

# MASTER OF ENGINEERING, PLAN C, COMPUTER ENGINEERING SPECIALIZATION

From self-driving cars to smart cities, we live in a hyper-connected world. As the smart thinkers behind today's smart devices and systems, computer engineers hold the key to understanding, advancing, and protecting the security of next generation technologies and data networks.

The Master of Engineering, Plan C, Computer Engineering Specialization produces professionals with broad engineering backgrounds who are capable of applying in-depth knowledge and creativity to drive innovation in virtually any field. Students have flexibility to develop a plan of study in their area of interest. Students interested in graduate work should refer to CSU's Graduate and Professional Bulletin (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>) and the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department (<http://www.engr.colostate.edu/ece/>) website.

## Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion, students will be able to:

1. Identify, formulate, and solve advanced engineering problems using fundamental computer engineering principles, methodologies, and [tools](#).
2. Apply in-depth knowledge and creativity in a variety of contexts to achieve a significant [engineering objective](#).
3. [Demonstrate effective oral and written communication to convey technical concepts to both engineers and non-engineers.](#)
4. Demonstrate professional behavior and understand the ethical, economic, [environmental](#), and societal impacts of their [work](#).

## Requirements Effective Fall 2024

| Code                      | Title   | Credits   |
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| <b>Regular Coursework</b> | <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>  | <b>30</b> |
| CS 4XX                    | Any CS course at the 400-level (excluding courses numbered 482-499)   |           |
| CS 5XX                    | Any CS course at the 500-level (excluding courses numbered 582-599)   |           |
| CS 6XX                    | Any CS course at the 600-level (excluding courses numbered 682-699)   |           |
| ECE 4XX                   | Any ECE course at the 400-level (excluding courses numbered 482-499)  |           |
| ECE 5XX                   | Any ECE course at the 500-level (excluding courses numbered 582-599)  |           |
| ECE 6XX                   | Any ECE course at the 600-level (excluding courses numbered 682-699)  |           |
| MATH 4XX                  | Any MATH course at the 400-level (excluding courses numbered 482-499) |           |
| MATH 5XX                  | Any MATH course at the 500-level (excluding courses numbered 582-599) |           |

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| MATH 6XX                | Any MATH course at the 600-level (excluding courses numbered 682-699)         |
| PH 4XX                  | Any PH course at the 400-level (excluding courses numbered 482-499)           |
| PH 5XX                  | Any PH course at the 500-level (excluding courses numbered 582-599)           |
| PH 6XX                  | Any PH course at the 600-level (excluding courses numbered 682-699)           |
| BIOM 533/<br>CIVE 533   | Biomolecular Tools for Engineers  |
| ENGR 510                | Engineering Optimization: Method/<br>Application                              |
| ENGR 520                | Intelligent Decision Support Systems  |
| ENGR 531                | Engineering Risk Analysis   |
| ENGR 533                | Spaceflight and Biological Systems  |
| ENGR 665                | Stochastic Simulation in Engr Applications                                    |
| GRAD 510                | Fundamentals of High Performance<br>Computing                                 |
| GRAD 530                | Introduction to Graduate Research   |
| GRAD 544                | Ethical Conduct of Research   |
| GRAD 550                | STEM Communication  |
| MATH 550/<br>ENGR 550   | Numerical Methods in Science and<br>Engineering                               |
| MATH 569A/<br>DSCI 569A | Linear Algebra for Data Science: Matrices<br>and Vectors Spaces               |
| MATH 569B/<br>DSCI 569B | Linear Algebra for Data Science: Geometric<br>Techniques for Data Reduction   |
| MATH 569C/<br>DSCI 569C | Linear Algebra for Data Science: Matrix<br>Factorizations and Transformations |
| MATH 569D/<br>DSCI 569D | Linear Algebra for Data Science:<br>Theoretical Foundations                   |
| MECH 502                | Advanced/Additive Manufacturing<br>Engineering                                |
| MECH 513                | Simulation Modeling and Experimentation                                       |
| MECH 524                | Principles of Dynamics  |
| MECH 529                | Advanced Mechanical Systems   |
| MECH 531/<br>BIOM 531   | Materials Engineering   |
| MECH 564                | Fundamentals of Robot Mechanics and<br>Controls                               |
| MECH 570/<br>BIOM 570   | Bioengineering  |
| MECH 575                | Solar and Alternative Energies  |
| MECH 630                | Biologically Inspired Robotics  |
| NSCI 575/<br>GRAD 575   | Ethical Issues in Big Data Research   |
| STAA 561                | Probability with Applications   |
| SYSE 501                | Foundations of Systems Engineering  |
| SYSE 530                | Overview of Systems Engineering<br>Processes                                  |
| SYSE 532/<br>ECE 532    | Dynamics of Complex Engineering Systems                                       |
| SYSE 536                | Space Mission Analysis and Design   |
| SYSE 541                | Engineering Data Design and Visualization                                     |
| SYSE 549                | Secure Vehicle and Industrial Networking                                      |

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| SYSE 567 | Systems Engineering Architecture              |
| SYSE 569 | Cybersecurity Awareness for Systems Engineers |
| SYSE 571 | Analytics in Systems Engineering              |
| SYSE 711 | Ethics in Systems Engineering                 |

**Program Total Credits:** **30**

A minimum of 30 credits are required to complete this program.

<sup>1</sup> Courses not accepted as regular include all courses ending in the range -82 through -99.

<sup>2</sup> A maximum of 8 credit hours of 400-level undergraduate coursework can be counted to the degree. Remaining credits must be in 500-level or higher courses.

<sup>3</sup> A maximum of 15 credit hours outside of the ECE department can be counted to the degree.

## Requirements for All Graduate Degrees

For more information, please visit Requirements for All Graduate Degrees (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/graduate-study/procedures-requirements-all-degrees/>) in the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>).

## Summary of Procedures for the Master's and Doctoral Degrees

NOTE: Each semester the Graduate School publishes a schedule of deadlines. Deadlines are available on the Graduate School website (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/deadline-dates/>). Students should consult this schedule whenever they approach important steps in their careers.

Forms (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/forms/>) are available online.

| Step   | Due Date   |
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| 1. Application for admission (online)                              | Six months before first registration   |
| 2. Diagnostic examination when required                            | Before first registration  |
| 3. Appointment of advisor  | Before first registration  |
| 4. Selection of graduate committee                                 | Before the time of fourth regular semester registration  |
| 5. Filing of program of study (GS Form 6)                          | Before the time of fourth regular semester registration  |
| 6. Preliminary examination (Ph.D. and PD)                          | Two terms prior to final examination   |
| 7. Report of preliminary examination (GS Form 16) - (Ph.D. and PD) | Within two working days after results are known  |
| 8. Changes in committee (GS Form 9A)                               | When change is made  |
| 9. Application for Graduation (GS Form 25)                         | Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website  |
| 9a. Reapplication for Graduation (online)                          | Failure to graduate requires Reapplication for Graduation (online) for the next time term for which you are applying |

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| 10. Submit thesis or dissertation to committee   | At least two weeks prior to the examination or at the discretion of the graduate committee                     |
| 11. Final examination  | Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website  |
| 12. Report of final examination (GS Form 24)   | Within two working days after results are known; refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website |
| 13. Submit a signed Thesis/Dissertation Submission Form (GS Form 30) to the Graduate School and Submit the Survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. only) prior to submitting the electronic thesis/dissertation | Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website.   |
| 14. Submit the thesis/dissertation electronically  | Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website  |
| 15. Graduation   | Ceremony information is available from the Graduate School website   |