Explore Systems Design (Sensor Networks), MS

Combine your interests in exploration systems design and sensor networks with the strengths of science and engineering to prepare for a professional or academic career. Study computer networks, Earth-systems engineering, multidimensional signal processing, and information and random signal theory with faculty who specialize in the natural sciences and instrumentation design.

**Program Description**

Degree Awarded: MS Exploration Systems Design (Sensor Networks)

The MS program in exploration systems design with a concentration in sensor networks promotes the development and growth of engineering-literate scientists and science-literate engineers interested in the use of robotics, data science and other computational tools applied to science problems in Earth and space sciences.

Its unique curriculum combines science applications with engineering knowledge and skills through engineering and science courses focused on Earth science, space science and astrophysics. The concentration program trains students to use modern computational tools to solve some of the most complex science problems humanity faces.

**At a Glance**

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe campus
**Degree Requirements**

30 credit hours including Capstone Course (SES 511)

**Required Core (5 credit hours)**
SES 501 SESE Colloquium (1)
SES 502 Exploring SESE Research (1)
SES 510 Graduate Exploration Project I (3)

**Concentration (9 credit hours)**
CEN 571 Hardware Acceleration and FPGA Computing (3)
EEE 507 Multidimensional Signal Processing (3)
EEE 511 Artificial Neural Computation (3)
EEE 515 Machine Vision and Pattern Recognition (3)
EEE 551 Information Theory (3)
MAE 547 Modeling and Control of Robots (3)

**Electives or Research (13 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**
SES 511 Graduate Exploration Project II (3)

**Additional Curriculum Information**

Students select three courses from the available concentration coursework.

For elective coursework, students select from the AST, GLG, SES or engineering courses in consultation with their faculty advisor. Six credit hours must be science coursework approved by the faculty advisor. Other courses can be used with academic unit approval.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in engineering, physical science or a related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts  
3. written statement  
4. three letters of recommendation  
5. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

**Application Deadlines**

**Fall**

**Spring**

**Career Opportunities**
The U.S. Department of Labor predicts that the economy will add an additional 63,000 jobs in engineering fields related to systems engineering and exploration systems design (involving electrical and electronics, aerospace and mechanical engineering). This is in addition to the 900,000 jobs already existing in the economy in these fields. [https://www.bls.gov/ooh/architecture-and-engineering/home.htm](https://www.bls.gov/ooh/architecture-and-engineering/home.htm)

The state of Arizona has a considerable presence from aerospace and other technology companies with high demand for skilled labor. In particular, local aerospace companies have high demand for students with direct experience and training in the space sector. The concentration in sensor networks is uniquely positioned to provide this training.

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