

# COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Computer engineers design computer systems, both hardware and software, to create new technology and meet new societal needs.

The field of computer engineering covers a wide range of topics including computer architecture, operating systems, communications, computer networks, robotics, artificial intelligence, supercomputers, computer-aided design and neural nets.

Computer engineers work at the frontier of high technology and are involved in research, the creation of new ideas and the design and development of new products, manufacturing and marketing activities.

## Pursuing Computer Engineering at UK

Why UK? One great reason is the University of Kentucky's reputation for strong academics combined with a great success rate for job placement and alumni success. Students who enroll as computer engineering students at UK study at Kentucky's flagship research institution, meaning you'll be learning from topflight people looking to make the next big breakthroughs in their field. The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering faculty are readily accessible both inside and outside the classroom and students have the chance to grow personally and professionally.

Courses cover all the essentials: circuits, semiconductors, embedded systems, computer architecture and more. The undergraduate degree culminates in the capstone design courses where seniors work in teams to handle real-world problems outside the classroom and get a taste of the real world of engineering work.

An undergraduate certificate is also available in power & energy.

## First-Year Engineering Program

The University of Kentucky First-Year Engineering program is designed to remove as much guesswork from your major selection as possible. Instead of pushing through a major you don't like, or adding time and expense by changing majors, you can make an informed choice thanks to hands-on, team experiences that expose you to all of our engineering disciplines from the start. If you are certain about your major, the program is still highly beneficial as it exposes you to other engineering disciplines that you will encounter in the workforce and teaches you skills that you will use throughout

the remainder of your engineering curricula. If you are unsure about your major, you may enroll as "undeclared engineering" and choose your major during the second semester.

All incoming freshmen and transfer engineering students take part in the First-Year Engineering program. Freshmen students take a two-semester series which includes an overview of engineering disciplines, computer programming, computer-aided design, MATLAB, engineering design and analysis, project management, ethics in engineering, teamwork and oral and written technical communication. Transfer students complete a course series their first semester focused on similar topics. Studies have shown that students who participate in a First-Year Engineering Program are more successful in upper level engineering courses and are more inclined to graduate with an engineering degree.

Students may directly enroll as pre-engineering students in their chosen major; however, there are minimum admission requirements. Minimum freshman entry requirements are an ACT math score of 23 or a SAT math score of 570. Additionally, students must meet the university's minimum ACT/SAT reading and writing requirements to be admitted to the College of Engineering. Students not eligible to directly enroll in engineering should contact the director of recruitment at [visit@engr.uky.edu](mailto:visit@engr.uky.edu) for alternate pathways.

## Experiential Education

Growth and learning also happen outside the classroom. They happen in labs working alongside professors and graduate students. They happen on student design teams in the capstone design courses. They happen on cooperative education rotations and internships with companies all over the country. They happen by competing in student robot competitions. There are also numerous Education Abroad programs involving international travel and study.

The Engineering Career Development Group is your one-stop shop for assisting you in the development of job, co-op and internship search skills, and building career networks to eventually help you secure a rewarding career in your chosen field of study.

## Student Involvement

Learning also happens in student organizations, on field trips and

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**Computer Engineering:** [www.engr.uky.edu/ece](http://www.engr.uky.edu/ece) **College of Engineering:** [www.engr.uky.edu](http://www.engr.uky.edu) **Visit Engineering:** [www.engr.uky.edu/visit](http://www.engr.uky.edu/visit)

**University of Kentucky:** [www.uky.edu](http://www.uky.edu) **Admissions:** [www.uky.edu/admissions](http://www.uky.edu/admissions) **Scholarships:** [www.uky.edu/scholarships](http://www.uky.edu/scholarships)

## Computer Engineering Curriculum Sample

This is a sample list of classes a student will take to pursue a degree in computer engineering. As part of the computer engineering curriculum, students must complete the pre-engineering requirements, major requirements and general education coursework, called UK Core.

Note: This sample represents one of several paths to a College of Engineering degree. Consult the departmental websites for details on specific paths.

### Freshman Year

Engineering Exploration I and II	3
Fundamentals of Engr Computing	2
Calculus I and II	8
Composition & Communication I and II	6
Chemistry I and Physics I and lab	9
Intro to Program Design	4
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>32</b>

### Sophomore Year

Calculus III and IV	7
Physics II and lab	5
Intro to Software Engineering	3
Digital Logic Design	4
Discrete Mathematics	4
Circuits	4
Intro to Embedded Systems	4
Systems Programming	3
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>34</b>

### Junior Year

AC Circuits	4
Algorithm Design and Analysis	3
Microcomputer Organization	3
Engineering Statistics	3
Signals and Systems	3
Intro to Electronics	3
Advanced Computer Architecture	3
Computer Engineering elective	3
Technical elective	3
UK Core courses	6
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>34</b>

### Senior Year

Capstone Design I and II	6
Computer Engineering electives	6
Technical elective	3
Supportive elective	3
Hardware elective	3
Software elective	3
UK Core courses	6
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>30</b>

on community service projects. Computer Engineering students can get involved with chapters of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Eta Kappa Nu and Tau Beta Pi Honor Societies, Society of Women Engineers, Engineers Without Borders, among others.

### Career Prospects in Computer Engineering

Computer engineers understand how to design and make the hardware that helps our newest intelligent tools and machines—and houses and cars—get smarter, smaller, cheaper, faster and safer. Computer engineers are critical to designing and producing the technologies—from iPods to cell phone networks—we depend on today. And when radical new technologies appear on the horizon that will dramatically change our technological landscape, one thing is certain: they will come from the imaginations of these engineers.

Computer engineers work in every industry you can think of: film and television, aerospace, automotive, business machines, professional and scientific equipment, computers and electronics, communications and medical technology. They work in public utilities, at NASA, the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense. As researchers, they study everything from fuel cells to nanotechnology. If it's got an on/off switch, these engineers have studied it, designed it or produced it.

The University of Kentucky's computer engineering program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, [www.abet.org](http://www.abet.org).

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