

# Computer Engineering



## What is Computer Engineering?

Link between computer science and software engineering that connects knowledge and skills for the development of hardware and software for a wide range of computer systems: from embedded to high-performance computers.

## About CE@FER

The Computer Engineering profile offers a comprehensive approach to acquiring knowledge and skills for designing hardware and software for computer systems in areas such as:

- Internet of Things and ubiquitous computing,
- embedded systems,
- high performance computers (HPC),
- data centers and cloud computing.

Engineers who graduate in Computer Engineering are expected to have the skills and knowledge necessary to connect all layers of computer systems and applications: hardware architecture, operating systems, software models, application layers, and services.

## Skills

- Application of theoretical knowledge and skills in solving technical challenges in the design of hardware and software.
- Analysis, construction, implementation and maintenance of hardware and software in computer systems and computer-controlled processes.
- Connecting high-level abstractions (applications, services, data, openness, protocols) with hardware (digital hardware, architecture, operating system) using software, middleware and interfaces (operating system, drivers).

## Career

Computer engineers are required in every industry that uses computer systems, such as mobile and embedded computing, ubiquitous and pervasive computing, Internet of Things, high-performance computing systems (HPC), the automotive industry, telecommunications, healthcare, web, energy, security, services and technologies of the digital society.



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## Applications

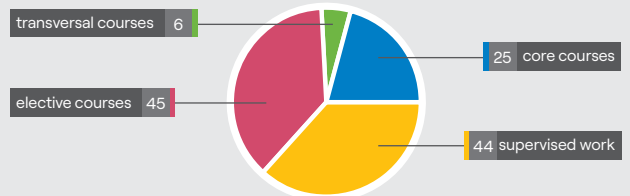
Development of hardware and software for computer systems, ranging from embedded systems to cloud computing and high performance systems:

- Internet of Things – Development of the whole stack (hardware, software, protocols, applications) in applications such as smart cities, smart offices, data processing, security, artificial intelligence, precision agriculture
- Embedded systems - Performance optimization, applications, specific accelerators (artificial intelligence, cryptography, multimedia), processor architecture, digital design of specialized hardware (ASIC, FPGA)
- High performance computing - Accelerators, software models, system architecture, operating systems, parallelism and concurrency, distributed systems, optimization of computationally demanding applications
- Cloud computing - Integrated system design, software engineering, computing as a service, open systems and technologies, open data, security, ubiquitous computing.

PLAN OF STUDY	SEMESTER	ECTS
<b>Core courses</b>		10
Advanced Algorithms and Data Structures	1	5
Seminar 1	1	3
Ubiquitous Computing	2	5
Seminar 2	1	3
Research seminar	3	5
Project	3	3
Diploma thesis	4	30
<b>Core elective courses</b>		15
Open Computing	1	5
Parallelism and Concurrency	1	5
Advanced Operating Systems	1, 3	5
High Performance Computing Applications and Architectures	2	5
Embedded Systems	2	5
Information Systems	2	5
System on Chip Platform Programming	3	5
Distributed Software Development **	3	10
<b>Elective courses recommended for the profile</b>	1, 2, 3	15
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<b>Transversal courses</b>	1, 2, 3	6

\* the course is also offered at the undergraduate level (if the course is passed at the undergraduate level, it can be replaced by the Elective course recommended for the profile)

\*\* The course is worth 10 ECTS credits, 5 of which replace ECTS credits in the profile's Elective courses category.



### Hardware

Computer architecture, digital design, specialized hardware (ASIC), interfaces, hardware integration, protocols, System on Chip (SoC), programmable logic (FPGA), embedded systems, high performance systems (HPC)



### System

Operating system, HW/SW co-design, drivers, firmware, parallelism and concurrency, programming libraries, frameworks and APIs, performance optimization, programming models, system integration



### Software

Applications, protocols, services, data, open data, system integration, software development, project management, software engineering and lifecycle