Lane Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering

Degrees Offered

- Masters of Science, Computer Science (M.S.C.S.)
- Masters of Science, Electrical Engineering (M.S.E.E.)
- Masters of Science, Software Engineering (M.S.S.E.)
- Doctor of Philosophy, Computer Engineering (Ph.D.)
- Doctor of Philosophy, Electrical Engineering (Ph.D.)
- Doctor of Philosophy, Computer Science (Ph.D.)

Graduate Certificates Offered

- Graduate certificate in software engineering
- Graduate certificate in computer forensics

Overview of Programs

The Lane Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering offers master's programs leading to a master's of science in computer science (M.S.C.S.), a master's of science in electrical engineering (M.S.E.E.), and a master's of science in software engineering (M.S.S.E.). It also participates in the College of Engineering and Mineral Resources interdisciplinary program offering the master's of science in engineering (M.S.E.). Master of science students must comply with the rules for master's degrees as set forth by the college in the Guidelines for Masters Degree Programs Offered in the College of Engineering and Mineral Resources and by the Department in the Masters of Science Program Guidelines.

The department also offers programs leading to the doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) in computer science and the doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) in engineering with specialization in electrical engineering or computer engineering. Ph.D. in electrical or computer engineering students must comply with the rules set forth by both the College's Doctor of Philosophy Program Guidelines and by the Department in the Doctor of Philosophy Program Guidelines. Ph.D. students in computer and information sciences must comply with the rules set forth in the Handbook for Computer Science Graduate Students.

The department also offers four graduate certificates which may be completed as part of a degree program or as a certificate only.

Program Educational Objectives and Outcomes

The common educational objectives of all the graduate programs in the Lane Department is to produce graduates who have the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will ensure success in professional positions in business, industry, research, government service, or in further graduate or professional study. The requirements and outcomes of specific degree and certificate programs are described in the catalog pages specific to those programs.

Facilities and Centers

The Lane Department of CSEE has its main office, instructional lab, and research lab space on the Evansdale campus occupying four floors of the Engineering Sciences Building and one floor of the Engineering Research Building. The department also has facilities located in Armstrong Halls on the downtown campus.

The department is home to two university research centers: the Center for Identification Technology Research (CITeR), which is designated an Industry/University Cooperative Research Center by the National Science Foundation; and the Center for Advanced Power & Energy Research (APERC). The university is also designated as a Center of Excellence in Information Assurance Research by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security. The department and college host a modern 4,000 square foot clean room facility for device and sensor fabrication, under the management of the university's Shared Research Facilities. The university is also home to an outstanding set of faculty-led laboratory facilities, in areas that include electronic and photonic material, biometrics, communications, digital and analog signal processing, power electronics, robotics, high reliability software, computer security, computer forensics, artificial intelligence, virtual environments, theoretical computer science, and electric vehicles.

All graduate students have access to a broad variety of computing platforms for both classwork and research. The department operates and maintains a variety of dedicated computer systems, clusters, and networks supporting both the instructional and research activities of the department. These systems include numerous Windows workstations and a cluster of Linux Servers. An additional laboratory by Hewlett-Packard supports large databases and medical informatics. Students have access to a rich set of software packages and tool suites available either on department systems or the College of Engineering and Mineral Resources systems. All department, college, and university computing resources are fully networked via Ethernet and FDDI with a campus-wide ATM backbone enabling interface to the statewide ATM network. All computing systems have internet access enabling worldwide connectivity and access to several additional computing services via the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center. The university is also a member of Internet2, of which faculty in the department are active participants.
Areas of Research

The department is enthusiastically and vigorously involved in research, technical publication, and graduate instruction at the forefront of the field. Academic and research activity is organized into five areas:

- Electronics and photonics
- Systems and signals
- Computer systems
- Software and knowledge engineering
- Theory of computation

FACULTY

CHAIR
- Matthew Valenti - Ph.D., P.E. (Virginia Tech)
  Communication Theory, Wireless Systems, Error Control Coding

