Prairie View A&M University Computer Science Department





Prairie View A&M University

- A member of Texas A&M University Systems
 - Founded in 1876, the 2nd oldest state institution of Texas, located 30 miles northwest of Houston
 - Offers baccalaureate degrees in 50 academic majors, 37 master's degrees and four doctoral degree programs through nine colleges and schools.

Enrollment

 In fall 2010, total enrollment was 8721, with 6931 undergraduate students

Roy G. Perry College of Engineering

Departments Accredited by ABET

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Computer Science
- Computer and Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Engineering Technology
- Offer Degrees in B.S., M.S., and Ph.D.
 - In fall 2010, undergraduate enrollment was 1075, and about 150 graduate students
 - Ranked by U.S. News as one of the best graduate program http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/bestgraduate-schools/top-engineering-schools/prairie-view-a-muniversity-02258

Computer Science Department

- Two graduate programs: Computer Science (CS) and Computer Information Systems (CIS)
 - Currently have about 40 graduate students in two programs
 - Each program degree plan requires 36 credit hours
 - Eleven courses (33) + master project (3)
 - Ten course (30) + master thesis (6)
- Financial support (Merit Based)
 - Teaching Assistantship (TA): students work with professor in grading, lecturing, and lab preparation
 - Research Assistantship (RA): students work with professor in research projects

Faculty Research Areas

Expertise

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- Computer Graphics
- Data Mining
- Parallel and Distributed Computing
- Networking and Communications
- Human Computer Interface
- RFID and Mobile Applications
- Storage and Systems

Research Labs

- Cloud Computing & Simulation Lab (sponsored by IBM)
- Computer Graphics & Visualization Lab
- Data Mining & Bioinformatics Lab
- Networking and Smart Device Lab

Recent Funding (Selected)

- NSF, "Enriching Computing Curricula through HPC Teaching and Research", \$399,834, (Dr. Huang, Dr. Li, Co-PI)
- NSF, "II-NEW: COLLABORATIVE Image Processing Cloud (IPC): A Domain-Specific Cloud Computing Infrastructure for Research and Education", \$340,000, (Dr. Huang, PI)
- NSF, "Target Infusion Grant: Infusing the Tablet PC and Problem Based Learning into Computer Science Curriculum to Enhance Student Ability in Computing Problem Analysis and Software Design", <u>\$168,470</u>, (Dr. Yang, Dr. Li, PI/Co-PI)
- NSF, "MRI: Acquisition of a High Performance Computer Cluster for Multidisciplinary Computational Research at Prairie View A&M University", recommended, <u>\$394,222</u>, (Dr. Lu, Dr. Huang, Co-PI).
- NSF, "Targeted Infusion Project Grant: Integrating Interactive Bioinformatics Learning Modules into the Undergraduate Biology Curriculum", <u>\$299,977</u>, (Dr. Lu, Co-PI)

Recent Funding (Selected)

- NSF, "Bioinformatics & Service Computing", \$199,661, (Dr. Lu, PI)
- NSF, "Fostering Innovation and Excellence in Computing Systems: Establishing an Innovative Systems Laboratory", \$296,140, (Dr. Bellam, Dr. Lodgher, Dr. Lu, PI/C-PI)
- NSF, "BPC -DP: Building Computing Aptitude, Confidence, and Engagement for Students (Computing ACES)", \$599,085, (Dr. Lodgher, Dr. Yang, Dr. Cui, PI/Co-PI)
- USDA, "CBG Bioinformatics Research for Agriculture Innovative Students (BRAINS)", <u>\$299,786</u>, (Dr. Lu, Co-PI)
- DOE/TMCF, "Intelligent Energy Supply Control System Study and Renewable Energy Science Education Initiative", \$100,000, (Dr. Yang, Dr. Li, PI/Co-PI)
- DOE/TMCF, "Fault Tolerant and Energy Efficient Storage System", \$100,000, (Dr. Bellam, PI)

Admission

- Application documents
 - TOFEL Score (>= 79 out 120)
 - GRE Score (>= 900 out of 1600)
 - A minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale
 - Foreign Transcript Evaluation (refer to next slide)
 - Three recommendation letters
 - Resume
- Application deadlines
 - Spring, November 1st
 - Summer, March 1st
 - Fall, July 1st
- https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX

Foreign Transcript Evaluation

International applicants must request a COURSE BY COURSE EVALUATION from any of the companies below

- Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. PO Box 514070 Milwaukee WI 53203-3470 USA Tel: 414-289-3400 Fax 414-289-3411 email: eval@ece.org
- SDR Consultants 10134 Hammerly, No. 192 Houston, TX 77080 Tel: 713.460.3525 Fax - 713.460.5344 email: sdrodrig@aol.com sdr_evaluations@sbcglobal.net website: sdr.netfirms.com
- Global Credential Evaluators, Inc. P.O. Box 9203 College Station, TX 77842-9203 USA Tel: 512.528.0908 Fax 512.528.9293 website: www.gceus.com
- World Education Services, Inc.
 P.O. Box 5087 Bowling Green
 Station New York, New York
 10274-5087
 Tel: 212.966-6311
 Fax: 212.739.6100
 Website: www.wes.org
 Email: info@wes.org

Graduate Program Prerequisites

- Computer Science (5)
 - MATH2024 Calculus II
 - COMP2013 Data Structures
 - COMP2103 Discrete Structures
 - COMP3043 Computer Organization
 - COMP3053 Algorithms
- Computer Information Systems (5)
 - COMPI223 Computer Science II
 - MATH1124 Calculus I
 - MATH2013 Probability & Statistics
 - ECON2113 Microeconomics
 - One business elective (e.g. Accounting, Finance, Management, etc)

Students with background other than Computer Science are encouraged to apply!!!