Graduate Admissions Guides

Software Engineering MS

⌄ Program and Contact Information

🌐 Learn More About This Program

View Software Engineering MS in the University's Main Catalog.

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Electrical & Computer Engineering

🏢 College(s)

College of Engineering

💲 Tuition and Fees

Please refer to the UA Bursar's Office Tuition and Fees Calculator for up-to-date information about tuition and fees.
Please refer to the UA Registrar's Office Special Course Fees for up-to-date information about special course fees.

⌄ Admissions Information

🧭 Campus(es) Where Offered

- Distance Campus: Yuma
- University of Arizona - Main: Tucson
- Arizona Online: Online

📅 Admissions Deadlines

- **Online MS - Rolling Admissions**
- **Main Campus Domestic Applicants**
  - Fall: Rolling admissions
  - Spring: Rolling admissions
- **Main Campus International Applicants**
  - Fall: January 15
  - Spring: June 1

We do not offer summer or winter admissions.

⊐✄ Admissions Requirements

The Software Engineering Graduate Admissions Committee performs a comprehensive review of all application materials. The below are considered competitive for admissions consideration.

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited USA university or equivalent international university recognized by the UArizona. Students who do not have a degree equivalent to the UArizona Bachelor of Science degree in a computing-related program may be admitted into the graduate SFWE program but may be required to complete additional graduate-level pre-requisite courses prior to enrolling in some graduate courses.
- A grade-point average of 3.0 in the overall undergraduate degree or meet Graduate College minimum admissions requirements.
- Applicants whose native language is not English are required by the Graduate College to take an English proficiency test. A description of acceptable tests can be found at: https://grad.arizona.edu/admissions/requirements/international-applicants#english-proficiency
- Additionally must have
  - Proficiency in 1+ programming language OR
  - 1-2 years of industry experience in a software-related position

Please include the following materials with your application.

1. For the initial application. unofficial college transcripts are required. If recommended for admissions, official transcripts will be required by

the Office of Graduate Admissions for final
document review
2. For international students whose first language is
not English: Proof of English proficiency
per the **Graduate College's guidelines**
3. Statement of Purpose, describing your professional
experiences, interest in Software Engineering, and
your career goals
4. Minimum of three letters of recommendation
5. A detailed resume or curriculum vitae

📖 Standardized Tests

GRE:

The GRE test scores are **not** required for MS students
unless a student is requesting funding from the
department or the College of Engineering. Review for
MS funding is handled on a case-by-case basis.

**If students choose to provide GRE, below subject tests
below are considered competitive:**

- Minimum GRE Verbal: 153
- Minimum GRE Quantitative: 155
- Minimum GRE Analytical: 4.0

International Applicants:

Proof of English Proficiency is required per the Graduate
College's Guidelines whose first language is not
English.

Acceptable English Proficiency Credentials:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language(link is
  external) (TOEFL) - minimum score of 79 iBT (or 60
  on the revised PBT with no section score lower than
  15). Individual MyBest scores must also be dated
  within 2 years of the enrollment term to be
  considered valid
- International English Language Testing System(link
  is external) (IELTS) - minimum composite score of 7,

with no subject area below a 6
- Pearson PTE Academic(link is external) - minimum score of 60
- Graduate English Language Endorsement(link is external) from the Center for English as a Second Language (CESL)
- CEPT Full Academic test (link is external)- offered by our Center for English as a Second Language (CESL), minimum Total score of 110.

The Graduate College does not accept Duolingo scores for demonstration of English Proficiency.

💲 Funding Opportunities

Graduate Assistantships (Teaching & Research) are eligible students on a competitive basis.

If applying for funding, GRE Scores must be submitted for consideration.

Students in the MS non-thesis option are expected to be self-supported or supported by external fellowships or industry.

✔ International Conditional Admission

International applicants **will** be considered for conditional admission by this program.

⌕ Other Information

The GRE Institution Code for The University of Arizona is 4832.

ETS Major Field Code(s) for this program: 4832

⌄ Program Statistics

Program-Level Information

Application Acceptance Rate:	59.26%
Avg. Time-to-Degree (years):	1.035

Department-Level Information

Enrollment Percent Male:	89.66%
Enrollment Percent Female:	10.34%
Enrollment Percent International:	10.34%
Enrollment Percent URM:	31.03%

ⓘ About these statistics:

All application, admit, and enrollment data are from Fall 2025.

Average Time to Degree calculates how long graduates in the 5-year period from 2020-2024 took to complete their degrees, counting back to the first semester entering their program.

Underrepresented Minorities (URM) includes domestic students of ethnic groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education: African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders.