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# **COMPUTER ENGINEERING**

The DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE (EECS)

has a well-earned reputation for excellence exemplified by its internationally renowned faculty, advanced research capabilities, and the considerable resources of a great university.

In close collaboration across disciplines, faculty and students transform bold new ideas into groundbreaking results in all aspects of computer engineering, including **digital logic**, **electronic circuits**, **computer architecture**, **robotics**, **operating systems**, and **parallel computing**. The ever-evolving curriculum seamlessly spans the broad disciplines of electrical engineering and computer science.

#### UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

#### PROGRAMS OF STUDY

↘ Bachelor of science in computer engineering

#### Areas of specialization include:

- ↘ High-performance computing
- ↘ VLSI and computer-aided design
- > Embedded systems
- ∖ Software
- ↘ Bachelor of arts in computing and information systems through the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences
- ∖ Combined BS/MS option through which students can earn both degrees simultaneously

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#### EXAMPLE COURSES

EECS 205 Fundamentals of Computer Systems Software

EECS 303 Advanced Digital Logic Design

EECS 346 Microprocessor System Design

EECS 361 Computer Architecture

EECS 392 VLSI Systems Design Project

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#### OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH \ Working on exciting research projects alongside graduate students and faculty members helps build a solid foundation of experience.

JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS \ The EECS Jobs Board points students and alumni to new tech-related opportunities through the McCormickConnect database.

#### ETA KAPPA NU, ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY \ The student honor society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) encourages and recognizes excellence through a variety of service programs and leadership training.

#### GRADUATE STUDY

#### PROGRAMS OF STUDY

- ↘ Master of science in computer engineering
- ↘ PhD in computer engineering
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#### RESEARCH AREAS

Computer systems  $\land$  Computer architecture  $\land$  Distributed and parallel systems  $\land$  Computer networks  $\land$  Embedded systems and sensor networks

#### "MANY PEOPLE JUST LIKE TO JUMP IN AND START CODING, BUT I LIKE TO

#### PLAY IT OUT IN MY HEAD. I'LL RUN SIMULATIONS AND DEBUG MENTALLY

#### BEFORE I-WRITE ANYTHING."

LEE FAN  $\land$  MUSIC PERFORMANCE AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

#### CAREERS IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

Computer engineers can pursue career opportunities across a broad range of interests including:

- ∖ Design and management
- ∖ Microchips and computers
- ↘ Application-specific hardware/software systems
- Computer-aided design for digital systems, aerospace systems, defense systems, and networked systems

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#### RECENT GRADUATE PLACEMENTS

- $\times$  Electronics prototyping engineer at **Boeing**
- ∖ Developer at Adage Technologies
- ∖ Data scientist at Datascope Analytics
- $\smallsetminus$  In-vehicle systems engineer at Ford Motor Company
- ∖ Software engineer at Amazon
- $\, \times \,$  Site reliability engineer at Google
- ∖ IT analyst at Johnson & Johnson
- $\smallsetminus$  Software development engineer at Microsoft
- $\checkmark$  Developer at Groupon
- $\checkmark$  CAD engineer at Intel

#### HOW YOU SPEND YOUR TIME IN THIS PROGRAM

BASED ON A SURVEY OF CURRENT STUDENTS.

4.9%Giving/preparing for presentations

11.6% Studying for/taking written exams

18.4% Group projects

18.7% Working on problem sets

5.5% Building things

5.1% Working in a Lab

35.8% Computer programming

## ENVISION WHAT'S POSSIBLE

NORTHWESTERN ENGINEERING STUDENTS CONSTANTLY EXPLORE NEW PATHWAYS IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING. IMAGINE YOURSELF:

- Learning how to design complex digital systems, including transistors, computer architecture, and embedded systems
- N Working with state-of-the-art computer workstations and computer-controlled instruments
- Applying whole-brain thinking to computer engineering, computer science, and electrical engineering in creative, innovative ways
- Exploring the intricacies of circuit systems, robotics, microprocessors, and software systems

### FIND YOUR DIRECTION HERE

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