Software Engineering Co-op Curriculum - Fall 2025

1st Term (Fall)		14 credits	Prerequisites/Co-requisites
MATH 140	Calculus 1	3	P- High school calculus
MATH 133	Linear Algebra and Geometry	3	P- A course in functions
PHYS 131	Mechanics & Waves	4	C - MATH 139 or higher level calculus course.
FACC 100	Intro. to Engineering Profession	1	
HSS 1	Humanities & Social Sciences 1*	3	

2nd Term (Winter)		15 credits	Prerequisites/Co-requisites
CHEM 120	General Chemistry 2	4	P - College level mathematics and physics or permission of instructor
MATH 141	Calculus 2	4	P - (MATH 139 or MATH 140 or MATH 150)
PHYS 142	Electromagnetism & Optics	4	P - PHYS 131; C - MATH 141 or higher level calculus course
COMP 202	Foundations of Programming	3	

3rd Term (Fall)		15 credits	Prerequisites/Co-requisites
ECSE 250	Fundamentals of Software Development	3	P - COMP 202 or equivalent
MATH 262	Intermediate Calculus	3	P - MATH 133 or equiv, MATH 141
MATH 263	ODEs for Engineers	3	C - MATH 262
WCOM 206	Communication in Engineering	3	Note: Must be passed two terms prior to ECSE 201
HSS 2	Humanities & Social Sciences 2*	3	

4th Term (Winter)		15 credits	Prerequisites/Co-requisites
ECSE 200	Electric Circuits 1	3	P - PHYS 142 ; C - MATH 263
ECSE 223	Model-based Programming	3	P - COMP 250 or ECSE 250
ECSE 222	Digital Logic	3	P - COMP 202 or ECSE 202
COMP 206	Introduction to Software Systems	3	P - COMP 202 or ECSE 202 or COMP 250 or ECSE 250
MATH 240	Discrete Structures	3	C - MATH 133

5th Term (Summer)		2 credits	Prerequisites/Co-requisites
ECSE 201	Software Engineering Co-op 1	2	P - (ECSE 250 or COMP 250 or ECSE 223) and WCOM 206

6th Term (Fall)		15 credits	Prerequisites/Co-requisites
COMP 251	Algorithms and Data Structures	3	P - (COMP 250 or ECSE 250) and MATH 240
ECSE 205	Probability & Statistics for Eng.	3	P - MATH 262
ECSE 211	Design Principles and Methods	3	P - ECSE 200 and (COMP 202 or ECSE 202)
ECSE 321	Intro. to Software Engineering	3	P - ECSE 223 and (COMP 202 or COMP 208 or ECSE 202)
NS	Natural Science Complementary	3	
FACC 250	Resp. of the Prof. Engineer	0	P - FACC 100 or BREE 205

7th Term (Winter)		16 credits	Prerequisites/Co-requisites
FACC 300	Engineering Economy	3	
ECSE 310	Thermodynamics of Computing	3	P - ECSE 200, ECSE 205, ECSE 222
ECSE 428	Software Engineering Practice	3	P - (ECSE 321 or COMP 335)
ECSE 324	Computer Organization	4	P - ECSE 200 and ECSE 222 and COMP 206
Impact	Impact of Technology on Society **	3	

8th Term (Summer)		2 credits	Prerequisites/Co-requisites
ECSE 301	Software Engineering Co-op 2	2	P - ECSE 201, ECSE 321

9th Term (Fall)		15 credits	Prerequisites/Co-requisites
COMP 302	Prog. Languages & Paradigms	3	P - (COMP 250 or ECSE 250) and MATH 240
COMP 360	Algorithm Design	3	P - COMP 251, MATH 240
ECSE 316	Signals and Networks	3	P - MATH 263, ECSE 200, COMP 251
ECSE 326	Software Requirements Eng.	3	P - (ECSE 223 or COMP 303)
ECSE 427	Operating Systems	3	P - (ECSE 324 or COMP 273)

10th Term (Winter)		2 credits	Prerequisites/Co-requisites
ECSE 401	Software Engineering Co-op 3	2	P - ECSE 301, ECSE 326

11th Term (Summer)		2 credits	Prerequisites/Co-requisites
ECSE 402	Software Engineering Co-op 4	2	P - ECSE 401

