## 2009 / 2010 CURRICULUM - SOFTWARE ENGINEERING



Core courses are shown in boldface above. All core courses must be passed with a grade "C" or better. Also, a grade of "C" is required for an ECSE xxx core course in order to proceed with its follow-on ECSE xxx course(s), and a grade of "C" is required for a MATH xxx course in order to proceed with its follow-on MATH xxx course(s). A grade of " $D$ " is only acceptable for technical, lab and general complementaries.

Technical Complementary courses are selected from the list given on the next page.

* "Humanities and Social Sciences" courses must be chosen from subsection II of section 9.3.4 of the 2009-2010 Undergraduate Programs Calendar (www.mcgill.ca/courses/).
** The "Impact of Technology on Society" course must be chosen from subsection I of section 9.3.4 of the 2009-2010 Undergraduate Programs Calendar (www.mcgill.ca/courses/).
*** "Basic Science Complementary" courses must be chosen from the list below.
This sample curriculum is for students who wish to complete their degree requirements in 7 semesters. Students may, at any time, deviate from this structure. However, it is the student's responsibility to devise a study plan that has no course conflicts or prerequisite/corequisite violations. Academic advisors are available for help with course selection.
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## Technical Complementaries (4 courses) 12-14 credits

Students following the Software Engineering program should take 12-14 credits, of which 6 credits must be from list $A$, and $6-8$ credits from list $B$. It is possible that not all the courses listed will be offered in any given year. Please refer to the up-to-date course assignments before selecting any course. Permission will not be granted to take Technical Complementary courses that are not on this list.

## Software Engineering Technical Complementaries - GROUP A:

| ECSE 529 | Image Processing \& Communication | (3 cr, P - ECSE 304 or ECSE 306) |
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| COMP 330 | Theoretical Aspects: Comp. Sci. | (3 cr, P - COMP 251) |
| COMP 350 | Numerical Computing | (3 cr, P - MATH 222, MATH 223 \& one of COMP 202, COMP 208 or COMP 250 or equiv) |
| COMP 409 | Concurrent Programming | ( $3 \mathrm{cr}, \mathrm{P}$ - COMP 251, COMP 302 \& COMP 310 or ECSE 427) |
| COMP 424 | Topics: Artificial Intelligence 1 | (3 cr, P - COMP 206, COMP 251 \& COMP 302) |
| COMP 520 | Compiler Design | (3 cr, P - COMP 273 \& COMP 302) |
| COMP 566 | Discrete Optimization 1 | (3 cr, P - COMP 360 \& MATH 223) |
| COMP 575 | Fundamentals of Distributed Algorithms | (3 cr, P - COMP 310) |

Software Engineering Technical Complementaries - GROUP B:

| ECSE 323 | Digital Systems Design | ( $5 \mathrm{cr}, \mathrm{P}$ - EDEC 206, ECSE 211, ECSE 221 \& ECSE 291) |
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| ECSE 404 | Control Systems | (3 cr, C - ECSE 304 or ECSE 306) |
| ECSE 411 | Communications Systems 1 | (3 cr, P - ECSE 305 \& ECSE 304 or ECSE 306) |
| ECSE 412 | Discrete-Time Signal Processing | (3 cr, P - ECSE 304 or ECSE 306) |
| ECSE 413 | Communications Systems 2 | (3 cr, P - ECSE 411) |
| ECSE 414 | Intro. to Telecom Networks | (3 cr, P - ECSE 304 or ECSE 306 \& ECSE 322) OR |
| COMP 535 | Computer Networks 1 | (3 cr, P - COMP 310) |
| ECSE 421 | Embedded Systems | (3 cr, P - ECSE 322 \& ECSE 323) |
| ECSE 422 | Fault Tolerant Computing | (3 cr, P - ECSE 322) |
| ECSE 424 | Human-Computer Interaction | (3 cr, P - ECSE 322) |
| ECSE 425 | Computer Org. \& Architecture | (3 cr, P - ECSE 322 \& ECSE 323) |
| ECSE 426 | Microprocessor Systems | (3 cr, P - ECSE 323 \& EDEC 206) OR |
| COMP 573 | Microcomputers | (3 cr, P - COMP 273) |
| ECSE 504 | Sampled Data Control | (3 cr, P - ECSE 304 or ECSE 306; C - ECSE 404) |
| ECSE 530 | Logic Synthesis | (3 cr, P - ECSE 323) |
| ECSE 532 | Computer Graphics | (3 cr, P - ECSE 322) OR |
| COMP 557 | Computer Graphics | (3 cr, P - MATH 223, COMP 206 \& COMP 251) |

## The following is the list of approved basic science complementary courses.

ATOC 215 Oceans, Weather and Climate.
(3) (Winter) (3 hours lectures) (Prerequisite: CEGEP Physics or permission of the instructor) Laws of motion, geostrophic wind, gradient wind. General circulation of the atmosphere and oceans, local circulation features. Air-sea interaction including hurricanes and sea-ice formation, extra-tropical weather systems and fronts, role of the atmosphere and oceans in climate.

