SYSTEMS ENGINEERING GRADUATE CERTIFICATE (ECE)

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Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Architecture-Based Systems Integration Concentration

A bachelor's degree is required for admission to a certificate program.

C4I & Cyber Concentration

The certificate with this concentration is available to students who hold bachelor's degrees in engineering and scientific disciplines or are in graduate status in such programs. Admission requirements are identical to those for the Systems Engineering, MS.

Communications and Networking Concentration

The certificate with this concentration in communications and networking is open to all students who hold BS degrees in scientific and engineering disciplines from accredited universities.

Engineering Resilient Enterprise Systems Concentration

The certificate with this concentration is available to any student who holds a bachelor's degree in an engineering or scientific discipline or has graduate status in such a program. Admission requirements are identical to those for the Systems Engineering, MS, except that the math requirements include only MATH 113 Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (Mason Core), MATH 114 Analytic Geometry and Calculus II, and a probability and statistics course.

Financial Systems Concentration

The certificate with this concentration will be open to all students who hold a BS degree in scientific and engineering disciplines from an accredited university program, with a GPA minimum established by VSE for all MS programs. Students who are already enrolled in a master's program must submit an application form to enroll in this certificate with concentration program; all others must apply for graduate admission to this certificate with concentration program.

Tactical Computer Operations Concentration

Students applying to the certificate with this concentration must hold a bachelor's degree in either computer science or computer engineering. Prospective students without these specific degrees will need to have a technical bachelor's degree and show academic competence in the areas of: C (C++, C#, Objective C), Assembler, discrete mathematics, and computer networking. An undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better (4.0 scale) is required. The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is not required.

Policies

The Systems Engineering Graduate Certificate may be pursued on a part-time basis only.

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates.

Requirements

Total credits: 12-15

This certificate may be pursued on a part-time basis only.

Concentration in Architecture-Based Systems Integration (ABSI)

Administered by the Department of Systems Engineering and Operations Research (https://seor.gmu.edu)

Coursework

The following four courses must be completed with a grade of B or better.

Code	Title	Credits
SYST 520	System Engineering Design	3
SYST 618	Model-based Systems Engineering	3
SYST 620	Discrete Event Systems	3
SYST 621	Systems Architecture Design	3
Total Credits		12

Certificate coursework within the Systems Engineering MS

In addition to the ABSI concentration courses, students must take the following six courses within the Systems Engineering, MS:

Code	Title	Credits
SYST 505	Systems Engineering Principles [1]	3
SYST 510	Systems Definition and Cost Modeling	3
SYST 530	Systems Engineering Management I	3
SYST 611	System Methodology and Modeling	3
SYST 699	Masters Project	3
Select one approved elective from the ABSI concentration		3
Total Credits		18

[1] Students who have work experience in systems engineering should consult with their advisor on replacing SYST 505 Systems Engineering Principles with a higher-level SYST course.

Concentration in C4I & Cyber (C4IC)

Administered by the Department of Systems Engineering and Operations Research (https://seor.gmu.edu)

This certificate with concentration may be pursued on a part-time basis only.

The certificate with concentration requires 12 credits (4 courses). Students must complete the following with an average grade of B or better.

Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
SYST 680	Principles of Command, Control, Communications, Computing, and Intelligence (C4I)	3
or ECE 670	Principles of Command, Control, Communications, Computing, and Intelligence (C4I)	
OR 542	Operations Research: Stochastic Models	3
or ECE 528	Introduction to Random Processes in Electrical and Computer Engineering	
Select two from the following:		6
ECE 542	Computer Network Architectures and Protocols	
ECE 630	Statistical Communication Theory	
ECE 642	Design and Analysis of Computer Communication Networks	
OR 635	Discrete System Simulation	
SYST 584	Heterogeneous Data Fusion	
SYST 664	Bayesian Inference and Decision Theory	
SYST 683	Modeling, Simulation, and Gaming	
Total Credits		12

Completing the certificate with the C4I concentration within the Systems Engineering Master's Program

In addition to the four courses above, students must complete the following six courses:

Code	Title	Credits
SYST 505	Systems Engineering Principles	3
SYST 510	Systems Definition and Cost Modeling	3
SYST 520	System Engineering Design	3
SYST 530	Systems Engineering Management I	3
SYST 611	System Methodology and Modeling	3
SYST 699	Masters Project	3
Total Credits		18

Concentration in Communications and Networking (CONE)

Administered by the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (https://ece.gmu.edu/welcome-gmu-ece-department).

The certificate with a concentration in Communications and Networking is awarded on completion of five graduate courses (15 credits) in communications and networking. A cumulative GPA of 3.00 is required and one course with a grade of C at most may be applied toward the certificate. The certificate courses comprise two required foundation courses and three electives.

Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Courses:		
ECE 528	Introduction to Random Processes in Electrical and Computer Engineering	3
ECE 542	Computer Network Architectures and Protocols	3
Total Credits		6

Electives

After completing the foundation courses, students choose electives by taking three courses from the following:

Code	Title	Credits
Select three courses from the following:		9
ECE 535	Digital Signal Processing	
ECE 565	Introduction to Optical Electronics	
ECE 567	Optical Fiber Communications	
ECE 630	Statistical Communication Theory	
ECE 633	Error Control Coding	
ECE 635	Adaptive Signal Processing	
ECE 642	Design and Analysis of Computer Communication Networks	
ECE 643	Network Switching and Routing	
ECE 646	Applied Cryptography	
ECE 731	Digital Communications	
ECE 732	Mobile Communication Systems	
ECE 734	Detection and Estimation Theory	
ECE 738	Advanced Digital Signal Processing	
ECE 741	Wireless Networks	
ECE 742	High-Speed Networks	
OR 635	Discrete System Simulation	
OR 643	Network Modeling	
OR 647	Queuing Theory	
Total Credits		9

Concentration in Engineering Resilient Enterprise Systems (ERES)

Administered by the Department of Systems Engineering and Operations Research (https://seor.gmu.edu).

To be eligible for a certificate with concentration in Engineering Resilient Enterprise Systems, students must complete two required courses (6 credits) plus two electives (6 credits) with an average grade of B or better.

Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
SYST 523	Engineering Resilient and Agile Enterprise Systems	3
SYST 618	Model-based Systems Engineering	3
Total Credits		6

Electives

The remaining two electives must be taken from the list below with the approval of the advisor. Courses designated as basic methods courses may also be used as an elective. Some certificate electives may require stronger math requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
Electives		6
Select at least one course from the following:		
SYST 514	Systems Thinking	
INFS 622	Information Systems Analysis and Design	
SWE 619	Object-Oriented Software Specification and Construction	
SYST 542	Decision Support Systems Engineering	
SYST 584	Heterogeneous Data Fusion	
SYST 630	Systems Engineering Management II	
Select the second course from the courses listed above or from the following:		
CS 555	Computer Communications and Networking	
ECE 542	Computer Network Architectures and Protocols	
INFS 612	Principles and Practices of Communication Networks	
Total Credits		6

Concentration in Financial Systems (FNSY)

Administered by the Department of Systems Engineering and Operations Research (https://seor.gmu.edu).

To be eligible for the certificate with concentration in Financial Systems Engineering, students must complete three required courses (9 credits) plus one elective (3 credits) with an average grade of B or better.

Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
SYST/OR 538	Analytics for Financial Engineering and Econometrics	3
SYST/OR 588	Financial Systems Engineering I: Introduction to Options, Futures, and Derivatives	3
SYST/OR 688	Financial Systems Engineering II: Derivative Products and Risk Management	3
Total Credits		9

Elective

Code	Title	Credits
Select one from the following:		3
OR 645	Stochastic Processes	
OR 682	Computational Methods in Engineering and Statistics	
SYST 584	Heterogeneous Data Fusion	
SYST 671	Judgment and Choice Processing and Decision Making	
Total Credits		3

Concentration in Tactical Computer Operations (TCO)

Administered by the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (https://ece.gmu.edu/welcome-gmu-ece-department).

Students must meet prerequisites for courses by either taking the appropriate undergraduate courses or through instructor permission.

Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
CS 571	Operating Systems	3
ECE 511	Computer Architecture	3
CFRS 761	Malware Reverse Engineering	3
Total Credits		9

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		6
CFRS 767	Penetration Testing in Computer Forensics	
CFRS 769	Anti-Forensics	
CFRS 773	Mobile Application Forensics and Analysis	
CFRS 775	Kernel Forensics and Analysis	
ECE 646	Applied Cryptography	
ISA 564	Security Laboratory	
ISA 656	Network Security	
ISA 681	Secure Software Design and Programming	
ISA 763	Security Protocol Analysis	
Total Credits		6