Welcome to Computer Engineering at the Grainger College of Engineering!

We look forward to you joining the Illinois Grainger Engineering community and the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. By choosing Grainger Engineering as your destination for an education in Computer Engineering, you’re deciding to join one of the top departments in the world where cutting edge computing systems are being advanced from hardware to software. Computer engineering at Illinois is about solving problems to better the human condition. Our students are thinkers: smart, passionate, curious, and hard working. We empower students to both understand the world’s core principles and affect change at a rapid pace. Our students are open minded, versatile, and masters of computer systems ranging from the Internet of Things to cloud computing. And cool!

Our graduates and faculty are working in diverse areas of computing including trust, reliability and security, networking and mobile and distributed computing, as well as big data analytics, AI, machine learning and robotics—they have gone on to create some of the most exciting startups including YouTube, PayPal, BitTorrent, Tesla, Yelp, and the list goes on. Challenges of tomorrow include improving the human-computer interactions, security of distributed systems including blockchain, improved energy efficiency of computing, and fusion and mining of incredible amounts of data.

At Illinois, your next few years will be life changing—full of opportunities and experiences that will shape you into a great engineer. Learn more about the boundless opportunities that await you in Computer Engineering at Illinois, and we hope that you will accept your offer to join us in August!

Sincerely,

Bruce Hajek
Department Head and Leonard C. and Mary Lou Hoeft Endowed Chair in Engineering

To accept your offer and join ECE at Illinois, login to your myIllini account and follow the instructions provided for admitted students.

go.grainger.illinois.edu/accept

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The computer engineering curriculum prepares you to be able to create the wide array of computing systems and devices that we all use and depend upon every day. About seventeen percent of our computer engineering graduates continue their education in graduate school, and about seventy-four percent take positions in industry. Graduates also pursue careers in computer system architecture, GPU architecture, hardware design, microprocessor design, programming, research and software architecture. The average salary between 2019-20 for computer engineering grads was reported as $99,145 with a median signing bonus of $15,000.

My advice to incoming students would be to find opportunities and experiences that they are most passionate about and to pursue those things with determination. There is something for everyone at the University of Illinois.

- John Han
ECE Graduate