Dear Incoming CEN Student:

Congratulations on your admission to Arizona State University! We are pleased that your application has been approved and we are looking forward meeting you in the Spring 2018. We want to relay important information to you prior to your arrival. PLEASE PRINT OR SAVE THIS MESSAGE.

You can also find all events, important information, RSVP links, and frequently asked questions at: http://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/forstudent/graduate/newly-admitted-student-information/ (Spring 2018 New Student Event dates are still to be determined. This page will be updated soon).

1. **Immunization**: In order to register, all students must get clearance for immunization. The necessary form is available on the ASU website: https://eoss.asu.edu/health/services/immunization

2. **Event: CIDSE Graduate Student Welcome (mandatory)**: This welcome event is intended for all new CIDSE graduate students. You will have the opportunity to mingle with faculty as well as hear from the Program Chairs and Directors. Date and time can be found at this site: http://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/forstudent/graduate/newly-admitted-student-information/ *Exact Date Coming Soon*

3. **Event: Graduate Student Orientation (mandatory)**: We will be holding a mandatory orientation prior to the start of Spring semester. The dates and time can be found at this site: http://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/forstudent/graduate/newly-admitted-student-information/. Degree requirements will be discussed during the orientation. *Exact Date Coming Soon*

4. **Student Handbook**: Please visit our web site: Computer Engineering.

5. **Deficiencies**: Students must have background in the following prerequisite courses in order to be successful in the Computer Engineering core courses:
      - CSE 310 is a prerequisite for many of the CSE courses Computer Engineering students will take during the program, including most of the CSE 400 and 500-level courses.
   b. EEE 350 Random Signal Analysis, prerequisite for EEE 554 Random Signal Theory
      Students who have not taken an equivalent course during their undergraduate degree program are strongly recommended to take the course at ASU. The concepts taught in these courses are required in order to be successful in the core courses. It is your responsibility to ensure you have
the proper background knowledge. The pre-requisite courses may be taken concurrently with the core courses.

There will be a test-out exam held in August for CSE 310. You are welcome to sit for the exam to test your knowledge in this area. You can RSVP for the exam here: http://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/forstudent/graduate/newly-admitted-student-information/

6. **Class Registration**: Registration starts on November 7, 2017. Please note that there will be a late registration fee charge of $50 starting December 31st, 2017. See #7 below for course selection information. If you have any holds please click on the hold item in your MyASU to resolve the issue.

7. **Spring 2018 Course Recommendations**: There are two kinds of enrollment: a) full-time (9 or more credit hours) and b) part-time (less than 9 credit hours). **All international students are required to enroll full-time**.

   - All students are required to take the core courses, CSE 551 Foundations of Algorithms and EEE 554 Random Signal Theory in their first two semesters. Students in the Computer Systems Concentration (CEN-CS) are required to take CSE 551 Foundations of Algorithms in their first semester.

   If you are deficient in CSE 310 or EEE 350, you may choose to take these courses concurrently with the core courses or you can petition to take these in their first semester before taking the core courses.

   For the remaining courses:
   
   a. **PhD Student First Semester Courses**: If you have room in your schedule, you may choose a course of your interest from the CE areas of study. For a link to our website and full degree requirement please click here: Computer Engineering Requirements.

   b. **Masters Student First Semester Courses**: If you have room in your schedule, you should choose your course(s) from the CE areas of study. For a link to our website and full degree requirement please click here: Computer Engineering Requirements.

   Please remember not all courses are offered every semester.

8. **Maximum Credit Hours**: Student will only be allowed to register for a maximum of 11 credit hours per semester without department consent. Full time enrollment for a graduate student is 9 credits hours. The petition form to request permission to enroll in more than 11 credit hours is available on the CIDSE Graduate Forms website and is titled Course Overload Request Form. Do not enroll in courses you do not plan to attend.

9. **ASU Catalog**: The catalog is available on the ASU website: www.asu.edu/catalog.

11. **Registration and Tuition Payment:** For dates and deadlines and to pay tuition and fees, please visit [https://students.asu.edu/academic-calendar](https://students.asu.edu/academic-calendar).

