

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Erie, World Campus

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2026-27 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

Software Engineering, B.S. at Erie Campus

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Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CHEM 110 ^{*#†}	3 CMPSC 122 [*]	3
CHEM 111 [†]	1 ECON 102 or 104 [†]	3
CMPSC 121 [†]	3 MATH 141 ^{*†#†}	4
ENGL 15 or 30H ^{††}	3 MATH 220 [†]	2
MATH 140 ^{*†#†}	4 PHYS 211 ^{*#†}	4
PSU 7	1	
	15	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100 ^{††}	3 CMPEN 271 [*]	3
MATH 250	3 CMPEN 275	1
PHYS 212 [†]	4 CMPSC 360 or SWENG 311 [*]	3
SWENG 311 or CMPSC 360 ^{*2}	3 EE 210 or 211	3-4
General Education Course (GA/GH/GS)	3 ENGL 202C ^{*††}	3
	STAT 318 [*]	3
	16	16-17

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CMPEN 351 [*]	3 CMPSC 431W ^{*1}	3
CMPEN 441 [*]	3 SWENG 421 [*]	3
CMPSC 465 [*]	3 SWENG 431 [*]	3
SWENG 411 [*]	3 SWENG 452W ^{*1}	3
Technical Elective (300, 400-level) [*]	3 General Education Course	3

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University Requirements and General Education Notes:

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Program Notes:

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School-Approved Electives for Software Engineering:

- Technical electives allow students to choose areas of interest to explore. Technical electives come in two flavors, primary and secondary. Primary technical electives are those courses offered to CSSE majors which are not required for the Software Engineering major. Secondary technical electives are offered outside your home department and give you broader latitude. Students must complete

at least two primary technical electives, and, at most, one secondary technical elective.

• **Primary Technical Electives:**

- Any 300 or 400-level EE course
- Any 300 or 400-level CMPEN course not already required for the major
- Any 300 or 400-level CMPSC (except for CMPSC 474 and CMPSC 335) course not already required for the major
- Any 300 or 400-level SWENG course not already required for the major
- GAME 450 – Advanced GAME Programming
- GAME 480 – GAME Development Project

• **Secondary Technical Electives:**

- BME 402 – Biomedical Instrumentation and Measurements
- BME 406 – Medical Imaging
- SWENG 395 – Internship (Fall/Spring)
- SWENG 495 – Internship (Fall/Spring)
- MIS 430 – Systems Analysis (Fall/Spring)
- MIS 435 – Systems Design and Implementation (Fall/Spring)
- MIS 445 – Management Report Systems (Fall)
- MIS 470 – Advanced Applications Development (Spring)
- MGMT 409 – Project Management for Engineers (Fall/Spring)
- PSYCH 444 – Engineering Psychology (Fall)
- ECON 481 – Business Forecasting Techniques (Fall)
- ECON 485 – Econometric Techniques (Fall)
- MATH 455 – Introduction to Numerical Analysis I (Fall)
- MATH 456 – Introduction to Numerical Analysis II (Spring – Even Years)
- ENTR 430 – Entrepreneurship & New Product Development (Fall)
- DIGIT 430 – Simulations of Human Behavior

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