Discover Viterbi: Systems Architecting & Engineering with Prof. Azad Madni

Viterbi School of Engineering
University of Southern California
Fall 2017
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Today’s Program

- University of Southern California
- USC Viterbi School of Engineering
- Graduate Programs in Systems Architecting & Engineering
  - Program Overview
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- Tuition & Fees
- Q&A
The University of Southern California

- Oldest Private University in the western U.S.
  - Founded in 1880
- 44,000 Students
  - 19,000 Undergraduates | 25,000 Graduates
- 4,190 Full-time Faculty
- Diverse Student Population
- Located in Los Angeles
Viterbi School at a Glance

**Academic Departments**
- 8 Academic Departments

**Faculty**
- 185 tenure-track faculty
- 20+ NAE
- 60+ NSF CAREER, National & Presidential Young Investigator

**Student Populations**
- 2,700 Undergraduate
- 5,600 Graduate students

**Research**
- Leader in funded research
- 45+ Research Centers
- More than $185M in research expenditures

**Alumni**
- More than 65,000+
Best Engineering Graduate Schools

- Top Ranked Graduate Engineering Program

Best Online Graduate Engineering Programs

- Ranked #1 Online Graduate Engineering Programs
- Ranked #1 Online Computer Information Technology Program (Computer Science)

Best Online Graduate Engineering Programs for Veterans

- Ranked #1 Online Graduate Engineering for Veterans
- Ranked #1 Online Computer Information Technology for Veterans

U.S. News & World Report, 2017

USC Viterbi School of Engineering
USC Engineering: Points of Distinction

- International Reputation for Excellence
- The Trojan Family Network: 65,000+ engineers strong
- Unique engineering programs available: Online, on site & on campus
- Complete range of programs
  - PhD, Masters and Bachelors
  - Graduate Certificates
  - Short Courses
  - Custom Programs
The Viterbi School of Engineering: A Leader in Research

Viterbi School is a consistent leader in funded research in the U.S.

- Highly interdisciplinary research environment
- Diverse research areas as robotics, software engineering, sensor networks, vision sciences, automated construction and photonics
- Over 45 research centers
- Industrial partnerships and collaboration
Meet Professor Azad Madni

- **Professor Azad Madni**
  - Executive Director, SAE Program
  - Professor, Astronautical Engineering
  - 2014 INCOSE Lifetime Achievement Award Winner
  - 2011 INCOSE Pioneer Award Winner
  - Elected Fellow of AAAS, AIAA, IEEE, INCOSE, IETE, SDPS
  - Teaches SAE 549, SAE 547, SAE 548, SAE 546
What Makes the SAE Program Unique

- USC’s Eb Rechtin: Systems Architecting Pioneer
  - His book on Systems Architecting is a required text

- Only Program with 2 INCOSE Pioneer Award Winners
  - Azad M. Madni and Eb Rechtin

- Several Fellows of Professional Societies
  - 1 AAAS, 10+IEEE, 7 INCOSE, 2 AIAA, 1 IIE

- Active Participation in Professional Societies and Conferences
  - SAE students active in INCOSE, IEEE, AIAA, CSER
  - First INCOSE Student Division in Southern California
  - Co-founder and Organizer of Conference on Systems Engineering Research
  - Co-founder and Chair of IEEE SMC TC on Model-Based Systems Engineering

- Synergy between teaching and research
  - Research feeds new material into courses.
  - Teaching uncovers new areas for research.

- Madni’s award-winning storytelling, P2P learning approach

- Top notch adjunct faculty from industry

- Recently named a “Top Information Systems Masters Programs” by www.mastersindatascience.org

Helpful Link:

http://viterbi.usc.edu/sae
Interesting Factoids for MS Students

- **Active INCOSE-LA USC Student Division**
  - Opportunity to network with SAE students and faculty

- **Active INCOSE-LA Chapter**
  - Opportunity to network with engineers in space, aerospace, medical devices and energy sectors

- **Conference on Systems Engineering Research**
  - Opportunity to present technical/research papers and network with SE students from US and abroad

- **INCOSE-LA Mini-Conference and Regional Mini-Conference**
  - Opportunity to present and network with industry professionals, students and faculty from LA region
SAE Skills in Demand

- Systems Architecting
- Systems Thinking
- Systems Integration/SoS Integration
- Concept of Operations Prototyping
- Model Based Systems Engineering
- Simulation-Based Modeling and Analysis
- Human Systems Integration
- Cyber-Physical-Human Systems
- Resilience Engineering
- Agile Development
- Lean Operations
Potential Employers

- Aerospace and Automotive Companies
  e.g., Boeing, NGC, Raytheon, Space-X, General Motors, Tesla