## BIOL 200 Molecular Biology.

(3) (Fall) (3 hours lecture, 1 hour optional tutorial) (Prerequisite: BIOL 112 or equivalent.) (Corequisite: CHEM 212 or equivalent) The physical and chemical properties of the cell and its components in relation to their structure and function. Topics include: protein structure, enzymes and enzyme kinetics; nucleic acid replication, transcription and translation; the genetic code, mutation, recombination, and regulation of gene expression

BIOL 215 Introduction to Ecology and Evolution.
(3) (Fall) (3 hours lecture) (Prerequisite: BIOL 111) (Restrictions: Not open to students who have taken BIOL 208, BIOL 304 or BIOL 305. Not open to students who have taken ENVR 200 and/or ENVR 202.) An introduction to the fundamental processes of ecology and evolution that bear on the nature and diversity of organisms and the processes that govern their assembly into ecological communities and their roles in ecosystem function.

## CHEM 201 Modern Inorganic Chemistry 1.

(3) (Fall) (3 lectures) (Prerequisites: CHEM 110 and CHEM 120 or equivalent.) (Restriction: Not open to Honours or Majors in chemistry) (Restriction: Not open to students who have taken or plan to take CHEM 281) Systematic survey of the chemistry of the main group elements and their compounds. Basic concepts of electronic structure, bonding and structure will be developed and applied to the understanding of common materials. Emphasis on elements such as oxygen, nitrogen, silicon and others in order to understand their role in our everyday lives.

## CHEM 203 Survey of Physical Chemistry.

(3) (Fall) (3 lectures) (Prerequisites: CHEM

110 and CHEM 120 or equivalent.) (Restriction: Intended for students in biological science programs requiring only one course in physical chemistry) (Restriction: Not open to students who have taken or are taking CHEM 204 or CHEM 213) A survey of the principles and methods of physical chemistry with emphasis on the use of biological examples. Topics will include thermodynamics, transport properties, kinetics, molecular structure and interactions, and spectroscopy.

## CHEM 211 Organic Chemistry 1

(3) (Fall and Winter and Summer) (3 lectures)
(Prerequisite: CHEM 110 or equivalent.)
(Corequisite: CHEM 120 or equivalent.) (Restrictions: Not open to students who are taking or have taken CHEM 212 or equivalent. Permission of the Department of Chemistry is required) (Note: Some CEGEP programs provide equivalency for this course. For more
information, please see the Department of Chemistry's Webpage (http://www.chemistry.mcgill.ca/advising/outside/equivalencies.htm)). A survey of reactions of aliphatic and aromatic compounds including modern concepts of bonding, mechanisms, conformational analysis, and stereochemistry

## EPSC 203 Structural Geology 1

(3) (Winter) (2 hours lectures, 3 hours laboratory) Primary igneous and sedimentary structures, attitudes of planes and lines, stress and strain, fracturing of rocks, faulting, homogeneous strain, description and classification of folds, foliation and lineation, orthographic and stereographic projections.

## EPSC 210 Introductory Mineralogy.

(3) (Fall) (2 hours lectures, 3 hours laboratory) Crystal chemistry and identification of the principal rock-forming and ore minerals. Elementary crystallography. Optional 2-day field trip.

## ESYS 200 Earth System Processes.

(3) (Winter) (3 hours lecture) Complex interactions among the atmosphere, biosphere, geosphere and hydrosphere. Biological, chemical and physical processes within and between each "sphere" that extend over spatial scales ranging from microns to the size of planetary orbits and that span time scales from fractions of a second to billions of years

## PHYS 214 Introductory Astrophysics

(3) (Fall) (Prerequisite: Cegep physics or PHYS 102 or PHYS 142.) (Restriction: Not open to students who have taken or are taking PHYS 205 or PHYS 206.) An introduction to astrophysics with emphasis placed on methods of observation and current models. Stellar radiation and detectors, quasars, black holes. Galaxies, large scale structure of the universe, cosmology.

## PHYS 225 Musical Acoustics.

(3) (Winter) (3 hours lectures) (Prerequisites: CEGEP physics or both MATH 112 and PHYS 224) (Designed for students in music who have interests in sound recording and reproduction and also suitable for students in science with an interest in music) Physical acoustics with applications to music. Resonators and radiators, acoustic impedance. Acoustic properties of strings, bars, membranes, pipes and horns. Application to selected musical instruments. Direction characteristics of sound sources. Room acoustics.

## PHYS 230 Dynamics of Simple Systems.

(3) (Fall) (3 hours lectures) (Prerequisite: CEGEP physics.) (Corequisite: MATH 222) (Restriction: Not open to students taking or having passed PHYS 251) Translational motion under Newton's laws; forces, momentum, work/energy theorem. Special relativity; Lorentz transforms, relativistic mechanics, mass/energy equivalence. Topics in rotational dynamics. Noninertial frames.

## PHYS 260 Modern Physics and Relativity.

(3) (Fall) (3 hours lectures) (Corequisite: MATH 222)

History of special relativity; Lorentz transformations:
kinematics and dynamics; transformation of electric and magnetic
forces; introduction to topics in modern physics.

