COMPUTER ENGINEERING

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Administered by the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

For the undergraduate curriculum in computer engineering leading to
the degree Bachelor of Science. The Computer Engineering program is
accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, http://
www.abet.org.

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECpE) at Iowa
State University provides undergraduate students with the opportunity
to learn electrical and computer engineering fundamentals, study
applications of the most recent advances in state-of-the-art technologies,
and to prepare for the practice of computer engineering. The student-
faculty interaction necessary to realize this opportunity occurs within
an environment that is motivated by the principle that excellence in
undergraduate education is enhanced by an integrated commitment to
successful, long-term research and outreach programs.

The computer engineering curriculum offers focus areas in software
systems, embedded systems, networking, information security, computer
architecture, and VLSI.

Students also may take elective courses in control systems,
electromagnetics, microelectronics, VLSI, power systems, and
communications and signal processing.

The program objectives for the computer engineering programs describe
accomplishments that graduates are expected to attain within five
years after graduation. Graduates will have applied their expertise
to contemporary problem solving, be engaged professionally, have
continued to learn and adapt, and have contributed to their organizations
through leadership and teamwork. More specifically, the objectives for
expertise, engagement, learning, leadership and teamwork are defined
below for each program.

The objectives of the computer engineering program at Iowa State
University are:

• Graduates, within five years of graduation, should demonstrate peer-recognized expertise together with the ability to articulate that expertise and use it for contemporary problem solving in the analysis, design, and evaluation of computer and software systems, including system integration and implementation.

• Graduates, within five years of graduation, should demonstrate engagement in the engineering profession, locally and globally, by contributing to the ethical, competent, and creative practice of engineering or other professional careers.

• Graduates, within five years of graduation, should demonstrate sustained learning and adapting to a constantly changing field through graduate work, professional development, and self study.

• Graduates, within five years of graduation, should demonstrate leadership and initiative to ethically advance professional and organizational goals, facilitate the achievements of others, and obtain substantive results.

• Graduates, within five years of graduation, should demonstrate a commitment to teamwork while working with others of diverse cultural and interdisciplinary backgrounds.

As a complement to the instructional activity, the ECpE department
provides opportunities for each student to have experience with
broadening activities. Through the cooperative education and internship
program, students have the opportunity to gain practical industry
experience. Students have the opportunity to participate in advanced
research activities, and through international exchange programs,
students learn about engineering practices in other parts of the world.

Well-qualified juniors and seniors in computer engineering who are
interested in graduate study may apply for concurrent enrollment in the
Graduate College to simultaneously pursue both the Bachelor of Science
and Master of Science, the Bachelor of Science and Master of Business
Administration, or the Bachelor of Science and Master of Engineering
degrees.

Curriculum in Computer Engineering

Administered by the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Leading to the degree Bachelor of Science.

Total credits required: 127

Any transfer credit courses applied to the degree program require a grade of C or better (but will not be calculated into the ISU cumulative GPA, Basic Program GPA or Core GPA). See also Basic Program and Special Programs.

Note: Department does not allow Pass/Not Pass credits to be used to meet graduation requirements.

International Perspectives: 3 cr. 1

U.S. Diversity: 3 cr. 1

Communication Proficiency/Library requirement:

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General Education Electives: 21 cr.  
ENGL 250 Written, Oral, Visual, and Electronic Composition 3  
(Must have a C or better in this course.)
ENGL 314 Technical Communication (Must have a C or better in this course.) 3 
or ENGL 309 Proposal and Report Writing
Complete minimum of 6 cr. from Approved General Education Component 300 level or higher. 6 
Complete additional 9 cr. from Approved General Education Component. 9 
Total Credits 21

Basic Program: 24 cr.  
A minimum GPA of 2.00 required for this set of courses (please note that transfer course grades will not be calculated into the Basic Program GPA). See Requirement for Entry into Professional Program in College of Engineering Overview section.  
CHEM 167 General Chemistry for Engineering Students 4  
or CHEM 177 General Chemistry I
ENGL 150 Critical Thinking and Communication (Must have a C or better in this course) 3  
ENGR 101 Engineering Orientation  R
CPR E 185 Introduction to Computer Engineering and Problem Solving I 3  
LIB 160 Information Literacy 1
MATH 165 Calculus I 4  
MATH 166 Calculus II 4  
PHYS 221 Introduction to Classical Physics I 5  
Total Credits 24

Math and Physical Science: 23 cr.  
COM S 227 Object-oriented Programming 4  
COM S 228 Introduction to Data Structures 3  
MATH 265 Calculus III 4  
MATH 267 Elementary Differential Equations and Laplace Transforms 4  
PHYS 222 Introduction to Classical Physics II 5  
STAT 330 Probability and Statistics for Computer Science 3  
Total Credits 23

Computer Engineering Core: 33 cr.  
(A minimum GPA of 2.00 required for this set of courses, including any transfer courses; please note that transfer course grades will not be calculated into the Core GPA).
CPR E 281 Digital Logic 4  
CPR E 288 Embedded Systems I: Introduction 4  
CPR E 308 Operating Systems: Principles and Practice 4  
CPR E 310 Theoretical Foundations of Computer Engineering 3  
CPR E 381 Computer Organization and Assembly Level Programming 4  
COM S 309 Software Development Practices 3  
CPR E 315 Applications of Algorithms in Computer Engineering 3  
or COM S 311 Introduction to the Design and Analysis of Algorithms
E E 201 Electric Circuits 4  
E E 230 Electronic Circuits and Systems 4  
Total Credits 33

Other Remaining Courses: 26 cr.  
CPR E 491 Senior Design Project I and Professionalism 3  
CPR E 492 Senior Design Project II 2  
Computational Thinking Technical Electives 2 6  
Computer Engineering Technical Electives 2 9  
Technical Electives 2 6  
Total Credits 26

Seminar/Co-op/Internships:  
CPR E 166 Professional Programs Orientation R  
CPR E 294 Program Discovery R  
CPR E 394 Program Exploration R  
CPR E 494 Portfolio Assessment R  
Co-op or internship is optional.
Outcomes Assessment - Students are required to prepare and to maintain a portfolio of their technical and non-technical skills. This portfolio is evaluated for student preparation during the student’s curriculum planning process. Results of the evaluation are used to advise students of core strengths and weaknesses.

