COMPUTER ENGINEERING

The best of both worlds: hardware and software. Computer engineering combines computer science and electrical engineering to innovate today’s digital technology, networking systems, and computers.

You’ll gain technical expertise in hardware, software, and how the two interact and integrate seamlessly. This breadth of knowledge prepares you for a variety of careers: from autonomous vehicles, artificial intelligence, and medical devices to cloud computing and social media.

In first year, you’ll develop a strong foundation in mathematics, science, and computing with a focus on engineering science and design. In upper years, you’ll dive deeper into these concepts with courses in embedded systems, software systems, databases, and networks. Top it off with two years of work experience and a fourth year design project, and you’ll be graduating with a comprehensive résumé and valuable, real-world experience.

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YOUR FIRST YEAR

FIRST TERM
› Fundamentals of Programming
› Classical Mechanics
› Communication in the Engineering Profession
› Engineering Profession and Practice
› Linear Algebra
› Calculus 1

SECOND TERM
› Electricity and Magnetism
› Discrete Mathematics and Logic 1
› Digital Circuits and Systems
› Linear Circuits
› Engineering Economics and Impact on Society
› Calculus 2

KICK-START YOUR IDEAS

We provide the support you need to bring your ideas to life. This includes the Sedra Student Design Centre, the world’s largest free incubator space (Velocity), our fourth-year Capstone Design project, the Enterprise Co-op program, and funding opportunities to help get your business off the ground.
CO-OP AT WATERLOO = REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE
You’ll have an unrivalled opportunity to gain paid work experience before you even graduate. We’ll help you navigate job applications, résumés, and interviews; you’ll have the added benefit of trying out different roles and/or industries to find the one that fits you while building your work experience and reinforcing your in-class learning out in the real world. It all adds up to a competitive advantage after graduation.

Computer Engineering has two co-op sequences you can choose from: Stream 4F and Stream 8.

STREAM 4F AND 8 STUDY AND CO-OP SEQUENCES

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Fall term: September to December
Winter term: January to April
Spring term: May to August

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM
As a Waterloo Engineer, it’s easy to get in on the action. You can join the Engineering Society, make a difference with Engineers Without Borders, or apply your studies with a student design team. If you have any questions about student life or want to shadow a current student for a day, our Engineering Ambassadors can help!

uwaterloo.ca/engineering-student-ambassadors

OUT IN THE WORLD
As technology becomes more ingrained in our daily lives, the impact that computer engineers have on society becomes greater each day. The work of these engineers can be seen everywhere. They’re doing everything from developing self-driving cars leveraging computer vision to using diagnostic machine learning to treat and cure diseases faster than ever.

EXPLORE YOUR INTERESTS
Our program lets you specialize based on your interests:

› Computer architectures and embedded systems
› Software design and architecture
› Software security and embedded software
› Communications and wireless systems
› Control and robotics
› Networks and distributed computing
› Signal processing and computational intelligence
› Electric energy systems

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

› Robotics engineering
› Wireless network development
› Microprocessor design
› Operating system programming
› Computer application development

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