12th Term (Fall)		13 credits	Prerequisites/Co-requisites
ECSE 458 D1	Capstone Design Project	3	P - ECSE 211, ECSE 324, WCOM 206, COMP 302
ECSE 429	Software Validation	3	P - (ECSE 321 or COMP 303)
ECSE 420	Parallel Computing	3	P - ECSE 427
FACC 400	Engineering Professional Practice	1	P - FACC 100, FACC 250, and 60 program credits
XXXX xxx	Technical Complementary 1	3	

13th Term (Winter)		15 credits	Prerequisites/Co-requisites
ECSE 458 D2	Capstone Design Project	3	P - ECSE 458 D1
COMP 421	Database Systems	3	P - COMP 206, COMP 251, COMP 302
XXXX xxx	Technical Complementary 2	3	
XXXX xxx	Technical Complementary 3	3	
Elective	Elective Course	3	

Technical and Natural Science Complementary courses are selected from an approved list given on the next page.

*The Complementary Studies (CS) courses are Impact of Technology courses (Group A) and Humanities & Social Sciences, Management Studies and Law courses (Group B). Students must take one course (3 credits) from Group A and two courses (6 credits) from Group B. The curriculum above includes suggested terms during which these courses can be taken. These must be chosen from an approved list of courses/departments, found in the program list under "Complementary Studies" in the Faculty of Engineering Undergraduate section of the Programs, Courses and University Regulations publication (www.mcgill.ca/study) (see your program listing in the "Browse Academic Units & Programs" section).

Elective course (3 credits) must be taken at the 200 level or higher from any depaprtment at McGill, approved by the Undergraduate Programs Office in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. For approval, please contact undergrad.ece@mcgill.ca.
Students are responsible for satisfying pre-/co-requisites and verifying with their department that they are meeting the requirements of their program.

Technical Complementary Courses - Software Engineering Co-op

Technical Complementaries
9-12 credits (3 courses) must be taken, chosen as follows:

3-4 credits (1 course) from List A
6 - 8 credits (2 courses) from List A or List B

List A
3-12 credits from the following list

		Credits	Prerequisites/Co-requisites
ECSE 325	Digital Systems	3	P - ECSE 324
ECSE 415	Intro. to Computer Vision	3	P - ECSE 205, (ECSE 206 or ECSE 316)
ECSE 416	Telecom. Networks	4	P - (ECSE 250 or COMP 250) and ECSE 205 and (ECSE 308 or ECSE 316)
ECSE 422	Fault Tolerant Computing	3	P - ECSE 324 and (ECSE 250 or COMP 250)
ECSE 439	Software Language Engineering	3	P - (ECSE 321 or COMP 303)
ECSE 444	Microprocessors	4	P - ECSE 324
ECSE 472	Fundamentals of Circuit Simulation & Mod	3	P - ECSE 206 or ECSE 316; ECSE 597 cannot be taken
ECSE 544	Computational Photography	4	P - ECSE 205, ECSE 206

List B
0 - 8 credits from the following list:

