Undergraduate Major in Computer Science and Engineering

Overview
The undergraduate program in Computer Science and Engineering is administered by faculty from two academic units: the Department of Computer Science (CS) in the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences, and the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences (EECS) in The Henry Samueli School of Engineering. Successful completion of the program leads to a B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering.

Program Educational Objectives: Graduates of the program will: (1) establish a productive Computer Science and Engineering career in industry, government, or academia; (2) engage in professional practice of computer systems engineering and software systems engineering; (3) promote the development of innovative systems and solutions using hardware and software integration; (4) promote design, research, and implementation of products and services in the field of Computer Science and Engineering through strong communication, leadership, and entrepreneurial skills.

This program is designed to provide students with the fundamentals of computer science, both hardware and software, and the application of engineering concepts, techniques, and methods to both computer systems engineering and software system design. The program gives students access to multidisciplinary problems in engineering with a focus on total systems engineering. Students learn the computer science principles that are critical to development of software, hardware, and networking of computer systems. From that background, engineering concepts and methods are added to give students exposure to circuit design, network design, and digital signal processing. Elements of engineering practice include systems view, manufacturing and economic issues, and multidisciplinary engineering applications.

Career Paths. Most likely careers will involve building the computer-based infrastructure—computers, networks, embedded devices, as well as operating systems, compilers, and networking software. The focus is on cooperation between hardware and software to yield the highest performance. Examples of such problem areas would be in traffic management, flight control, earthquake monitoring, automotive control, and smart homes.

Admissions
High School Students: Students must have completed four years of mathematics through pre-calculus or math analysis and are advised to have completed one year each of chemistry and physics. One semester of programming coursework is also advised. That preparation, along with honors courses and advanced placement courses, is fundamental to success in the program.

The Henry Samueli School of Engineering recommends that freshmen applicants in Engineering majors take the SAT Subject Test, Math Level 2.

Transfer Students. Students are encouraged to complete as many of the lower-division degree requirements as possible prior to transfer, including one year of approved calculus; one year of calculus-based physics with laboratories (mechanics, electricity and magnetism); one year of transferable computer science courses\(^1\) involving concepts such as those found in Java, Python, C++, or other object-oriented, high-level programming language, and one additional approved transferable course for the major (an approved math, science, or CSE course).

Students who enroll at UCI in need of completing lower-division coursework may find that it will take longer than two years to complete their degrees. For further information, contact the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences at 949-824-5156 or The Henry Samueli School of Engineering at 949-824-4334.

Change of Major
Students interested in changing their major to Computer Science and Engineering should contact the Student Affairs Office in the Bren School of ICS or The Henry Samueli School of Engineering for information about change-of-major requirements. Information is also available at UCI Change of Major Criteria website (http://www.changeofmajor.uci.edu).

Requirements for the B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering
All students must meet the University Requirements.

Major Requirements
Mathematics and Basic Science Courses
Mathematics Courses: Students must complete a minimum of 32 units of mathematics including:

| I&C SCI 6B | Boolean Algebra and Logic |

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\(^1\) Additional computer science courses beyond the two required are strongly recommended, particularly those that align with the major of interest. Java and C++ are used in the curriculum; therefore, transfer students should plan to learn these languages by studying on their own or by completing related programming courses prior to their first quarter at UCI.
I&C SCI 6D | Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science
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MATH 2A-2B | Single-Variable Calculus and Single-Variable Calculus
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MATH 2D | Multivariable Calculus
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MATH 3A | Introduction to Linear Algebra
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MATH 3D | Elementary Differential Equations
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STATS 67 | Introduction to Probability and Statistics for Computer Science

Basic Science Courses: Students must complete a minimum of 18 units of basic science courses including:

PHYSICS 7C-7LC | Classical Physics and Classical Physics Laboratory
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PHYSICS 7D-7LD | Classical Physics and Classical Physics Laboratory

Students select, with the approval of a faculty advisor, two additional basic science courses needed to satisfy school and department requirements from two courses in General Education II, except those offered by Computer Science and Engineering, Economics, Engineering, Information and Computer Sciences, or Math.

Engineering and Computing Topics Courses

Students must complete a minimum of 72 units of engineering topics, 24 units of engineering design, and 63 units of computing topics. All courses below qualify as engineering topics; those marked with an asterisk (*) qualify as computing topics also. The following courses must be completed:

COMPSCI 132/EECS 148 | Computer Networks
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COMPSCI 143A | Principles of Operating Systems
or EECS 111 | System Software
CSE 31 | Introduction to Digital Systems
CSE 31L | Introduction to Digital Logic Laboratory
CSE 41 | Introduction to Programming
CSE 42 | Programming with Software Libraries
CSE 43 | Intermediate Programming
CSE 45C | Programming in C/C++ as a Second Language
CSE 46 | Data Structure Implementation and Analysis
CSE 50 | Discrete-Time Signals and Systems
CSE 70A | Network Analysis I
CSE 90 | Systems Engineering and Technical Communications
CSE 112 | Electronic Devices and Circuits
CSE 132 | Organization of Digital Computers
CSE 132L | Organization of Digital Computers Laboratory
CSE 135A | Digital Signal Processing
CSE 135B | Digital Signal Processing Design and Laboratory
CSE 141 | Concepts in Programming Languages I
CSE 142 | Compilers and Interpreters
CSE 145 | Embedded Software
CSE 145L | Embedded Software Laboratory
CSE 161 | Design and Analysis of Algorithms
CSE 181A-181B | Senior Design Project I and Senior Design Project II
ENGR 190W | Communications in the Professional World
IN4MATX 43 | Introduction to Software Engineering

Students select, with the approval of a faculty advisor, any additional engineering and computer topics courses needed to satisfy school and department requirements.

Technical Elective Courses:

Students must complete a minimum of two courses (with 3 or more units each) of technical electives. A technical elective may be any upper-division course from the Departments of Computer Science, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, or Informatics, not otherwise used for the CSE degree, chosen from the following ranges:

Computer Science: 100–189
Electrical Engineering and Computing Science: 100–189
Informatics: 100–139

(The nominal Computer Science and Engineering program will require 188 units of courses to satisfy all university and major requirements. Because each student comes to UCI with a different level of preparation, the actual number of units will vary).

NOTE: Students majoring in Computer Science and Engineering may not complete the major in Computer Engineering, the major in Computer Science, the major or minor in Information and Computer Science, or the minor in Informatics.

**Sample Program of Study — Computer Science and Engineering**

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