Computer Engineering

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Computer Engineers deal with the architecture, design, implementation, and verification of the hardware and software for computing systems that are increasingly being used in embedded or networked environments. The Computer Engineering plan offers a broad range of supporting course material to prepare graduates for entry into the profession. In the hardware area, courses cover digital logic and digital systems engineering, computer organization and system architecture, microprocessors, and integrated circuit engineering. Software courses include programming languages, data structures and algorithms, operating systems, real-time software design, databases, compilers, software requirements analysis, formal methods in software engineering, and techniques for human-computer interaction. Computer communication network courses include material on reliable and secure information transfer protocols, switching and routing through multipath networks, and wireless networking.

The Computer Engineering plan is "streamed". Through choice of elective courses in third and fourth year, students can either focus their studies in one or more areas of specialization ("streams"), or pursue a broader coverage of the subject field. Streams are detailed on the Departmental web pages.

First Year courses in Computer Science (APSC 142 Introduction to Computer Programming for Engineers 2), Mathematics (APSC 171 Calculus I, APSC 172 Calculus II and APSC 174 Introduction To Linear Algebra), Engineering Practice (APSC 100 Engineering Practice 1) and Physics (APSC 112 Physics II) form the basis for further study in Computer Engineering. Good performance is advisable for students planning to enter this academic plan.

Programs

• Computer Engineering, B.A.Sc. (Class of 2025) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/engineering-applied-sciences/academic-plans/computer-engineering/computer-engineering-basc-class-2025/)
• Computer Engineering, B.A.Sc. (Class of 2026) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/engineering-applied-sciences/academic-plans/computer-engineering/computer-engineering-basc-class-2026/)
• Computer Engineering, ECEi Stream, B.A.Sc. (Class of 2025) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/engineering-applied-sciences/academic-plans/computer-engineering/computer-engineering-ecei-stream-basc-class-2025/)
• Computer Engineering, ECEi Stream, B.A.Sc. (Class of 2026) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/engineering-applied-sciences/academic-plans/computer-engineering/computer-engineering-ecei-stream-basc-class-2026/)
• Computer Engineering, ECEi Stream, B.A.Sc. (Class of 2027) (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/engineering-applied-sciences/academic-plans/computer-engineering/computer-engineering-ecei-stream-basc-class-2027/)
• Computer Engineering: Electives (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/engineering-applied-sciences/academic-plans/computer-engineering/computer-engineering-electives/)

CMPE 204 Logic For Computing Science  Units: 3.00
Elements of mathematical logic with computing applications. Formal proof systems for propositional and predicate logic. Interpretations, validity, and satisfiability. Introduction to soundness, completeness and decidability.
K3(Lec: Yes, Lab: No, Tut: No)
Requirements: Prerequisites: ELEC 270 or CISC 203
Corequisites: Exclusions:
Offering Term: FW
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 36
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 0
Engineering Design 0
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:

1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in the meantime.
CMPE 212  Introduction to Computing Science II  Units: 4.00
Introduction to object-oriented design, architecture, and programming. Use of packages, class libraries, and interfaces. Encapsulation and representational abstraction. Inheritance. Polymorphic programming. Exception handling. Iterators. Introduction to a class design notation. Applications in various areas.
(Lec: 3, Lab: 1, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: APSC 142 or APSC 143 or MNTC 313, ELEC 278 or MREN 178
Corequisites: Exclusions: CISC 124
Offering Term: W
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 26
Engineering Design 22
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in the meantime.

CMPE 223  Software Specifications  Units: 3.00
Introduction to techniques for specifying the behaviour of software, with applications of these techniques to design, verification and construction of software. Logic-based techniques such as loop invariants and class invariants. Automata and grammar-based techniques, with applications to scanners, parsers, user-interface dialogs and embedded systems. Computability issues in software specifications.
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: ELEC 278, ELEC 270
Corequisites: Exclusions:
Offering Term: W
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 24
Engineering Design 12
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

CMPE 251  Data Analytics  Units: 3.00
Introduction to data analytics; data preparation; assessing performance; prediction methods such as decision trees, random forests, support vector machines, neural networks and rules; ensemble methods such as bagging and boosting; clustering techniques such as expectation-maximization, matrix decompositions, and biclustering; attribute selection.
K3(Lec: Yes, Lab: No, Tut: No)
Requirements: Prerequisites: APSC 142 or APSC 143 or MNTC 313, or programming experience recommended
Corequisites: Exclusions: CISC 251, CMPE 333, CISC 333
Offering Term: F
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 10
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 14
Engineering Design 12
Offering Faculty: Smith Engineering
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in the meantime.