PROFESSORS
- Donald Adjeroh - Ph.D. (Chinese University of Hong Kong)
  Graduate Coordinator for Computer Science, Multimedia Information Systems (Image, Video, and Audio), Distributed Multimedia Systems
- Hany Ammar - Ph.D. (University of Notre Dame)
  Risk Assessment, Software Engineering, Biometrics, Performance and Dependability Analysis, Modeling and Evaluation of Parallel and Distributed Systems
- Muhammad Choudhry - Ph.D. (Purdue University)
  Graduate Coordinator for CpE & EE, Power System Control, DC Transmission, Stability, Power Electronics
- Parviz Famouri - Ph.D. (University of Kentucky)
  Analysis and Control of Electrical Machines, Motor Drives, Power Electronics, Electric Vehicles
- Ali Feliachi - Ph.D. (Georgia Institute of Technology)
  Power Systems, Large-Scale Systems, Control
- Katerina Goseva-Popstojanova - Ph.D. (University Sv. Kiril i Metodij)
  Software Reliability Engineering, Distributed Systems, Computer Security, Dependability, Performance and Performability Assessment
- Powsiri Klinkhachorn - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
  Microprocessor Applications, Computer Architecture, Binary and Non-Binary Logic
- Dimitris Korakakis - Ph.D. (Boston University)
  Semiconductor Growth, Nanotechnology, Photonic Devices, Biosensors
- Xin Li - Ph.D. (Princeton University)
  Image Processing, Computer Vision, Pattern Recognition
- Roy Nutter Jr. - Ph.D., P.E. (West Virginia University)
  Neural Networks, Microprocessor Systems, Computer Architecture, Computer Forensics
- Nasser Nasrabadi - Ph.D. (Imperial College, London)
  Image and Video Processing, Deep Learning
- Y. Ramana Reddy - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
  Artificial Intelligence, Knowledge-based Simulation, Computer Graphics
- Natalia Schmid - Ph.D. (Washington University)
  Estimation and Detection, Biometrics, Information Theory, Statistical Signal and Image Processing
- Krishnamurthy Subramani - Ph.D. (University of Maryland)
  Scheduling, Computational Biology, Computational Complexity, Polyhedral Combinatorics
- K. Subramani - Ph.D. (University of Maryland)
- Brian Woerner - Ph.D. (University of Michigan)
  Wireless communications, networking & security

ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS
- Thirimachos Bourlai - Ph.D. (University of Surrey)
  Biomedical Image Processing, Pattern Recognition
- Xian-An Cao - Ph.D. (University of Florida)
  Nanofabrication, Opto-electronic Devices
- Jeremy Dawson - Ph.D. (WVU)
photonics, nanofabrication, biometrics data sensing and rapid DNA analysis

- Elaine Eschen - Ph.D. (Vanderbilt University)
  Graduate Coordinator for CS Ph.D. CCDM Program, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Graph Theory, Combinatorics

- Katerina Goseva-Popstojanova

- David Graham - Ph.D. (Georgia Institute of Technology)
  Analog Signal Processing

- Guodong Guo - Ph.D. (University of Wisconsin, Madison)
  Computer Vision, Biometrics, Human Computer Interaction

- Mark Jerabek - Ph.D., P.E. (Purdue University)
  Solid State Devices and Sensors, Electromagnetics

- Dimitris Korakakis - Ph.D. (Boston University)
  Semiconductor Growth, Nanotechnology, Photonic Devices, Biosensors

- Vinodkrishnan Kulathumani - Ph.D. (The Ohio State University)
  Wireless Sensor Actuator Networks, Scalable and Fault Tolerant Distributed Systems

- Xin Li - Ph.D. (Princeton University)

- Yuxin Liu - Ph.D. (Louisiana Tech University)
  Biotechnology/Bioengineering, BioMEMS and Microfluidics, Cellular Sensor, Tissue Engineering

- Daryl Reynolds - Ph.D. (Texas A&M)
  Statistical Signal Processing for Communications, Iterative (Turbo) Processing, Transmitter Pre-coding, Space-time Coding and Processing

- Sarika Khushalani Solanki - Ph.D. (Mississippi State University)
  Power/Energy Conversion, Power Systems; Controls, Signals, and Systems