Transfer Credit Requirements  
The degree program must include a minimum of 30 credits at the 300-level or above in professional and technical courses earned at ISU in order to receive a B.S. in computer engineering. These 30 credits must include CPR E 491 Senior Design Project I and Professionalism, CPR E 492 Senior Design Project II, and credits in the core professional curriculum and/or in technical electives. The Electrical and Computer Engineering Department requires a grade of C or better for any transfer credit course that is applied to the degree program.

1. These university requirements will add to the minimum credits of the program unless the university-approved courses are also approved by the department to meet other course requirements within the degree program. U.S. diversity and international perspectives courses may not be taken Pass/Not Pass, but are used to meet the general education electives.
2. From department approved lists. (http://www.ece.iastate.edu/academics/bachelors-degree-requirements)
3. See Basic Program for Professional Engineering Curricula for accepted substitutions for curriculum designated courses in the Basic Program.

See also: A 4-year plan of study grid showing course template by semester.

Note: International perspectives and U.S. diversity courses are used to meet the general education electives.

Computer Engineering, B.S.

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Graduate Study

The department offers work for the degrees Master of Engineering, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy with a major in computer engineering and minor work to students with other majors. Minor work for computer engineering majors is usually selected from a wide range of courses outside computer engineering.

The Master of Engineering degree is course-work only. It is recommended for off-campus students.

The Master of Science degree with thesis is recommended for students who intend to continue toward the Doctor of Philosophy degree or to undertake a career in research and development. The non-thesis Master of Science degree requires a creative component.

The department also offers three graduate certificate programs in embedded systems, computer networking, and software systems.

The normal prerequisite to graduate major work in computer engineering is the completion of undergraduate work substantially equivalent to that required of computer engineering students at this university. It is possible for a student to qualify for graduate study in computer engineering even though the student's undergraduate or prior graduate training has been in a discipline other than computer engineering. Supporting work, if required, will depend on the student's background and area of research interest. Prospective students from a discipline other than computer engineering are required to submit, with the application for admission, a statement of the proposed area of graduate study.

The department requires submission of GRE General test scores by applicants. All students whose first language is not English and who have no U.S. degree must submit TOEFL examination scores. Students pursuing the Doctor of Philosophy must complete the department qualifying process.

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering is a participating department in the interdepartmental Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degree programs in bioinformatics and computational biology. Students interested in these programs may earn their degrees while working under an adviser in electrical and computer engineering.

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering also is a participating department in the interdepartmental certificate, Master of Engineering, and Master of Science in Information Assurance programs. Students interested in studying information assurance topics may earn a
degree in computer engineering or in information assurance. (See catalog section on Information Assurance.)

Well-qualified juniors and seniors in computer engineering who are interested in graduate study may apply for concurrent enrollment in the Graduate College to simultaneously pursue both Bachelor of Science and Master of Science, or Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration, or Bachelor of Science and Master of Engineering degrees. Under concurrent enrollment, students are eligible for assistantships and simultaneously take undergraduate and graduate courses. Details are available in the Student Services Office and on the department’s web site.

Courses primarily for undergraduates:

CPR E 131: Introduction to Computer Security Literacy
(Cross-listed with INFAS). (1-0) Cr. 1.
Basic concepts of practical computer and Internet security: passwords, firewalls, antivirus software, malware, social networking, surfing the Internet, phishing, and wireless networks. This class is intended for students with little or no background in information technology or security. Basic knowledge of word processing required. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

CPR E 166: Professional Programs Orientation
(Cross-listed with E E). Cr. R. F.S.
(1-0) Overview of the nature and scope of electrical engineering and computer engineering professions. Overview of portfolios. Departmental rules, student services operations, degree requirements, program of study planning, career options, and student organizations.

CPR E 184: Computer Engineering Learning Community
Cr. 1. F.
Prereq: Member of CPR E Learning Community
Integration of first-year students into the Computer Engineering program. Assignments and activities involving teamwork, academic preparation, study skills, and preparation for entry into the Computer Engineering profession. Completed both individually and in learning teams under the direction of faculty and peer mentors.

CPR E 185: Introduction to Computer Engineering and Problem Solving I
(2-2) Cr. 3.
Prereq: MATH 143 or satisfactory scores on mathematics placement examinations; credit or enrollment in MATH 165

CPR E 186: Introduction to Computer Engineering and Problem Solving II
(0-2) Cr. 1. S.
Prereq: CPR E 185
Project based examples from computer engineering. Group skills needed to work effectively in teams. Group problem solving. Computer based projects. Technical reports and presentations. Students will work on 2 or 3 self-directed team based projects that are representative of problems faced by computer engineers.

CPR E 230: Cyber Security Fundamentals
(2-2) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: COM S 227, E E 285, or MIS 207.
Introduction to computer and network infrastructures used to support cyber security. Basic concepts of computer and network configuration used to secure environments. Computer virtualization, network routing and address translation, computer installation and configuration, network monitoring, in a virtual environment. Laboratory experiments and exercises including secure computer and network configuration and management.