CMPE 271  Scientific Computing  Units: 3.00
Introduction to scientific computing: floating point arithmetic, algorithm design, error analysis, ill-conditioning. Zero-finding. Linear equations. Interpolation. Integration. Least-squares fitting. Effective use of library programs, with discussion of their limitations and some aspects of their design and implementation.
COURSE DELETED 2019-2020
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: PREREQ: APSC 143 and APSC 172 and APSC 174 and registered in BSCE or BASC. EXCLUSION: ENPH 213
Offering Term: W
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 21
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 15
Engineering Design 0
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
CMPE 320  Fndmnts Software Development  Units: 4.00
Introduction to management of small and medium-scale software projects. Advanced programming methodology using the programming language C++. Includes a significant programming project.
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 1)
Requirements: Prerequisites: ELEC 278 or MREN 178
Corequisites: Exclusions:
Offering Term: F
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 26
Engineering Design 22
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in the meantime.

CMPE 322  Software Architecture  Units: 4.00
Abstractions and patterns of interactions and relationships among modules. Design recovery; relationship of architecture to requirements and testing.
K4(Lec: Yes, Lab: 0, Tut: No)
Requirements: Prerequisites: ELEC 270, CMPE 223 (CISC 223), ELEC 278 or MREN 178 Corequisites: Exclusions:
Offering Term: W
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 22
Engineering Design 26
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in the meantime.

CMPE 324  Operating Systems  Units: 3.00
Layered operating systems for conventional shared memory computers: Concurrent processes, Synchronization and communication, Concurrent algorithms, Scheduling Deadlock, Memory management, Protection. File systems. Device management. Typical layers.
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: ELEC 274, ELEC 278 or MREN 178 Corequisites: Exclusions: ELEC 377
Offering Term: W
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 36
Engineering Design 0
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in the meantime.

CMPE 325  Human-Computer Interaction  Units: 3.00
Developing usable software requires that human factors be considered throughout the design and development process. This course introduces a series of techniques for development and evaluating usable software, and shows how these techniques can be integrated into a process for software development. Alternately offered as CISC 325.
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: ELEC 278 or MREN 178 Corequisites: Exclusions:
Offering Term: W
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 24
Engineering Design 12
Offering Faculty: Smith Engineering
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in the meantime.
CMPE 327 Software Quality Assurance  Units: 3.00
Validation of software throughout the life cycle. Comparative
effectiveness in defect removal of formal methods (proofs
of correctness), inspection (walkthroughs and reviews), and
testing (unit, integration, and system testing; white box
versus black box).
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: ELEC 279 or CMPE 212
Corequisites: Exclusions:
Offering Term: F
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 24
Engineering Design 12
Offering Faculty: Smith Engineering
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in
the meantime.

CMPE 330 Computer-Integrated Surgery  Units: 3.00
Concepts of computer-integrated surgery systems and
underlying techniques such as medical-image computing,
robotics, and virtual reality, learned through real-life
applications and problems. Techniques learned in class will
be applied in a hands-on surgery session where students
perform minimally invasive surgery with virtual-reality
navigation tools. Enrolment is limited.
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: ELEC 279 or CMPE 212, MTHE
272 or ELEC 372 or ENPH 213 Corequisites: Exclusions:
Offering Term: F
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 24
Engineering Design 12
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in
the meantime.

CMPE 332 Database Management Systems  Units: 3.00
Data models: relational, entity-relationship. Relational query
languages; relational algebra and SQL. Relational database
design. Application interfaces and embedded SQL. Storage
and indexing.
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: ELEC 278 or MREN 178,
ELEC 270 or MTHE 217 (MATH 217) Corequisites: Exclusions:
Offering Term: W
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 24
Engineering Design 12
Offering Faculty: Smith Engineering
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in
the meantime.

CMPE 351 Advanced Data Analytics  Units: 3.00
Design and implementation of complex analytics techniques;
predictive algorithms at scale; deep learning; clustering at
scale; advanced matrix decompositions, analytics in the Web,
collaborative filtering; social network analysis; applications in
specialized domains.
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: CMPE 251, ELEC 326 or
MTHE 351 Corequisites: Exclusions: CISC 351, CISC 372
Offering Term: W
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 10
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 14
Engineering Design 12
Offering Faculty: Smith Engineering
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in
the meantime.
CMPE 365  Algorithms I  Units: 4.00
Principles of design, analysis and implementation of efficient algorithms. Case studies from a variety of areas illustrate divide and conquer methods, the greedy approach, branch and bound algorithms and dynamic programming.
(Lec: 3, Lab: 1, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: ELEC 278 or MREN 178, ELEC 270 or any discrete mathematics course Corequisites: Exclusions:
Offering Term: F
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 24
Engineering Design 24
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in the meantime.

