Computer Systems Engineering, BSE

Program Description

The BSE program in computer systems engineering focuses on the analysis, design, testing, integration and evaluation of hardware and software systems. The curriculum is grounded in many engineering disciplines, including the applications of science and technology to the design of:

- computer architecture
- cybersecurity
- digital circuits
- distributed and embedded systems
- networking
- operating systems

Students engage in the design of integrated hardware and software solutions for computing, communication and control applications. They practice many aspects of engineering activities, such as the development of:

- computer networks
- embedded and ubiquitous systems
- high-performance computer systems
- individual digital components

Students become skilled at interfacing different pieces of hardware and software components and integrating systems and products with new capabilities and improved quality and performance.


At a Glance

- College/School: Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering
Required Courses (Major Map)

2022 - 2023 Major Map  
Major Map (Archives)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a double major) earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

Computer Engineering (Computer Systems), MS  
Computer Science (Art, Media and Engineering), MS  
Computer Science (Big Data Systems), MCS  
Computer Science (Big Data Systems), MS  
Computer Science (Biomedical Informatics), MS  
Computer Science (Cybersecurity), MCS  
Computer Science (Cybersecurity), MS  
Computer Science, MCS  
Computer Science, MS  
Robotics and Autonomous Systems (Artificial Intelligence), MS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements
General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Additional Requirements:

The admission standards for majors in the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering are higher than minimum university standards. International students may have an additional English language proficiency criterion. Foreign nationals must meet the same admission requirements shown below with the possible additional requirement of a minimum TOEFL score. If the university requires a TOEFL score from the applicant (students should check [https://admission.asu.edu/international/undergrad-student](https://admission.asu.edu/international/undergrad-student)), then admission to engineering requires a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), 79 on iBT (internet-based) or a minimum IELTS score of 6.5.

Freshman Admission:

1. minimum 1210 SAT combined evidence-based reading and writing plus math score or minimum 24 ACT combined score or minimum ABOR GPA of 3.00 or class ranking in top 25 percent of high school class, and
2. no high school math or science competency deficiencies

Transfer Admission Requirements:

Transfer students with fewer than 24 transferable college credit hours:

1. minimum transfer GPA of 3.00 for less than 24 transfer hours, and
2. no high school math or science competency deficiencies, and
3. minimum 1210 SAT combined evidence-based reading and writing plus math score (or 1140 if taken prior to March 5, 2016) or minimum 24 ACT combined score, or minimum ABOR GPA of 3.00, or class ranking in top 25 percent of high school class

Transfer students with 24 or more transferable college credit hours must meet EITHER the primary OR the secondary criteria (not both):

Primary Criteria

1. minimum transfer GPA of 3.00 for 24 or more transfer hours, and
2. no high school math or science competency deficiencies (if Admission Services requires submission of a high school transcript)

Secondary Criteria

1. minimum transfer GPA of 2.75 for 24 or more transfer hours, and
2. minimum GPA of 2.75 in all critical courses for Terms 1 and 2 (see major map for critical courses)
Change of Major Requirements

Admission requirements for many majors in the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering are higher than university admission standards. Students should review the following Engineering website for more information: [https://engineering.asu.edu/admission-requirements/](https://engineering.asu.edu/admission-requirements/).

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU).

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Students gain valuable experience when studying abroad, experience which enhances their resumes. With over 250 programs available, study abroad allows students to tailor their experience to their unique interests and skill sets. Students in computer systems engineering are able to gain hands-on experience in programs like a summer in Colombia and a semester in Hong Kong. In a competitive field, students stand out with the heightened cultural competency and leadership and critical thinking skills they achieved when studying abroad. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)

Career Opportunities

Computer systems engineers are employed in industry, government, education and consulting firms where they engage in the design, development and operation of hardware and software systems of computer and networking equipment.

Computer systems engineers often find themselves focusing on engineering problems or challenges of emerging computer systems, including chips, device controllers, embedded systems and high-performance computing servers. Their jobs usually involve the research, design and development of computer hardware and software for practical applications. Their work can result in innovative, state-of-the-art products that integrate computing and communication capabilities, such as those in:
• avionics and space vehicles
• digital television and photography
• intelligent highways and control systems for vehicles
• mobile devices and smart applications
• new apparatuses for health care and for the sight-impaired or others with physical disabilities
• security and defense systems

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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Professional Licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the ASU professional licensure webpage: https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure.

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