- Frances VanScoy - Ph.D. (University of Virginia)
  Programming Languages and Compilers, Multisensory Computing, High Performance Computing

ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

- Kevin Bandura - Ph.D. (Carnegie Mellon University)
  Signal Processing for Radioastronomy

- Victor Fragoso - Ph.D. (University of California - Irvine)
  Computer Vision

- Saiph Savage - Ph.D. (University of California - Irvine)
  Social Media, Crowdsourcing, Human Computer Interaction

- Yanfang Ye - Ph.D. (Xiamen University)
  Cybersecurity, Machine Learning

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

- Sumitra Reddy - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
  Healthcare Informatics, Componentware, Intelligent Systems, Information Technology Evolution

RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

- Jignesh Solanki - Ph.D. (Pennsylvania State University)
  Tissue Engineering, Spinal Cord Injury Repair, Stem Cells, Molecular Neurobiology

VISITING AND ADJUNCT PROFESSORS

- Bojan Cukic - Ph.D. (University of Houston)
  Software Engineering, High-Assurance Systems, Computational Intelligence, Fault-Tolerant Systems, Biometrics

- Nancy Lan Guo - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
  Medical Information Systems

- Lawrence Hornak - Ph.D. (Rutgers University)
  Optics, Integrated Optics, Micro/Nano Structures and Devices, Biosensors, Biometrics

- V. Jagannathan - Ph.D. (Vanderbilt University)
  Distributed Intelligent Systems, Internet and Security Technologies

- Arun Ross - Ph.D. (Michigan State University)
  Statistical Pattern Recognition, Biometrics

LECTURERS

- Camille Hayhurst - M.S.C.S. (West Virginia University)
  Programming Languages
Certificates

The Lane Department of Computer Science & Electrical Engineering offers four graduate certificates, which are typically completed as part of a graduate degree program but can be completed as a separate credential. Brief descriptions of the certificate programs are given here. More detailed information on procedures for the certificate programs may be found on the main department web page.

Graduate Certificate in Software Engineering

Details for the Graduate Certificate in Software Engineering are found on the graduate catalog section devoted to the Master of Science in Software Engineering degree program.

Graduate Certificate in Computer Forensics

Certificate Code - CG08

The Lane Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering (LDCSEE) offers a Graduate Certificate in Computer Forensics (CF). By providing systematic graduate courses in this field, our graduates and others should be better prepared to assist business, industry, government, and academia in attaining a new level of protection from cyber-criminals.

The graduate certificate program consists of fifteen credit hours of required courses. Admission to the graduate certificate program in Computer Forensics requires admission to the M.S. Computer Science or M.S. Electrical Engineering (with Computer Engineering major). One wishing to complete only the Certificate must still be admitted to the M.S.C.S. or M.S.E.E. programs.

The purpose of the certificate program is to:

1. Provide further education to computer professionals with technical undergraduate degrees to enable them to track and protect institutional computer and cyber crime. This knowledge in corporate settings should lead to better protection of company computer assets, company intellectual property, and company data and financial assets. These professionals should be able to support law enforcement in detection and prosecution of cyber-crime when needed.

2. Provide further education for those technical individuals who work in law-enforcement. It is expected that these would be highly technical people with bachelor's degrees in either computer science, computer engineering, or software engineering.

Many (if not most) of the students expected will be full time and pursuing a Masters of Science degrees in Computer Science or Computer Engineering. Other students may come from industry and law enforcement. These students will achieve the Certificate as another resume item that will improve employability while supplying a demand for computer people with such backgrounds. Some students may choose to pursue the Certificate with no intent of completing a Masters degree but will have achieved significant competence in this field.

The Certificate requires fifteen credit hours through required core curriculum courses. In addition to the fifteen credit hours upon course completion, the student will be required to complete a capstone project. The following are the fifteen credits hours:

Required Courses

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These five courses cover the major areas of study. The first is an overview of the entire area; two will be taught with an emphasis throughout on vulnerabilities and counter-measures. One course emphasizes management practices and oversight required to maintain the best defense against attacks in organizations and how to respond to them. The final course deals with the law and cases governing the area of computer crime, its detection and prosecution, keeping in mind the constraints placed on security by the rights of citizens.