CMPE 425  Advanced User Interface Design  Units: 3.00
Advanced user interface styles such as multimedia, support for collaboration over the Internet, virtual reality and wearable computers. Processes supporting the design of advanced user interfaces. Implementation techniques.
NOT OFFERED 2024-2025
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: CMPE 325 or permission of the instructor Corequisites: Exclusions:
Offering Term: W
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 24
Engineering Design 12
Offering Faculty: Smith Engineering
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in the meantime.

CMPE 422  Formal Methods In Software Eng  Units: 3.00
Mathematical methods for describing software behaviour and structure. Topics include (but are not limited to) the following: requirements specification; Module specification: axiomatic, algebraic, and trace specification; program specification: abstract models; verification; specification-based validation.
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: CMPE 204 (CISC 204), CMPE 223 (CISC 223) Corequisites: Exclusions:
Offering Term: F
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 14
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 12
Engineering Design 10
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in the meantime.

CMPE 432  Advanced Database Systems  Units: 3.00
Topics include the presentation and storage of data, implementation concerns, and the integration of databases with other areas of computer science.
NOT OFFERED 2024-2025
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: CMPE 332 (CISC 332), ELEC 278 or MREN 178 Corequisites: Exclusions:
Offering Term: F
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 24
Engineering Design 12
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in the meantime.
CMPE 434  Distributed Systems  Units: 3.00
Operating systems for distributed architectures: distributed
system characteristics, process synchronization and
communication. Basic distributed algorithms. Principles of
NOT OFFERED 2024-2025
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: ELEC 377 Corequisites:
Exclusions:
Offering Term: F
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 24
Engineering Design 12
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in
the meantime.

CMPE 454  Computer Graphics  Units: 3.00
An introduction to computer graphics, including a review
of current hardware; modelling and transformations in two
and three dimensions; visual realism; perspective, hidden
surface elimination, and shading; colour models; applications
in several fields.
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: ELEC 278 or MREN 178
Corequisites: Exclusions:
Offering Term: W
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 24
Engineering Design 12
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in
the meantime.

CMPE 452  Neural Networks and Genetic
Algorithms  Units: 3.00
Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) and Genetic Algorithms
(GA) for problem solving and prediction tasks such as
classification, clustering, optimization and data reduction
and modeling human cognition, with application to real
world problems. Ongoing research in this area in various
application domains.
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: ELEC 278 or MREN 178
or permission of the instructor Corequisites: Exclusions:
ELEC 425
Offering Term: F
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 9
Natural Sciences 15
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 12
Engineering Design 0
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in
the meantime.

CMPE 457  Image Processing & Computer
Units: 3.00
Fundamental concepts and applications in image processing
and computer vision. Topics include image acquisition,
convolution. Discrete Fourier Transform, image enhancement
edge detection, segmentation, image registration, human
contrast perception, colour perception and reproduction, and
stereo vision.
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: Any first-year algebra course,
any first-year calculus course, ELEC 278 or MREN 178
Corequisites: Exclusions: ELEC 474
Offering Term: F
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 24
Engineering Design 12
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in
the meantime.
CMPE 458 Programming Language Processor  Units: 4.00
Introduction to the systematic construction of a compiler: grammars and languages, scanners, top-down and bottom-up parsing, runtime organization, symbol tables, internal representations; Polish notation, syntax trees, semantic routines, storage allocation, code generation, interpreters.  
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 1)
Requirements: Prerequisites: ELEC 279 or CISC 121 or CMPE 212 and ELEC 274 Corequisites: Exclusions: 
Offering Term: W
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 0
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 30
Engineering Design 18
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in the meantime.

CMPE 472 Medical Informatics  Units: 3.00
Current topics in the application of information technology to medicine, including computed tomography and x-ray imaging; 2D and 3D ultrasound; computer-assisted planning of interventional procedures; image registration; computer-assisted surgery; bioelectric signals; picture archiving and communication systems (PACS).  
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: CMPE 330 Corequisites: Exclusions: 
Offering Term: W
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 18
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 18
Engineering Design 0
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in the meantime.

CMPE 471 Computational Biology  Units: 3.00
Introduction to computational approaches to the problems in molecular biology. This will include the study of areas such as techniques and algorithms for sequence analysis and alignment; molecular databases; protein structure prediction and molecular data mining. NOT OFFERED 2024-2025  
(Lec: 3, Lab: 0, Tut: 0)
Requirements: Prerequisites: CMPE 365 (CISC 365) or ELEC 278 or MREN 178 and MBIO 218 Corequisites: BCHM 315 Exclusions: 
Offering Term: F
CEAB Units:
Mathematics 0
Natural Sciences 18
Complementary Studies 0
Engineering Science 9
Engineering Design 9
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
Course Learning Outcomes:
1. CLOs coming soon; please refer to your course syllabus in the meantime.

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