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 to meeting you in the Fall of 2020. We want to relay important information to you before 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:

  - **Arzuhan Kavak**: Ph.D. students (Last Names: M-Z)
  - **Jaya Krishnamurthy**: Ph.D. students (last Names: A-L), Master’s Students (Last Names: A-GR)
  - **Jennifer Hinder**: Master’s Students (Last Names: GS-PAS)
  - **Wendera Phung**: Master’s Students (Last Names: PAT- W)
  - **Burcu Kaftanoglu**: 3+1+1 and Master’s Students (Last Names: X-Z)

**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 MS program has both thesis and non-thesis options and MCS program only has the non-thesis option (MCS). Students admitted to the MCS Program who want to pursue the thesis option will have to change their degree to the MS program. **Do not** submit any requests to change your program without first consulting with an academic advisor.

You can find all events, relevant information, and frequently asked questions at: [https://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/](https://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/) *(Fall 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/](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 Fall semester. The date and time can be found at this site: https://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/. Degree requirements will be discussed during the orientation. *Exact Date Coming Soon*

5. **Student Handbook:** Please visit our web site: Computer Science

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

   Deficiency submission for re-evaluation information is available here
   https://cidse.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/

   Deficiency Exam information is available here

7. **Class Registration:** Registration begins on March 20th, 2020. See #9 below for course selection information. If you have any holds please click on the hold item in your MyASU to resolve the issue.

8. **Fall 2020 Course Recommendations (Class schedule will be available from February 17th, 2020):** 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 priority is to complete deficiency courses. You must be enrolled in at least 1 graduate-level course each semester (Spring and Fall) 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

     PhD students: For guidance, please contact your assigned advisor.

   b. **Master Student First Semester Courses:** Select courses from Foundation, Systems, or Application areas (**Approved Area Course List**). 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).

     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** and **500-level pre-requisites**).

     Please remember that not all courses are offered every semester. Please refer to the handbook for specific degree requirements.

9. **Maximum Credit Hours:** Students 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.

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


12. Registration and Tuition Payment: For dates and deadlines and to pay tuition and fees, please visit https://students.asu.edu/academic-calendar. Tuition payment options can be found here: https://students.asu.edu/tuitionandbilling.

13. 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/.

14. International Student and Scholars Center (ISSC): If you are an international student, please check the ISSC website for all the steps you need to complete upon your admission to ASU: Information for Newly Admitted Graduate Students. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. Campus Map: The ASU campus is huge. We encourage you to carry around a map until you are familiar with the buildings and locations. Visit: www.asu.edu/map.

18. Research and Teaching Assistantships: There is no application for RA positions. Faculty members assign RA positions. 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/. 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 to request CSE 580 Practicum.

19. 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. Global Launch does not keep a list of available TA positions at ASU.

20. Financial Assistance. Visit this site for more information regarding available resources: https://graduate.asu.edu/pay-for-college.
21. **Textbook Purchase:** [ASU Bookstore](https://bookstore.asu.edu) (Tempe Campus)

22. **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/).

23. **ASU Parking Permit:** You can purchase a parking permit for the semester or choose 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).

24. **Deferring Admission to Spring 2021:** Students may defer their initial term of admission to the next semester (Spring or Fall) through their MyASU page by using the Request a Change link under their Program. If you have registered for a class after being admitted to the Program, you will not be able to process the deferral request. You must first drop all their classes and then request the deferral.

   - Master’s Students with no RA/TA can proceed with their deferral request directly and do not need to contact their Academic advisors.
   - PhD Students with no RA/TA must contact their Academic Advisors before requesting a deferral.
   - PhD and Master’s students with RA/TA must contact their Academic Advisor before requesting a deferment even if a TA or RA offer has been extended. All requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. 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.

We look forward to seeing you this coming semester!

Sincerely,

The Graduate Advising Team:

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