CPR E 231: Cyber Security Concepts and Tools
(2-2) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: CPR E 230
Basic concepts of practical computer and Internet security and the tools used to protect and attack systems and networks. Computer and network security methods including: user authentication, access control, firewalls, intrusion detection, use of vulnerability assessment tools and methods, and penetration testing. Ethics and legal issues in cyber security will also be covered. Laboratory experiments and exercises including evaluating systems for vulnerabilities, understanding potential exploits of the systems, and defenses for the systems.

CPR E 234: Legal, Professional, and Ethical Issues in Cyber Systems
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: COM S 227, or E E 285, or MIS 207
Emphasizes legal, ethical, and professional issues in cyber systems. Other topics include privacy, government regulation, and compliance as applied to professional practice. Guest lecturer from government and industry, as well as discussions including current legal and ethical issues found in the main stream.

CPR E 261: Transfer Orientation
(Cross-listed with E E). Cr. R.
Introduction to the College of Engineering and the engineering profession specifically for transfer students. Information concerning university and college policies, procedures, and resources. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.
CPR E 281: Digital Logic  
(3-3) Cr. 4. F.S.  
Prereq: sophomore classification  
Number systems and representation. Boolean algebra and logic minimization. Combinational and sequential logic design. Arithmetic circuits and finite state machines. Use of programmable logic devices. Introduction to computer-aided schematic capture systems, simulation tools, and hardware description languages. Design of simple digital systems.

CPR E 288: Embedded Systems I: Introduction  
(3-2) Cr. 4. F.S.  
Prereq: CPR E 281, COM S 207 or COM S 227 or E E 285  
Embedded C programming. Interrupt handling. Memory mapped I/O in the context of an application. Elementary embedded design flow/methodology. Timers, scheduling, resource allocation, optimization, state machine based controllers, real time constraints within the context of an application. Applications laboratory exercises with embedded devices.

CPR E 294: Program Discovery  
(Cross-listed with E E). Cr. R.  
Prereq: CPR E 166 or E E 166  
The roles of professionals in computer and electrical engineering. Relationship of coursework to industry and academic careers. Issues relevant to today’s world. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

CPR E 308: Operating Systems: Principles and Practice  
(3-3) Cr. 4. F.S.  
Prereq: CPR E 381 or COM S 321  
Operating system concepts, processes, threads, synchronization between threads, process and thread scheduling, deadlocks, memory management, file systems, I/O systems, security, Linux-based lab experiments.

CPR E 310: Theoretical Foundations of Computer Engineering  
(3-1) Cr. 3. F.S.  
Prereq: COM S 228  
Propositional logic and methods of proof; set theory and its applications; mathematical induction and recurrence relations; functions and relations; and counting; trees and graphs; applications in computer engineering.

CPR E 315: Applications of Algorithms in Computer Engineering  
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.S.  
Prereq: CPR E 310  
Solving computer engineering problems using algorithms. Emphasis on problems related to the core focus areas in computer engineering. Real world examples of algorithms used in the computer engineering domain. Algorithm engineering. Prototyping of algorithms.

CPR E 329: Software Project Management  
(Cross-listed with S E). (3-0) Cr. 3.  
Prereq: COM S 309  

CPR E 330: Integrated Electronics  
(Cross-listed with E E). (3-3) Cr. 4.  
Prereq: E E 201, credit or enrollment in E E 230, CPR E 281  

CPR E 332: Cyber Defense Competition  
(Cross-listed with INFAS). (0-2) Cr. 1. Repeatable. S.  
Participation in cyber defense competition driven by scenario-based network design. Includes computer system setup, risk assessment and implementation of security systems, as well as defense of computer and network systems against trained attackers. Team based. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.
CPR E 339: Software Architecture and Design
(Cross-listed with S E). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: S E 319

CPR E 381: Computer Organization and Assembly Level Programming
(3-2) Cr. 4. F.S.
Prereq: CPR E 288
Introduction to computer organization, evaluating performance of computer systems, instruction set design. Assembly level programming: arithmetic operations, control flow instructions, procedure calls, stack management. Processor design. Datapath and control, scalar pipelines, introduction to memory and I/O systems.

CPR E 388: Embedded Systems II: Mobile Platforms
(3-2) Cr. 4.
Prereq: CPR E 288
Contemporary programming techniques for event driven systems. Mobile platforms and operating systems. Location and motion sensors based user interfaces. Threading and scheduling. Resource management - measurement and control techniques - for memory and energy. Client-server application design. Distributed applications. Laboratory includes exercises based on a mobile platform.

CPR E 394: Program Exploration
(Cross-listed with E E). Cr. R.
Prereq: CPR E 294 or E E 294
Exploration of academic and career fields for electrical and computer engineers. Examination of professionalism in the context of engineering and technology with competencies based skills. Introduction to professional portfolio development and construction. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

CPR E 396: Summer Internship
Cr. R. Repeatable. SS.
Prereq: Permission of department and Engineering Career Services
Professional work period of at least 10 weeks during the summer. Students must register for this course prior to commencing work. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

CPR E 398: Cooperative Education (Co-op)
Cr. R. Repeatable. F.S.
Prereq: Permission of department and Engineering Career Services
Professional work period. One semester per academic or calendar year. Students must register for this course before commencing work. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

CPR E 412: Formal Methods in Software Engineering
(Cross-listed with COM S, S E). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: COM S 311; STAT 305 or STAT 330 or STAT 341; for graduate credit: graduate standing or permission of instructor
A study of formal techniques for model-based specification and verification of software systems. Topics include logics, formalisms, graph theory, numerical computations, algorithms and tools for automatic analysis of systems. Graduate credit requires in-depth study of concepts.

