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Software Engineering PhD

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Electrical & Computer Engineering

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College of Engineering

5 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

- University of Arizona Main: Tucson
- Arizona Online: Online

Admissions Deadlines

Domestic Applicants:

- Fall:
- Spring:

International Applicants:

• Fall:

• Spring:

= Admissions Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Doctoral program, the candidate must have attained a Bachelor of Science degree in a computing-related field. Other factors that will be considered are as follows:

- GPA in previous undergraduate/graduate work of at least 3.0
- A minimum of 3 Letters of recommendation
- Proficiency in 1+ programming language OR 1-2 years of industry experience in a software-related position.
- International students should meet the minimum English Proficiency scores set by the Office of Graduate Admissions
- A match between faculty and student interests

Standardized Tests

GRE is now optional for PhD Admissions

If providing scores, the below are considered competitive:

• *Minimum GRE Verbal*: 153 (500)

• Minimum GRE Quantitative: 159 (750)

• Minumum GRE Written: 4.0

International Applicants:

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

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

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
 - The TOEFL Essentials Test is not an accepted test of English Proficiency for doctoral programs
- International English Language Testing System(link is external) (IELTS) - minimum composite score of 7, with no subject area below 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

S Funding Opportunities

It is recommended that both international and domestic applicants apply by December 1st if they wish to be considered for priority funding.

The Software Engineering program offers Graduate Assistantships (Teaching & Research) to students demonstrating outstanding performance in their undergraduate and graduate careers.

Unfortunately, we cannot offer Graduate Assistantships to all new incoming students.

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: Software Engineering

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∨ Program Statistics

Program-Level Information

Application 33.33% Acceptance Rate:

Avg. Time-to-Degree (years):

Department-Level Information

Enrollment Percent 82.35% Male:

Enrollment Percent 17.65% Female:

Enrollment Percent 35.29% International:

Enrollment Percent 11.76% URM:

• 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.

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We respectfully acknowledge the University of Arizona is on the land and territories of Indigenous peoples. Today, Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribes, with Tucson being home to the O'odham and the Yaqui. The University strives to build sustainable relationships with sovereign Native Nations and Indigenous communities through education offerings, partnerships, and community service.

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