Dear Incoming CSE 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 of 2020. We want to relay important information to you prior to your arrival. PLEASE SAVE THIS DOCUMENT.

Who to contact

It will be necessary for you to work with multiple offices to complete the admissions steps and finalize your Spring registration. Below are different items you may have questions about and who to contact.

- **Financial Guarantee / I-20 / Visa**: gograd@asu.edu
- **MMR**: immunizations@asu.edu / website
- **Insurance**: insurance@asu.edu / website
- **Registration and other academic-related queries**: Please refer to the breakdown below of Academic Advisors:
  - Christina Sebring: MCS Online; Ph.D and Master’s Students
  - Arzuhan Kavak: Ph.D. students and Master’s Students
  - Jaya Krishnamurthy: Master’s Students

**Email etiquette**: Please do not send multiple and/or separate emails to the members of the advising team. You should be communicating primarily with your assigned advisor. If it is necessary to email multiple people, please utilize the copy function, rather than sending multiple emails.

Master’s students:

The difference between the MS and MCS programs is that one is thesis (MS) and one is not (MCS). The majority of students who apply to the Computer Science master’s program are admitted as non-thesis (MCS) students. If you later have an opportunity to do research with a faculty member you will have an opportunity to change your degree program to MS (thesis). However, this will only be permitted if you have a faculty advisor. **Do not** submit any requests to change your program without first consulting with an advisor. It will not be approved and you will lose the fee and the one-time “Request a Change” option.

You can find all events, important information, and frequently asked questions at: https://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/ (Spring 2020 New Student Event dates are still to be determined. This page will be updated soon).

1. **Clear all HOLDs and Priority Tasks in your MYASU**. Click on the item in your MyASU and you will find the details of what needs to be done and who to contact if necessary.

2. **Accepting Admission**. You do not need to formally accept your admission to ASU. You need to clear your HOLDS and Priority Tasks and register for courses to show your intent to join.

3. **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: https://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/ *Exact Date Coming Soon*

4. **Event: Graduate Student Orientation (mandatory)**: We will be holding program-specific orientation sessions prior to the start of Spring semester. The date and time can be found at this site:
5. **Student Handbook**: Please visit our web site: [Computer Science](https://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/). Degree requirements will be discussed during the orientation. *Exact Date Coming Soon*

6. **Important**: All students with assigned deficiencies in their ASU admission letter must enroll for the course(s) to secure a seat.

7. **Event: Deficiency Waiver and Test-out Exam (optional)**: If you have been assigned a deficiency course in your ASU Admission Letter you have three options to meet your deficiency requirements:
   a) **Option 1**: Petition for Reevaluation of Deficiency Course: Submit an email to cidse.advising@asu.edu with the [Petition for Reevaluation of Deficiency Course form](https://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/) and supporting documents (such as syllabus, catalog description, or university transcripts) to prove that you have met the requirements. Please be advised that the documents you uploaded during the admission application have been evaluated. **Submit only new information when requesting a reevaluation of assigned deficiencies.** We will not accept petitions submitted after November 30th, 2019. Once the petition has been reviewed, the decision is final. There will be no future petition or consideration request, including asking to meet one-on-one.
   b) **Option 2**: If the first option is not met, you may sit for the Test-out Exam scheduled in January. Please be advised that most deficiencies will not be waived. It is strongly recommended that you start studying for your deficiency examination prior to the exam date. **Students are only eligible to take this exam one time and it must be prior to starting at ASU.** [RSVP link](https://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/) will be posted here as soon as the details are finalized.
   c) **Option 3**: If you do not pass the deficiency exam, **you must stay enrolled in the class**. The School will dismiss students after one year that do not meet the deficiency requirements as stated in the admission letter “to be completed in one year.”

8. **Class Registration**: Registration starts on November 13th, 2019. See #8 below for course selection information. If you have any holds please click on the hold item in your MyASU to resolve the issue.

9. **Spring 2020 Course Recommendations (Class schedule will be available on September 23rd, 2019)**: 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.** Your first priority is to complete deficiency courses. You must be enrolled in at least 1 graduate-level course each and every semester or you will be discontinued from the program.
   a. **PhD Student First Semester Courses**: Select one or two courses from the Ph.D. core areas that are in line with your research interests. Please use the Ph.D. Area Course list in the [handbook](https://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/) and consult with your faculty chair for guidance.
   b. **Master Student First Semester Courses**: Select courses from Foundation, Systems, or Application areas ([Approved Area Course List](https://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/)). You are required to have one course in each area before you complete your program. If you have room for another course you can choose something that interests you. If you are in the Big Data or Information Assurance concentration, you should register in the required concentration courses (see [handbook](https://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/)).

If you were assigned CSE 310 Data Structures and Algorithms as a deficiency you cannot take CSE 551 Foundations of Algorithms. **CSE 310 must be completed prior to taking CSE 551 Foundations of Algorithms**.
   - CSE 310 is a prerequisite for many of the courses Computer Science students will take during the program, including most of the CSE 400 and 500-level courses ([400-level pre-requisites](https://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/) and [500-level pre-requisites](https://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/)).
Please remember not all courses are offered every semester. Please refer to the handbook for specific degree requirements.

10. **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. Please be advised that overload requests are rarely approved for students in their first semester.

11. **ASU Catalog:** The catalog is available on the ASU website: [www.asu.edu/catalog](http://www.asu.edu/catalog).

12. **Schedule of Courses:** Schedule of courses are available on the ASU website [https://webapp4.asu.edu/catalog/](https://webapp4.asu.edu/catalog/) and through MyASU [https://my.asu.edu](https://my.asu.edu).

13. **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). Tuition payment options can be found here: [https://students.asu.edu/tuitionandbilling](https://students.asu.edu/tuitionandbilling).

14. **ASU E-mail Account:** The main method of communication used by the university and the school to correspond 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/).

15. **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 admission to ASU: [Information for Newly Admitted Graduate Students](https://international.asu.edu/orientation). 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 this website: [https://international.asu.edu/orientation](https://international.asu.edu/orientation).

16. **Graduate Admissions Office:** Please check your admission letter and MyASU “Priority Task” 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).

17. **Sun Card** – All students are required to get an ASU ID card. The Sun Card Office is located at the Memorial Union (MU) lower level floor. 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).

18. **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).

19. **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 to discuss possible research opportunities. 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 positions 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 with Fulton, you are required to enroll in 12 credit hours. Typically, students register for CSE 580 Practicum in addition to their courses to meet this requirement. Rarely do students take 12 credit hours of graduate level courses. Please follow the instructions on the [Course Permission Request page](http://www.cse.asu.edu/forstudent/graduate/courses.cfm) to request CSE 580 Practicum.
20. **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 positions at ASU.

21. **Financial Assistance**. Visit this site for more information regarding available resources: [https://graduate.asu.edu/pay-for-college](https://graduate.asu.edu/pay-for-college)

22. **Textbook Purchase**: ASU Bookstore (Tempe Campus)

23. **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: [https://housing.asu.edu/](https://housing.asu.edu/)

24. **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).

25. **Deferring Admission to Fall 2020**: Students may defer their initial term of admission to the next term (Spring or Fall) through their MyASU page by using the Request Change link. If you have registered for a class after being admitted to the program, then your deferral cannot be processed. You must first drop all your 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,

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