CPR E 414: Introduction to Software Systems for Big Data Analytics
Cr. 4. F.
Prereq: COM S 363; or CPR E 315 or CPR E 308; or COM S 311 or COM S 352
Introduction to different perspectives of the “data universe” and trade-offs when choosing an appropriate perspective. Impact of the concept(s) of analytics – from raw data, through its storage/representation, to interacting and querying (linguistic/interface issues). Focused studies on 3-4 different domains, followed by generalization of the concepts/abstractions and preparing the students for the next course in this realm, targeting different domains/problems. Understanding the dependencies between problem-domain needs and the data properties, and their impact on choosing appropriate analytics tools (and how/why those tools were developed and exist in the manners that they do). In addition, the students will be exposed to (limited selection of) internals of such tools.

CPR E 416: Software Evolution and Maintenance
(Cross-listed with S E). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: COM S 309
Practical importance of software evolution and maintenance, systematic defect analysis and debugging techniques, tracing and understanding large software, impact analysis, program migration and transformation, refactoring, tools for software evolution and maintenance, experimental studies and quantitative measurements of software evolution. Written reports and oral presentation.

CPR E 418: High Speed System Engineering Measurement and Testing
(Cross-listed with E E). (3-2) Cr. 4. F.
Prereq: E E 230 and E E 311
CPR E 419: Software Tools for Large Scale Data Analysis  
(Cross-listed with S E). (3-3) Cr. 4.  
Prereq: COM S 228  
Software tools for managing and manipulating large volumes of data,  
external memory processing, large scale parallelism, and stream  
processing, data interchange formats. Weekly programming labs that  
involve the use of a parallel computing cluster.

CPR E 421: Software Analysis and Verification for Safety and Security  
(Cross-listed with S E). Cr. 3. F.S.  
Prereq: COM S 309; CPR E 310 or Com S 230  
Significance of software safety and security; various facets of security  
in cyber-physical and computer systems; threat modeling for software  
safety and security; and categorization of software vulnerabilities.  
Software analysis and verification: mathematical foundations, data  
structures and algorithms, program comprehension, analysis, and  
verification tools; automated vs. human-on-the-loop approach to analysis  
and verification; and practical considerations of efficiency, accuracy,  
robustness, and scalability of analysis and verification. Cases studies  
with application and systems software; evolving landscape of software  
security threats and mitigation techniques. Understanding large software,  
implementing software analysis and verification algorithms.

CPR E 424: Introduction to High Performance Computing  
(Cross-listed with COM S, MATH). (2-2) Cr. 3. F.  
Prereq: MATH 265; MATH 207 or MATH 317; or permission of instructor.  
Unix, serial programming of scientific applications, OpenMP for shared-  
memory parallelization. No Unix, Fortran or C experience required.

CPR E 425: High Performance Computing for Scientific and Engineering  
Applications  
(Cross-listed with COM S). (2-2) Cr. 3.  
Prereq: COM S 311, ENGL 250, SP CM 212  
Introduction to high performance computing platforms including parallel  
computers and workstation clusters. Discussion of parallel architectures,  
performance, programming models, and software development issues.  
Sample applications from science and engineering. Practical issues  
in high performance computing will be emphasized via a number of  
programming projects using a variety of programming models and case  
studies. Oral and written reports.

CPR E 426: Introduction to Parallel Algorithms and Programming  
(Dual-listed with CPR E 526). (Cross-listed with COM S). (3-2) Cr. 4. F.  
Prereq: CPR E 308 or COM S 321, CPR E 315 or COM S 311  
Models of parallel computation, performance measures, basic parallel  
constructs and communication primitives, parallel programming using  
MPI, parallel algorithms for selected problems including sorting, matrix,  
tree and graph problems, fast Fourier transforms.

CPR E 430: Network Protocols and Security  
(Dual-listed with CPR E 530). (Cross-listed with INFAS). (3-0) Cr. 3.  
Prereq: CPR E 288 or CPR E 331  
Detailed examination of networking standards, protocols, and their  
implementation. TCP/IP protocol suite, network application protocols.  
Network security issues, attack and mitigation techniques. Emphasis on  
laboratory experiments.

CPR E 431: Basics of Information System Security  
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.  
Prereq: credit or enrollment in CPR E 308 or COM S 352  
Introduction to and application of basic mechanisms for protecting  
information systems from accidental and intentional threats. Basic  
cryptography use and practice. Computer security issues including  
authentication, access control, and malicious code. Network security  
mechanisms such as intrusion detection, firewalls, IPSEC, and related  
protocols. Ethics and legal issues in information security. Wireless  
security. Programming and system configuration assignments.

CPR E 435: Analog VLSI Circuit Design  
(Cross-listed with E E). (3-3) Cr. 4. S.  
Prereq: E E 330  
Basic analog integrated circuit and system design including design space  
exploration, performance enhancement strategies, operational amplifiers,  
references, integrated filters, and data converters.

CPR E 444: Bioinformatic Analysis  
(Cross-listed with BCB, BCBIO, BIOL, COM S, GEN). (4-0) Cr. 4. F.  
Prereq: MATH 165 and Introductory Statistics (STAT 101, STAT 104, STAT 105,  
STAT 201, or STAT 330).  
Broad overview of bioinformatics with a significant problem-solving  
component, including hands-on practice using computational tools to  
solve a variety of biological problems. Topics include: bioinformatic data  
processing, Python programming, genome assembly, database search,  
sequence alignment, gene prediction, next-generation sequencing,  
comparative and functional genomics, and systems biology.

