

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Erie, World Campus

Program Description

This major provides students with a strong foundation in software engineering through combination of classroom study, software development experience, and design projects. Design, analysis, verification, and maintenance of software systems are stressed. Built upon a core of science and mathematics courses, this major has the objective of educating graduates to be problem solvers. Students acquire the ability to work as members of a team toward successful attainment of a common goal, preparing them for work in industry or further study in graduate school. In addition, written and oral communication skills are developed from an early stage, culminating in a senior design project that stresses communication as well as engineering content.

In addition to completing a broad-based science core in mathematics, chemistry, and physics, students pursue their interest in software engineering by studying principles in computer programming, object-oriented design, software design, software verification, information systems, operating systems, and data communications. The program has a capstone software design project that requires students to work together on teams to design, plan, manage, and implement a software design project.

What is Software Engineering?

Software engineering applies scientific and technological knowledge to the design, implementation, verification, and documentation of software. The study of software engineering teaches you the newest approaches to create, maintain, and improve software systems in economical, reusable, and extendable ways. Software engineers are creative problem solvers who put the functionality (and fun!) into our technology. Without software engineers there would be no Internet, no social networking, no apps, no streaming, no virtual or augmented reality, and no interactive entertainment.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are patient in the face of a challenge.
- You are a creative thinker.
- You are interested in coding and programming, and also in mathematics, chemistry, and physics.
- You enjoy working on team-based projects.