COMP 307	Principles of Web Development	3	P- COMP 206, C - COMP 303
COMP 330	Theory of Computation	3	P - COMP 251
COMP 350*	Numerical Computing	3	P - MATH 222 or MATH 262, MATH 223, (ECSE 202 or COMP 208 or COMP 250 or equiv)
COMP 370	Introduction to Data Science	3	P - COMP 206, COMP 250 or ECSE 250
COMP 409	Concurrent Programming	3	P - COMP 251, COMP 302 & COMP 310 or ECSE 427
COMP 417	Intro. Robotics and Intelligent Systems	3	P - COMP 251, MATH 223 & (ECSE 321 or COMP 206)
COMP 424***	Artificial Intelligence	3	P - COMP 206 or ECSE 321, (MATH 323 or equivalent), COMP 251
COMP 445	Computational Linguistics	3	P- COMP 250 and MATH 240 or permission of instructor
COMP 512	Distributed Systems	4	P - COMP 310, COMP 251 or equivalent
COMP 520	Compiler Design	4	P - COMP 273, COMP 302
COMP 521	Modern Computer Games	4	P - COMP 251, MATH 223, (COMP 303 or COMP 361)
COMP 525	Formal Verification	3	P - COMP 251, COMP 330
COMP 529	Software Architecture	4	P - COMP 303
COMP 533	Model-Driven Software Development	3	P - (ECSE 321 or COMP 303 or COMP 361)
COMP 547	Crytography and Data Security	4	P- COMP 360 or COMP 362, MATH 323
COMP 549	Brain-Inspired Artificial Intelligence	3	P - MATH 222, MATH 223, MATH 323
COMP 550	Natural Language Processing	3	P - (MATH 323 or ECSE 205) and (COMP 251 or COMP 252)
COMP 551**	Applied Machine Learning	4	P - MATH 323 or ECSE 205 or equivalent
COMP 559	Fundamentals of Computer Animation	4	P - MATH 222, MATH 223, COMP 206, COMP 250
COMP 562	Theory of Machine Learning	4	P - MATH 462 or COMP 451 or (COMP 551, MATH 222, MATH 223, MATH 324) or ECSE 551
COMP 575	Fundamentals of Distributed Algorithms	3	P - COMP 310
COMP 579	Reinforcement Learning	4	P - A university level course in machine learning such as COMP 451 or COMP 551. Background in calculus, linear algebra, probability at the level of MATH 222, MATH 223, MATH 323, respectively.
COMP 588	Probabilistic Graphical Models	4	P - COMP 251, MATH 323, MATH 324
ECSE 343*	Numerical Methods in Engineering	3	P- ECSE 205 and (COMP 250 or ECSE 250) and MATH 263
ECSE 421	Embedded Systems	3	P - ECSE 324
ECSE 424	Human-Computer Interaction	3	P - (ECSE 324 and ECSE 250) or (ECSE 324 and COMP 250) or (COMP 251 and COMP 273)
ECSE 425	Computer Architecture	3	P - ECSE 324
ECSE 437	Software Delivery	3	P - (ECSE 321 or COMP 303)
ECSE 446	Realistic Image Synthesis	3	P - (ECSE 205 and ECSE 250) or (ECSE 202 and ECSE 205 and COMP 250)
ECSE 507	Optimization & Optimal Control	3	P - (ECSE 343 or ECSE 543 or ECSE 501 or COMP 540 or MATH 247 or permission of instructor)
ECSE 509	Probability & Random Signals 2	3	P - (ECSE 206 or ECSE 316), ECSE 205
ECSE 520	Introduction to Parallel Computing System	3	P - ECSE 427
ECSE 525	Satelite Navigation Systems	4	P - (ECSE 205 or equivalent), (ECSE 206 or ECSE 316 or equivalent)
ECSE 526***	Artificial Intelligence	3	P - ECSE 324
ECSE 532	Computer Graphics	4	P - ECSE 324
ECSE 551**	Machine Learning for Engineers	4	P - (ECSE 250 or COMP 250) and (ECSE 205 or MATH 323); C- ECSE 343 or ECSE 543 or MATH 247
ECSE 552	Deep Learning	4	P - (ECSE 551 or COMP 551)
ECSE 554	Applied Robotics	4	P - ECSE 205, COMP 206, ECSE 250, (ECSE 343 or MATH 247) or equivalents
ECSE 556	Machine Learning in Network Biology	4	P - Permission of the instructor
ECSE 557	Intro. to Ethics of Autonomous Intelligent Systems	3	P - (ECSE 202 or ECSE 250 or COMP 250) and (ECSE 205 or MATH 323) or permission of the instructo
ECSE 561	Automated Program Analysis and Testing	3	P - ECSE 321 or COMP 303 or permission of the instructor
MATH 247	Honours Applied Linear Algebra	3	P - MATH 133 or equiv.

* COMP 350 and ECSE 343 cannot both be taken.
** ECSE 551 and COMP 551 cannot both be taken.
*** COMP 424 and ECSE 526 cannot both be taken.

Natural Science Complementary Courses - Software Engineering
Natural Science complementary courses must be chosen from the approved Natural Science Complementary List.
If you would like to take a Science course at the 200-level or higher that is NOT listed in the link provided above, this may be considered, but must be approved, by the Undergraduate Programs Office in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

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For the official program listing, see the *Programs, Courses and University Regulations* publication (www.mcgill.ca/study).