CPR E 450: Distributed Systems and Middleware  
(Dual-listed with CPR E 550). (3-0) Cr. 3.  
Prereq: CPR E 308 or COM S 352  
Fundamentals of distributed computing, software agents, naming  
services, distributed transactions, security management, distributed  
object-based systems, web-based systems, middleware-based  
application design and development, case studies of middleware and  
internet applications.
CPR E 454: Distributed Systems  
(Dual-listed with CPR E 554). (Cross-listed with COM S). (3-1) Cr. 3.  
Prereq: COM S 311; COM S 352 or CPR E 308; for graduate credit: graduate standing or permission of instructor  
Theoretical and practical issues of design and implementation of distributed systems. The client server paradigm, inter-process communications, synchronization and concurrency control, naming, consistency and replication, fault tolerance, and distributed file systems. Graduate credit requires additional in-depth study of concepts. Programming projects and written reports.  

CPR E 458: Real Time Systems  
(Dual-listed with CPR E 558). (3-0) Cr. 3.  
Prereq: CPR E 308 or COM S 352  

CPR E 465: Digital VLSI Design  
(Cross-listed with E E). (3-3) Cr. 4. F.  
Prereq: E E 330  
Digital design of integrated circuits employing very large scale integration (VLSI) methodologies. Technology considerations in design. High level hardware design languages, CMOS logic design styles, area-energy-delay design space characterization, datapath blocks: arithmetic and memory, architectures and systems on a chip (SOC) considerations. VLSI chip hardware design project.  

CPR E 466: Multidisciplinary Engineering Design  
(Cross-listed with A B E, AER E, B M E, E E, ENGR, I E, M E, MAT E). (1-4) Cr. 3. Repeatable. F.S.  
Prereq: Student must be within two semesters of graduation; permission of instructor.  
Application of team design concepts to projects of a multidisciplinary nature. Concurrent treatment of design, manufacturing, and life cycle considerations. Application of design tools such as CAD, CAM, and FEM. Design methodologies, project scheduling, cost estimating, quality control, manufacturing processes. Development of a prototype and appropriate documentation in the form of written reports, oral presentations and computer models and engineering drawings.  

CPR E 480: Graphics Processing and Architecture  
(3-3) Cr. 4. S.  
Prereq: CPR E 381 or COM S 321  
Introduction to hardware architectures for computer graphics and their programming models. System-level view, including framebuffers, video output devices, displays, 2D and 3D graphics acceleration, and device interfacing. Architectural design of GPUs, from 2D and 3D sprite engines to 3D rendering pipelines to unified shader architectures. Computing models for graphics processors. GPGPU and GPU computing.  

CPR E 483: Hardware Software Integration  
(3-3) Cr. 4. S.  
Prereq: CPR E 381  
Embedded system design using hardware description language (HDL) and field programmable gate array (FPGA). HDL modeling concepts and styles are introduced; focus on synthesizability, optimality, reusability and portability in hardware design description. Introduction to complex hardware cores for data buffering, data input/output interfacing, data processing. System design with HDL cores and implementation in FPGA. Laboratory-oriented design projects.  

CPR E 488: Embedded Systems Design  
(3-3) Cr. 4.  
Prereq: CPR E 381 or COM S 321  
Embedded microprocessors, embedded memory and I/O devices, component interfaces, embedded software, program development, basic compiler techniques, platform-based FPGA technology, hardware synthesis, design methodology, real-time operating system concepts, performance analysis and optimizations.  

CPR E 489: Computer Networking and Data Communications  
(3-2) Cr. 4. F.S.  
Prereq: CPR E 381 or E E 324  
Modern computer networking and data communications concepts. TCP/IP OSI protocols, client server programming, data link protocols, local area networks, and routing protocols.  

CPR E 490: Independent Study  
Cr. arr. Repeatable.  
Prereq: Senior classification in computer engineering  
Investigation of an approved topic.  

CPR E 490H: Independent Study: Honors  
Cr. arr. Repeatable.  
Prereq: Senior classification in computer engineering  
Investigation of an approved topic.
CPR E 491: Senior Design Project I and Professionalism  
(Cross-listed with E E, S E). (2-3) Cr. 3. F.S.  
Prereq: CPR E majors: CPR E 308, completion of 29 credits in the CPR E professional program, ENGL 314. E E majors: E E 322, completion of 24 credits in the E E professional program, ENGL 314. SE majors: S E 329 and S E 339, CPR E 308 or COM S 352, ENGL 309 or ENGL 314.  
Preparing for entry to the workplace. Selected professional topics. Use of technical writing skills in developing project plan and design report; design review presentation. First of two-semester team-oriented, project design and implementation experience.

CPR E 492: Senior Design Project II  
(Cross-listed with E E, S E). (1-3) Cr. 2. F.S.  
Prereq: CPR E 491 or E E 491  
Second semester of a team design project experience. Emphasis on the successful implementation and demonstration of the design completed in E E 491 or CPR E 491 and the evaluation of project results. Technical writing of final project report; oral presentation of project achievements; project poster.

CPR E 494: Portfolio Assessment  
(Cross-listed with E E). Cr. R.  
Prereq: CPR E 394 or E E 394, credit or enrollment in CPR E 491 or E E 491  
Portfolio update and evaluation. Portfolios as a tool to enhance career opportunities.

Courses primarily for graduate students, open to qualified undergraduates:

CPR E 511: Design and Analysis of Algorithms  
(Cross-listed with COM S). (3-0) Cr. 3.  
Prereq: COM S 311  

CPR E 513: Foundations and Applications of Program Analysis  
(Cross-listed with COM S). Cr. 3.  
Prereq: COM S 342  
Algorithms and tools for automatically reasoning about code and program executions to predict software behavior. Theory and foundations related to control flow analysis, dataflow analysis, abstract interpretation and symbolic execution. Applications of program analysis to improve software security, performance and testing. Concepts, algorithms, tools, benchmarks, methodologies for solving problems using program analysis and for preparing research in program analysis.

CPR E 522: Cognitive Radio Networks  
(Cross-listed with E E). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered irregularly.  
Prereq: Permission of instructor  
Topics on cognitive radio networks: Cognitive Radio Networks Architecture; Software Defined Radio Architecture; Spectrum Sensing; Spectrum Management; Spectrum Sharing; Spectrum Mobility; Applications of Cognitive Radio Networks.

CPR E 525: Numerical Analysis of High Performance Computing  
(Cross-listed with COM S, MATH). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.  
Prereq: CPR E 308 or MATH 481; experience in scientific programming; knowledge of FORTRAN or C  
Introduction to parallelization techniques and numerical methods for distributed memory high performance computers. A semester project in an area related to each student's research interests is required.

CPR E 526: Introduction to Parallel Algorithms and Programming  
(Dual-listed with CPR E 426). (Cross-listed with COM S). (3-2) Cr. 4. F.  
Prereq: CPR E 308 or COM S 321, CPR E 315 or COM S 311  
Models of parallel computation, performance measures, basic parallel constructs and communication primitives, parallel programming using MPI, parallel algorithms for selected problems including sorting, matrix, tree and graph problems, fast Fourier transforms.

CPR E 528: Probabilistic Methods in Computer Engineering  
(3-0) Cr. 3.  
Prereq: CPR E 315 or COM S 311  
The application of randomization and probabilistic methods in the design of computer algorithms, and their efficient implementation. Discrete random variables in modeling algorithm behavior, with applications to sorting, selection, graph algorithms, hashing, pattern matching, cryptography, distributed systems, and massive data set algorithms.

CPR E 529: Data Analytics in Electrical and Computer Engineering  
(Cross-listed with E E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.  
Prereq: E E 322 or equivalent  
Introduces a variety of data analytics techniques - particularly those relevant for electrical and computer engineers - from a foundational perspective. Topics to be covered include techniques for classification, visualization, and parameter estimation, with applications to signals, images, matrices, and graphs. Emphasis will be placed on rigorous analysis as well as principled design of such techniques.

CPR E 530: Network Protocols and Security  
(Dual-listed with CPR E 430). (Cross-listed with INFAS). (3-0) Cr. 3.  
Prereq: CPR E 288 or CPR E 331  
Detailed examination of networking standards, protocols, and their implementation. TCP/IP protocol suite, network application protocols. Network security issues, attack and mitigation techniques. Emphasis on laboratory experiments.
CPR E 531: Information System Security
(Cross-listed with INFAS). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: CPR E 489 or CPR E 530 or COM S 586 or MIS 535
Computer, software, and data security: basic cryptography, security policies, multilevel security models, attack and protection mechanisms, legal and ethical issues.

CPR E 532: Information Warfare
(Cross-listed with INFAS). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: CPR E 531

CPR E 533: Cryptography
(Cross-listed with INFAS, MATH). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: MATH 301 or CPR E 310 or COM S 230
Basic concepts of secure communication, DES and AES, public-key cryptosystems, elliptic curves, hash algorithms, digital signatures, applications. Relevant material on number theory and finite fields.

CPR E 534: Legal and Ethical Issues in Information Assurance
(Cross-listed with INFAS, POL S). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: Graduate classification; CPR E 531 or INFAS 531
Legal and ethical issues in computer security. State and local codes and regulations. Privacy issues.

CPR E 535: Steganography and Digital Image Forensics
(Cross-listed with INFAS, MATH). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: E E 524 or MATH 317 or MATH 407 or COM S 230
Basic principles of covert communication, steganalysis, and forensic analysis for digital images. Steganographic security and capacity, matrix embedding, blind attacks, image forensic detection and device identification techniques. Related material on coding theory, statistics, image processing, pattern recognition.

CPR E 536: Computer and Network Forensics
(Cross-listed with INFAS). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: CPR E 489 or CPR E 530
Fundamentals of computer and network forensics, forensic duplication and analysis, network surveillance, intrusion detection and response, incident response, anonymity and pseudonymity, privacy-protection techniques, cyber law, computer security policies and guidelines, court testimony and report writing, and case studies. Emphasis on hands-on experiments.

CPR E 537: Wireless Network Security
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: Credit or enrollment in CPR E 489 or CPR E 530
Introduction to the physical layer and special issues associated with the security of wireless networks. The basics of wireless communication systems (antennas and propagation, modulation, multiple access, channel modeling, specific security issues of the wireless link), jamming and countermeasures (spread spectrum technologies, channel coding, interleaving), authentication and confidentiality (basics of classic cryptography, common authentication and encryption algorithms). Detailed case studies on authentication, encryption and privacy flaws, and good practices based on the most common wireless technologies, including WiFi, GSM/3G, Bluetooth, and RFID. Individual or team-based class projects.

CPR E 538: Reverse Engineering and Security Testing
(Cross-listed with INFAS). (2-3) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: COM S 321 or CPR E 381, COM S 352 or CPR E 308
Techniques and tools for understanding the behavior of software/hardware systems based on reverse engineering. Flaw hypothesis, black, grey, and white box testing as well as other methods for testing the security of software systems. Discussion of counter-reverse engineering techniques.

CPR E 539: Cyber Physical System Security for the Smart Grid
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Introduction to cyber security, cyber physical system (CPS), and smart grid automation technologies; supervisor control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems; cyber risk modeling, vulnerability analysis, impact analysis, defense and mitigation techniques; cyber security of wide-area monitoring, protection, and control; security and privacy in advanced metering infrastructure (AMI), cyber security compliance and best practices, CPS security test-beds and attack-defense hands-on laboratory experiments.

