
Honors are eligible. Thesis/projects must be submitted by the deadline that applies to MS Theses in
the graduating semester to allow for proper evaluation. Students interested in Honors with Distinction
are encouraged to start working on their thesis/project a year prior to graduation.

Minors

The School of Engineering and Computer Science does not offer a minor in Computer Engineering at
this time.

1. Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of UNIV 1010 and the corresponding
school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their
core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.

2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses. The courses listed are
recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at
UT Dallas.

3. Semester credit hours fulfill the communication component of the Core Curriculum.

4. Three semester credit hours of Calculus are counted under Mathematics Core, and five semester
credit hours of Calculus are counted as Component Area Option Core.

5. Six semester credit hours of Physics are counted under Science core, and one semester credit hour
of Physics (PHYS 2125) is counted as Component Area Option Core.

6. Transfer students with sufficient background may petition to substitute upper-division semester
credit hours in the major for this class.