Application to the Major

Admission to a major in the College of Science and Engineering is a competitive process based on the successful completion of specific technical courses and an grade point average (GPA) based on technical courses (the technical GPA*). Students who have completed the necessary technical courses and have a 3.2 or above technical GPA* at the end of fall semester will be guaranteed admission to that major.

In order to be eligible to apply, you must have completed or currently be enrolled in the required courses for your chosen major. The four year plan for your major includes information on eligibility for the major: cse.umn.edu/fouryearplans. The courses required for admission to the major are double-boxed or have a dashed outline on the four-year plan. Courses that are outlined in dashed indicate that you only need to have one of the two courses to apply. Most CSE students apply while enrolled in sophomore level courses.

If you are eligible, please apply using the following steps:

**STEP 1: LOG ON**
To apply, go to z.umn.edu/csemajorapp. Follow the link on that page to login to the Admission to the Major database using your University Internet ID and password.

**STEP 2: VERIFY COURSEWORK**
When you enter the database, you will see the required courses needed for each major offered through CSE and your progress in taking those courses.

To determine eligibility for a major, the Admission to the Major database only recognizes courses taken at the University of Minnesota. If you have taken one or more of the necessary requirements for admission to your major at a previous institution or received credit from AP/IB, the course[s] will show up as missing on the application. You may apply with missing courses; however, they must appear on your APAS. If they currently do not, and you are counting on those outside courses/credits fulfilling major admission requirements, please contact College Board or the institution that granted you that credit to arrange for an official transcript to be sent to the U of M Office of Admissions.

**STEP 3: APPLY TO A MAJOR**
Select one major. If you have met (or have in progress) all of the courses required for that major, the system will permit you to apply. If you submit your application with missing courses, the Admission to the Major database will refer your application to your advisor, who will review your APAS to see if you meet the requirements. In these cases, you will be notified via email once that check has taken place.

You cannot apply for more than one major at this point. After you have been admitted into your first major, you may apply to a second major by submitting an application to change or add an additional major to the College of Science and Engineering Academic Advising office. If your major requires that you select an emphasis area, you will do so once you are admitted to the major.

**STEP 4: ADMISSION TO THE MAJOR**
Once all grades for the semester have been posted, applications will be processed. All required courses must be successfully completed at this time. Students will be notified of their admission decision via email once all applications have been processed. All decisions will be made within three weeks of the deadline to apply.

Students who have completed the necessary technical coursework for their intended major (as identified by each department) and have a 3.2 technical GPA* at the end of fall semester will be guaranteed admission. All other students who have completed the required courses will be considered for admission on a space-available basis. Admission following spring semester is based on space-availability.

*The technical GPA is comprised only of courses taken at the U of M Twin Cities campus. The Technical GPA is unbracketed meaning that all attempts at a course (which resulted in a letter grade of A-F) are factored into it. To following web site has more information about which classes count in your Technical GPA: http://www.advising.cse.umn.edu/cgi-bin/courses/noauth/tgpa-courses.

**DEADLINES**

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If you have any questions or concerns in regard to this process, please contact your college academic advisor.