CPR E 541: High-Performance Communication Networks
(3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: CPR E 489 or CPR E 530
Computer architectures and protocols designed for high-performance networking environments; software defined networking (SDN) and supporting protocols; cloud and data center networks; network traffic management and congestion control strategies; quality of service; high-speed access network protocols.
CPR E 542: Optical Communication Networks
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: CPR E 489
Optical components and interfaces; optical transmission and reception techniques; wavelength division multiplexing; network architectures and protocol for first generation, single and multihop optical network; routing and wavelength assignment in second generation wavelength routing networks; traffic grooming, optical network control; survivability; access networks; metro networks.

CPR E 543: Wireless Network Architecture
(3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: Credit or enrollment in CPR E 489 or CPR E 530
Introduction to the protocol architecture of the data link layer, network layer and transport layer for wireless networking. Operation and management of Medium Access Control in Wireless Local Area Networks (WLAN) and Wireless Metropolitan Area Networks (WMAN); recent developments in IEEE 802.11 & 802.16 and Bluetooth; Mobile IP; Mobile TCP.

CPR E 544: Fundamentals of Bioinformatics
(Cross-listed with BCB, COM S, GDCB). (4-0) Cr. 4. F.
Prereq: MATH 165 or STAT 401 or equivalent
A practical, hands-on overview of how to apply bioinformatics to biological research. Recommended for biologists desiring to gain computational molecular biology skills. Topics include: sequence analysis, genomics, proteomics, phylogenetic analyses, ontology enrichment, systems biology, data visualization and emergent technologies.

CPR E 545: Fault-Tolerant Systems
(3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: CPR E 381
Faults and their manifestations, errors, and failures; fault detection, location and reconfiguration techniques; time, space, and information (coding) redundancy management; design for testability; self-checking and fail-safe circuits; system-level fault diagnosis; Byzantine agreement; stable storage and RAID; clock synchronization; fault-tolerant networks; fault tolerance in real-time systems; reliable software design; checkpointing and rollback recovery; atomic actions; replica management protocols; and reliability evaluation techniques and tools.

CPR E 546: Wireless and Sensor Networks
(3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: CPR E 489 or CPR E 530
Fundamental and well-known protocols for wireless ad hoc and sensor networks at various layers, including physical layer issues, MAC (medium access control) layer protocols, routing protocols for wireless ad hoc and sensor networks, data management in sensor networks, coverage and connectivity, localization and tracking, security and privacy issues. Introduction to TinyOS and the nesC language. Hands-on experiments with Crossbow Mote sensor devices.

CPR E 547: Resource Allocation in Communication Networks
(3-0) Cr. 3.
Analytical approach to resource allocation on communication networks (e.g. the Internet, multihop wireless networks, etc.). Network utility maximization and the internet congestion control algorithm. Layering as optimization decomposition: a cross-layer design approach in multihop wireless networks. Capacity of ad hoc wireless networks.

CPR E 548: Cyber-Physical Systems Networking
Cr. 3.
Prereq: CPR E 489; CPR E 530/430; COM S 486, or equivalent.
Cyber-physical systems applications in smart agriculture, transportation, power grid, manufacturing, public safety, health systems, etc.; field area and control networks; industrial Ethernet; time-triggered communication; real-time wireless networks; wireless industrial networks; safety and security of industrial networks; systems platforms for cyber-physical systems networks; team-based learning/projects.

CPR E 549: Advanced Algorithms in Computational Biology
(Cross-listed with COM S). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: COM S 311 and either COM S 228 or COM S 208
Design and analysis of algorithms for applications in computational biology, pairwise and multiple sequence alignments, approximation algorithms, string algorithms including in-depth coverage of suffix trees, semi-numerical string algorithms, algorithms for selected problems in fragment assembly, phylogenetic trees and protein folding. No background in biology is assumed. Also useful as an advanced algorithms course in string processing.

CPR E 550: Distributed Systems and Middleware
(Dual-listed with CPR E 450). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: CPR E 308 or COM S 352
Fundamentals of distributed computing, software agents, naming services, distributed transactions, security management, distributed object-based systems, web-based systems, middleware-based application design and development, case studies of middleware and internet applications.
CPR E 554: Distributed Systems
(Dual-listed with CPR E 454). (Cross-listed with COM S). (3-1) Cr. 3.
Prereq: COM S 311; COM S 352 or CPR E 308; for graduate credit: graduate standing or permission of instructor
Theoretical and practical issues of design and implementation of distributed systems. The client server paradigm, inter-process communications, synchronization and concurrency control, naming, consistency and replication, fault tolerance, and distributed file systems. Graduate credit requires additional in-depth study of concepts. Programming projects and written reports.

CPR E 556: Scalable Software Engineering
(3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: COM S 309
Design and analysis techniques scalable to large software, project-based learning of problem solving techniques, automation tools for high productivity and reliability of software, analysis-based measurement and estimation techniques for predictable software engineering.

CPR E 557: Computer Graphics and Geometric Modeling
(Cross-listed with COM S, M E). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered odd-numbered years.
Prereq: M E 421, programming experience in C

CPR E 558: Real Time Systems
(Dual-listed with CPR E 458). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: CPR E 308 or COM S 352

CPR E 559: Security and Privacy in Cloud Computing
(Cross-listed with COM S). Cr. 3.
Prereq: COM S 352 or CPR E 308, and COM S 486 or CPR E 489 or CPR E 530
Introduction to cloud computing concepts and systems. Security and privacy threats in cloud computing. Practical techniques for cloud computing security. Theoretical and practical solutions for secure outsourcing of data and computation. Oral presentations and research projects.

CPR E 560: Data-Driven Security and Privacy
(Cross-listed with COM S, INFAS). Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered irregularly.
Prereq: CPR E 531; COM S 474 or COM S 573
Examination of applications of machine learning and big data techniques to various security and privacy problems, as well as secure and privacy-preserving machine learning algorithms.

