
Computer engineering is a broad field with applications in almost all areas of industry including software and hardware computer systems, and computing electronics. The Department of Computer Science and the Department of Electrical Engineering jointly offers the Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering (BSCE) degree, accredited by ABET since 2009.

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This degree provides a broad, solid education in computer engineering fundamentals as well as the opportunity for in-depth study in specialized topics. Students completing the program will have a rigorous foundation for software and hardware engineering practice in industry as well as for graduate studies in computer science, computer engineering and other related disciplines. The program has well-equipped, accessible laboratories and extensive computing facilities.

The Computer Engineering Program is a joint program delivered by the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Electrical Engineering. The Computer Engineering program prepares students to pursue advanced study or to enter the dynamic and interdisciplinary field that continues to experience rapid growth and impacts many aspects of human endeavor. The program is designed to provide students with a balanced perspective of hardware and software, and the analysis, design, and implementation techniques for integrated computer systems. The faculty endeavor to be accessible, maintain state of the art instruction and facilities, and to provide liberal access to laboratories and academic support.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and General Education core requirements.

Required

020 - Mathematics – 3 hours

MATH 2413 Calculus I (or MATH 2487 Honors) three-hour lecture

030 - Life and Physical Science – 6 hours

PHYS 2425 Physics for Scientists and Engineers I three-hour lecture

PHYS 2426 Physics for Scientists and Engineers II three-hour lecture

040 - Language, Philosophy, and Culture – 3 hours

PHIL 2326 Ethics, Technology, and Society

090 - Integrative and Experiential Learning – 6 hours

Choose any course from Humanities, except Professional Ethics, and complete:

PHYS 2425 Physics for Scientists and Engineers I one-hour lab

PHYS 2426 Physics for Scientists and Engineers II one-hour lab

CHEM 1111 General Chemistry Lab or CHEM 1107 Chemistry for Engineers Lab

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 67 HOURS (48 advanced minimum)

1 – Computer Engineering Core – 41 hours (25 advanced)

CMPE 1101 Introduction to Computer Engineering

CMPE 1170 Engineering Computer Science I Lab (or CSCI 1178 Honors)

CMPE 1370 Engineering Computer Science I (or CMPE 1378 Honors)

CMPE 2320 Electric Circuits I

CMPE 2120 Electric Circuits I Lab

CMPE 2330 Digital Systems Engineering I

CMPE 2130 Digital Systems Engineering I Lab

CMPE 2380 Computer Science II

CMPE 3331 Microcontroller and Embedded Systems Lab

CMPE 3333 Algorithms and Data Structures

CMPE 3334 Systems Programming

CMPE 3340 Software Engineering I

CMPE 3403 Electronics for Computer Engineering

CMPE 4303 Digital Systems Engineering II
CMPE 4334 Operating Systems
CMPE 4335 Computer Architecture

2 – Senior Design – 6 hours (6 advanced)

Choose one pair:

CMPE 4371 Senior Design I Software and CMPE 4372 Senior Design II Software
CMPE 4373 Senior Design I Hardware and CMPE 4374 Senior Design II Hardware

3 – Technical Electives – 5 hours (5 advanced)

Choose from (Additional courses available with Advisor or Program Director Approval):

ELEE 3230 Electrical Engineering II Lab
CMPE 3226 Electrical Engineering I Lab
CMPE 4301 Digital Image Processing
CMPE 4327 Compiler Construction
CMPE 4336 Parallel and Distributed Computing
CMPE 4363 Computer and Network Security
CMPE 4341 Topics in Computer Science
CMPE 4350 Artificial Intelligence
CMPE 4365 Digital Signal Processing
CMPE 4366 Image Processing
CMPE 4367 Fiber Optic Communications
CMPE 4378 Signal Integrity and Electromagnetic Compatibility
CMPE 4381 Interactive Systems and User Interface Design
CMPE 4382 Computer Visualization

4 – Concentrations – 15 hours (12 advanced minimum)

Choose one concentration:

a – Software – 15 hours (12 advanced)

CMPE 2333 Computer Organization and Assembly Language
CMPE 3341 Software Engineering II
CMPE 4345 Computer Networks
CMPE 4333 Database Design and Implementation

Choose one:

CMPE 3326 Object Oriented Programming in JAVA
CMPE 3328 Object Oriented Programming in C#

b – Hardware – 15 hours (15 advanced)

CMPE 3322 Signals and Systems
CMPE 3226 Electrical Engineering I Lab
CMPE 4375 Introduction to VLSI Design
CMPE 4390 Communications Networks
CMPE 3437 Microprocessor Systems

c – General – 15 hours (12 advanced)

Choose one:

CMPE 2333 Computer Organization and Assembly Language
CMPE 3437 Microprocessor Systems

Choose one:

CMPE 4345 Computer Networks
CMPE 4390 Communications Networks

Choose three:

CMPE 3226 Electrical Engineering I Lab
CMPE 3322 Signals and Systems
CMPE 3341 Software Engineering II
CMPE 4375 Introduction to VLSI Design
CMPE 4333 Database Design & Implementation

Choose one:

CMPE 3326 Object Oriented Programming in JAVA
CMPE 3328 Object Oriented Programming in C#

C – SUPPORT COURSES – 17 HOURS (6 advanced)

1 – Basic Science – 3 hours

Choose one:

CHEM 1311 General Chemistry I
CHEM 1307 Chemistry for Engineers

2 – Mathematics – 14 hours (6 advanced)

MATH 2413 Calculus I (or MATH 2487 Honors) one-hour lecture
MATH 2414 Calculus II (or MATH 2488 Honors)
MATH 2346 Mathematics for Electrical and Computer Engineers
MATH 3341 Differential Equations
STAT 3337 Probability and Statistics

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 126 HOURS

TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS (MINIMUM) – 54 HOURS

ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Graduation requirements

1. As part of the degree, all students must complete a two-semester capstone senior design project, represented by CMPE 4371 and CMPE 4372 or CMPE 4373 and CMPE 4374 in the degree plan. This project must be of substantial scope and complexity, demonstrate competencies from across the curriculum (in particular, the ability to design computer software, electronic hardware and integrate the two in systems) and address the social, economic and ethical consequences of the project.
2. All courses in sections B1 - Computer Engineering Core, B2 - Senior Design, and B4 - Concentration must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better.
3. In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2017-2018 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.