Overview

Computer Engineering encompasses the structured and integrated design of the hardware and software components of computerised systems. Not only do personal computer systems, such as desktops and laptops fall into this category, but so do embedded systems for gaming, cars and PDAs, supercomputers used in climate modelling and gene analysis, and prosthetic systems such as ocular implants intended to improve quality of life. The challenge for the engineer is to design these systems with maximal impact, and to trade off competing factors using engineering, scientific and mathematical principles. This stream teaches the principles and techniques necessary to engineer high quality systems.

Computer Engineering is studied as a major stream in the BE(Hons). Day to day administration of this stream is conducted through the Computer Science and Engineering Student Office.

This page outlines the core rules for the Computer Engineering stream when taken as part of a single or dual award. The requirements total 168 units of credit, plus 60 days of industrial training. Refer to the program page for full details on the overall program requirements.

Further details on the stream requirements, electives, and advice regarding the order and placement of courses in the stream can be found at the: School website
Faculty
Faculty of Engineering

School
School of Computer Science and Engineering

Study Level
Undergraduate

Minimum Units of Credit
168

Specialisation Type
Honours
Available in Program(s)

Program(s) in which this honours is available

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) - BE (Hons)

3707 Engineering (Honours)
Faculty: Faculty of Engineering
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) - BE (Hons)
Master of Biomedical Engineering - MBiomedE

3768 Engineering (Honours)/Biomedical Engineering
Faculty: Faculty of Engineering
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 240
Typical Duration: 5 Years
Specialisation Structure

Students must complete 168 UOC.

**Level 1 Core Courses**

Students must take 54 UOC of the following courses.

- **COMP1511**  |  6 UOC  
  Programming Fundamentals

- **COMP1521**  |  6 UOC  
  Computer Systems Fundamentals

- **COMP1531**  |  6 UOC  
  Software Engineering Fundamentals

- **ELEC1111**  |  6 UOC  
  Electrical and Telecommunications Engineering

- **ENGG1000**  |  6 UOC  
  Introduction to Engineering Design and Innovation

One of the following:

- **MATH1131**  |  6 UOC  
  Mathematics 1A

- **MATH1141**  |  6 UOC  
  Higher Mathematics 1A

One of the following:

- **MATH1231**  |  6 UOC  
  Mathematics 1B

- **MATH1241**  |  6 UOC  
  Higher Mathematics 1B

One of the following:
PHYS1121 | 6 UOC
Physics 1A

PHYS1131 | 6 UOC
Higher Physics 1A

One of the following:
PHYS1221 | 6 UOC
Physics 1B

PHYS1231 | 6 UOC
Higher Physics 1B

**Level 2 Core Courses**

Students must take 42 UOC of the following courses.

COMP2511 | 6 UOC
Object-Oriented Design & Programming

COMP2521 | 6 UOC
Data Structures and Algorithms

DESN2000 | 6 UOC
Engineering Design and Professional Practice

ELEC2133 | 6 UOC
Analogue Electronics

ELEC2134 | 6 UOC
Circuits and Signals

MATH2069 | 6 UOC
Mathematics 2A

MATH2099 | 6 UOC
Mathematics 2B
Level 3 Core Courses

Students must take 24 UOC of the following courses.

COMP3211  |  6 UOC
Computer Architecture

COMP3222  |  6 UOC
Digital Circuits and Systems

COMP3231  |  6 UOC
Operating Systems

COMP3601  |  6 UOC
Design Project A

Level 4 Core Courses

Students must take 24 UOC of the following courses.

COMP4601  |  6 UOC
Design Project B

COMP4920  |  6 UOC
Management and Ethics

COMP4951  |  4 UOC
Research Thesis A

COMP4952  |  4 UOC
Research Thesis B

COMP4953  |  4 UOC
Research Thesis C

Discipline Electives

Students must take at least 24 UOC of the following courses.
any level 3 Computer Science course

any level 4 Computer Science course

any level 6 Computer Science course

any level 9 Computer Science course

ENGG3060  |  3 UOC
Maker Games

Level 4 UOC Minimum

Students must complete a minimum of 36 UOC of Level 4 courses including core courses and at least 12 UOC of Level 4 Discipline Electives, including:

COMP4601  |  6 UOC
Design Project B

COMP4920  |  6 UOC
Management and Ethics

COMP4951  |  4 UOC
Research Thesis A

COMP4952  |  4 UOC
Research Thesis B

COMP4953  |  4 UOC
Research Thesis C

any level 4 course offered by School of Computer Science and Engineering

Enrolment Disclaimer

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for
the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
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