CPR E 566: Physical Design of VLSI Systems
(3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: CPR E 465

CPR E 567: Bioinformatics Algorithms
(Cross-listed with BCB, COM S). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: COM S 228, COM S 330; credit or enrollment in BIOL 315, STAT 430
Biology as an information science. A review of the algorithmic principles that are driving the advances in bioinformatics and computational biology.

CPR E 568: Structural Bioinformatics
(Cross-listed with BCB, COM S, GDCB). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: BCB 567, BBMB 316, GEN 409, STAT 430

CPR E 570: Systems Biology
(Cross-listed with BCB, COM S, GDCB, STAT). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: BCB 567 or COM S 311, COM S 228, GEN 409, STAT 430 or STAT 483 or STAT 583
CPR E 575: Computational Perception
(Cross-listed with COM S, HCI). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: Graduate standing or permission of instructor
Statistical and algorithmic methods for sensing, recognizing, and interpreting the activities of people by a computer. Focuses on machine perception techniques that facilitate and augment human-computer interaction. Introduce computational perception on both theoretical and practical levels. Participation in small groups to design, implement, and evaluate a prototype of a human-computer interaction system that uses one or more of the techniques covered in the lectures.

CPR E 581: Computer Systems Architecture
(Cross-listed with COM S). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: CPR E 381
Quantitative principles of computer architecture design, instruction set design, processor architecture: pipelining and superscalar design, instruction level parallelism, memory organization: cache and virtual memory systems, multiprocessor architecture, cache coherency, interconnection networks and message routing, I/O devices and peripherals.

CPR E 582: Computer Systems Performance
(3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: CPR E 381, CPR E 310 and STAT 330
Review of probability and stochastic processes concepts; Markovian processes; Markovian queues; renewal theory; semi-Markovian queues; queueing networks, applications to multiprocessor architectures, computer networks, and switching systems.

CPR E 583: Reconfigurable Computing Systems
(Cross-listed with COM S). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: Background in computer architecture, design, and organization
Introduction to reconfigurable computing, FPGA technology and architectures, spatial computing architectures such as systolic and bit serial adaptive network architectures, static and dynamic rearrangeable interconnection architectures, processor architectures incorporating reconfigurability.

CPR E 584: Models and Techniques in Embedded Systems
(3-0) Cr. 3.
Industry-standard tools and optimization strategies; practical embedded platforms and technology (reconfigurable platforms, multi-core platforms, low-power platforms); instruction augmentation, memory-mapped accelerator design, embedded software optimization. Students will be encouraged to compete as teams in an embedded system design competition.

CPR E 585: Developmental Robotics
(Cross-listed with HCI). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered odd-numbered years.
Prereq: knowledge of C/C++ programming language.
An introduction to the emerging interdisciplinary field of Developmental Robotics, which crosses the boundaries between robotics, artificial intelligence, developmental psychology, and philosophy. The main goal of this field is to create autonomous robots that are more intelligent, more adaptable, and more useful than the robots of today, which can only function in very limited domains and situations.

CPR E 586: Pervasive Computing
(3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: CPR E 489 or CPR E 530
Fundamentals of pervasive computing, including location and context awareness, mobile and location services, ubiquitous data access, low power computing and energy management, middleware, security and privacy issues.

CPR E 588: Embedded Computer Systems
(3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: CPR E 308

CPR E 590: Special Topics
Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.
Formulation and solution of theoretical or practical problems in computer engineering.

CPR E 592: Seminar in Computer Engineering
Cr. 1-4. Repeatable.
Prereq: Permission of instructor
Projects or seminar in Computer Engineering.

CPR E 598: Electrical and Computer Engineering Learning Community Seminar
(Cross-listed with E E). Cr. R. F.S.
Prereq: Electrical and Computer Engineering Graduate Student
Introduction to graduate study in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Iowa State University. Building networks, introduction to core requirements, and tools and techniques for success. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only. ECpE

CPR E 599: Creative Component
Cr. arr. Repeatable.

Courses for graduate students:
CPR E 626: Parallel Algorithms for Scientific Applications
(Cross-listed with COM S). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: CPR E 526
Algorithm design for high-performance computing. Parallel algorithms for multidimensional tree data structures, space-filling curves, random number generation, graph partitioning and load balancing. Applications to grid and particle-based methods and computational biology.

CPR E 631: Cyber Security Operations Practicum
(Cross-listed with INFAS). Cr. 3. Repeatable.
Prereq: CPR E 532; CPR E 534; and permission of instructor
Practical experience in cyber operations. Cyber security threat analysis, malware analysis, and intrusion detection management. Cyber security data analysis methods. Pen testing tools and techniques. Weekly threat analysis briefings. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

CPR E 632: Information Assurance Capstone Design
(Cross-listed with INFAS). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: INFAS 531, INFAS 532, INFAS 534
Capstone design course which integrates the security design process. Design of a security policy. Creation of a security plan. Implementation of the security plan. The students will attack each other’s secure environments in an effort to defeat the security systems. Students evaluate the security plans and the performance of the plans. Social, political and ethics issues. Student self-evaluation, journaling, final written report.

CPR E 681: Advanced Topics in Computer Architecture
(Cross-listed with COM S). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered odd-numbered years.
Prereq: CPR E 581. Repeatable with Instructor permission
Current topics in computer architecture design and implementation. Advanced pipelining, cache and memory design techniques. Interaction of algorithms with architecture models and implementations. Tradeoffs in architecture models and implementations.

CPR E 697: Engineering Internship
(Cross-listed with E E). Cr. R. Repeatable.
One semester and one summer maximum per academic year professional work period. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

CPR E 699: Research
Cr. arr. Repeatable.