12. **ASU E-mail Account:** The main means for the university and the school to communicate with you is through your ASU e-mail account. If you have a private e-mail, it is possible to have ASU e-mails forwarded to your private account. However, it is your responsibility to manage this process and to periodically check your ASU e-mail account to make sure that it does not become full. For more information on ASU E-mail accounts, visit: [http://help.asu.edu/](http://help.asu.edu/).

13. **International Student and Scholars Center:** If you are an international student, please check their website for all the steps you need to complete upon your arrival at ASU: [Information for Newly Admitted Graduate Students](https://students.asu.edu/international). The International Students and Scholars Center is located in the Student Services Building (SSV) Room 170. There will be a mandatory New International Student Orientation held the week prior to the start of the semester. For more information please visit their website: [https://students.asu.edu/international](https://students.asu.edu/international).

14. **Graduate Admissions Office:** Please check your admission letter and MyASU “To Do” list to verify if you are required to update your transcripts or submit necessary documents requested by the Graduate Admissions Office. The office is located in the Student Services Building (SSV), Room 112. For further information, please visit their website: [https://students.asu.edu/graduate](https://students.asu.edu/graduate).

15. **Sun Card –** All students are required to get an ASU ID card. The Sun Card Office is located in the Memorial Union (MU) Lower Level. You will be asked to fill out a form with your name, ASU ID number, and classification (Student, Faculty/Staff, or Other). For more information please visit the Sun Card Office website: [http://cfo.asu.edu/suncard](http://cfo.asu.edu/suncard).

16. **Campus Map:** The ASU campus is very large. We encourage you to carry around a map until you are familiar with the buildings and locations. Visit: [www.asu.edu/map](http://www.asu.edu/map).

17. **Research and Teaching Assistantships:** There is no application for RA positions. RA positions are assigned by faculty members. You may reach out to faculty you are interested in working with. MS and Ph.D. student may apply for TA positions here: [http://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/forstudent/graduate/teachingresearch-assistantships/](http://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/forstudent/graduate/teachingresearch-assistantships/). You are welcome to explore TA position outside of CIDSE. You will want to contact each unit separately for availability and application procedures. If you are offered a Research Assistant or Teaching Assistant position, you are required to enroll in 12 credit hours. Typically, students register for CEN 580 Practicum in addition to their courses to meet this requirement. Rarely do student take 12 credit hours of graduate level courses. Please follow the instructions on the [Course Permission Request page](http://cfo.asu.edu/suncard) to request CEN 580 Practicum.

18. **SPEAK Test schedule for students with a Teaching Assistantship:** Global Launch provides the on-campus SPEAK Test. Test schedules are posted on the website: [https://learnenglish.asu.edu/international-teaching-assistant](https://learnenglish.asu.edu/international-teaching-assistant). Global Launch does not keep a list of available TA position at ASU.

19. **Textbook Purchase:** [ASU Bookstore](http://cfo.asu.edu/suncard) (Tempe Campus)
20. **Housing:** The majority of our graduate students choose to live off-campus. You can choose to live on-campus or off-campus. For more information, please visit: [http://www.asu.edu/studentaffairs/reslife/](http://www.asu.edu/studentaffairs/reslife/).

21. **ASU Parking Permit:** You can purchase a parking permit for the semester or chose to park at a visitor’s parking area for a daily fee. The campus map shows parking areas. For more information, please visit the website: [https://cfo.asu.edu/pts](https://cfo.asu.edu/pts).

22. **Deferring Admission to Fall 2018:** Students may defer their initial term of admission to the next term (Spring or Fall) through their MyASU page by using the Request a Change link. If they have registered for a class after being admitted to the program, they will not be able to process the deferral request. They must first drop all their classes and then request the deferral.

- If you have a TA or an RA offer together with your admission, please contact the Advising Office for advisement. If a student decides to defer their admission prior to consulting with the Advising office the TA or RA offer will be invalid for the next term.
- All PHD students must contact one of the Graduate Academic Advisors prior to requesting a deferment regardless if a TA or RA offer has been extended. All requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Master’s students are not required to contact the Graduate Academic Advisors prior to requesting a deferment unless they have been offered a TA or RA position.

We look forward to seeing you this coming semester!

Sincerely,

The Graduate Advising Team:

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