Program Description

The software engineering concentration is appropriate for computer science students seeking careers as software engineers. Students learn advanced processes, methodologies and tools for developing and testing large and small software applications in emerging areas such as:

- databases
- enterprise systems
- interoperable systems
- mobile computing
- service-orientated computing

They also learn information assurance concepts and techniques, or principles of human-computer interaction and methods, for developing these applications. The curriculum prepares students to assume leadership roles in software development organizations and to practice professional standards and emerging software technology to the software engineering life-cycle activities.


At a Glance

- **College/School:** Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering
- **Location:** Tempe campus

- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 265 - Calculus for Engineers I
- **Math Intensity:** Substantial

Required Courses (Major Map)
Accelerated Degrees

This degree is also offered in an accelerated format with:

Computer Science (Art, Media and Engineering), MS
Computer Science (Big Data Systems), MCS
Computer Science (Big Data Systems), MS
Computer Science (Biomedical Informatics), MS
Computer Science (Information Assurance), MCS
Computer Science (Information Assurance), MS
Computer Science, MCS
Computer Science, MS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior and senior years, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Additional Requirements:

The admission standards for majors in the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering are higher than minimum university standards. International students may have an additional English-language proficiency criterion. Foreign nationals must meet the same admission requirements shown below with the possible additional requirement of a minimum TOEFL score. If the university requires a TOEFL score from the applicant, (see http://global.asu.edu/future/undergrad) then admission to engineering requires a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), 79 on iBT (Internet-based) or a minimum IELTS score of 6.5.

Freshman Admission:

1. minimum 1210 SAT combined evidence-based reading and writing plus math score (or 1140 if taken prior to March 5, 2016) or minimum 24 ACT combined score or 3.00 minimum ABOR GPA or class ranking in top 25 percent of high school class, and
2. no high school math or science competency deficiencies
Transfer Admission Requirements

Transfer students with fewer than 24 transferable college credit hours:

1. minimum transfer GPA of 3.00 for less than 24 transfer hours, and
2. no high school math or science competency deficiencies, and
3. minimum 1210 SAT combined evidence-based reading and writing plus math score (or 1140 if taken prior to March 5, 2016) or minimum 24 ACT combined score, or 3.00 minimum ABOR GPA, or class ranking in top 25 percent of high school class

Transfer students with 24 or more transferable college credit hours must meet EITHER the primary OR the secondary criteria (not both):

Primary Criteria

1. minimum transfer GPA of 3.00 for 24 or more transfer hours, and
2. no high school math or science competency deficiencies (if Admission Services requires submission of a high school transcript)

Secondary Criteria

1. minimum transfer GPA of 2.75 for 24 or more transfer hours, and
2. minimum GPA of 2.75 in all critical courses for Terms 1 and 2 (see major map for critical courses)

Change of Major Requirements

Current ASU students should refer to https://engineering.asu.edu/admission-requirements for the major change requirements for this program.

Transfer Agreements

ASU has partnered with colleges and universities in Arizona, California, Illinois and Washington to provide transfer curriculum pathways. Select where you are transferring from to see if there is a partnership agreement between your institution and ASU for this degree program. If you do not see your state or institution listed, please check back as we are always working on creating new partnerships.
Career Opportunities

Career opportunities are plentiful for software engineers. Graduates of this program possess the knowledge and skills to work across the spectrum of software development process activities, including:

- architecture
- coding
- project management
- quality assurance
- requirements engineering
- testing
Careers include:

- software analyst
- software architect
- software engineer
- software task leader
- software tester

Graduates of the software engineering concentration find employment in large and small organizations that develop, deploy and manage software systems. They work on all types of projects that include large, complex engineering systems, distributed banking, financial and government software and gaming.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<td>Computer System Architect</td>
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<td>Corporate Web Developer</td>
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<td>Telecommunications Engineering Specialist</td>
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