- FFRDCs and National Labs
  e.g., Aerospace Corp., JPL, MITRE, RAND

- Medical Devices and Healthcare Organizations
  e.g., Medtronic, Kaiser Permanente, VA

- Web Companies
  e.g., Google, Amazon, Facebook

- State and City Organizations
  e.g., Port of Los Angeles, LADWP
Systems Architecting & Engineering: Program Offerings

- MS in Systems Architecting & Engineering
- Graduate Certificate in Systems Architecting & Engineering
- Graduate Certificate in Software Architecture
- Graduate Certificate in Network Centric Systems

Available online via DEN@Viterbi
Required Courses (15 Units)
- One of the following courses:
  - SAE 560 | Economic Considerations for Systems Engineering or
  - ISE 460 | Engineering Economy
- SAE 541 | Systems Engineering Theory and Practice
- SAE 542 | Advanced Topics in Systems Engineering
- SAE 549 | Systems Architecting
- And one of the following courses:
  - SAE 547 | Model-Based Systems Architecting & Engineering or
  - SAE 548 | Systems/System-of-Systems Integration & Communication

Elective Courses (6 Units)
- Technical Management Area (3 units)
- General Technical Area (3 units)
M.S. in Systems Architecting & Engineering – Program Details

Technical Specialization Areas (9 units)

- Aerospace and Mechanical Systems
- Artificial Intelligence/Neural Networks
- Automation and Control Systems
- Communication and Signal Processing Systems
- Computer and Information Systems
- Construction
- Cyber-Security
- Engineering Management Systems
- Integrated Media Systems
- Manufacturing Systems
- Network-centric Systems
- Software Process Architecture
- Systems
Application Criteria for the M.S. in Systems Architecting & Engineering

- Undergraduate degree (Bachelor of Science) in engineering, math, or hard science from a regionally-accredited university
- Minimum of 3 years of industrial experience is highly recommended
- A cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is recommended
- Satisfactory scores on the general portion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) that are less than five years old
- Resume/CV

Supplemental Materials:
- 3 Letters of Recommendation (Required)
- Statement of Purpose (Required)
- TOEFL (International Applicants)
Waiving the GRE Requirement (only applies to the MSSARE)

There are two ways to waive the GRE admissions requirement for the MS in Systems Architecting and Engineering program. They are:

1. Having an undergraduate degree in engineering with an overall GPA of 3.0 (or higher) on a 4.0 scale plus either an MS in Engineering or an MBA degree

2. As a Limited student, completing SAE 541, SAE 542, and SAE 549; and either SAE 560 (preferred) or ISE 460. A grade of “B” or better must be earned in each course in order to qualify for the waiver.
Grad Cert in Systems Architecting & Engineering – Program Details

Required Courses (15 units)

Five of the following courses required:

- SAE 560 | Economic Considerations for Systems Engineering
- ISE 460 | Engineering Economy
- ISE 515 | Engineering Project Management
- ISE 544 | Management of Engineering Teams
- SAE 541 | Systems Engineering Theory and Practice
- SAE 542 | Advanced Topics in Systems Engineering
- SAE 547 | Model based Systems Engineering
- SAE 549 | Systems Architecting
- SAE 546 | Resilient Systems and System-of-Systems

Available on DEN@Viterbi
Application Criteria for the Grad Cert in Systems Architecting & Engineering

- Undergraduate degree (Bachelor of Science) in engineering, math, or hard science from a regionally-accredited university

- Minimum of 3 years of industrial experience is highly recommended

- To be competitive, a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is recommended

- Resume/CV (Required)

- Letters of Recommendation (Optional)

- TOEFL (International Applicants)

All courses taken can apply to the MS in SARE (if admitted).
Grad Cert in Software Architecture – Program Details

Required Courses (14 units)

- CSCI 568 | Requirements Engineering
- CSCI 578 | Software Architectures
- SAE 547 | Model-Based Systems Architecting & Engineering
- SAE 549 | Systems Architecting

Electives (3-4 units)

1 course required from approved list
Application Criteria for the Grad Cert in Software Architecture

• Undergraduate degree in engineering, math, or hard science from a regionally-accredited university

• Substantial background in computing constitutes a minimum requirement

• To be competitive, a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is recommended

• Resume/CV (Required)

• Statement of Purpose (Optional)

• Letters of Recommendation (Optional)

• TOEFL (International Applicants)
Grad Cert in Network Centric Systems – Program Details

**Required Course (3 units)**
- SAE 574 | Net-Centric Systems Architecting & Engineering

**Choose four courses from one area of emphasis (12-16 units)**
- Computer Science Emphasis –or-
- Electrical Engineering Emphasis

*Note: The Graduate Certificate in Network Centric Systems is not available via DEN@Viterbi.*
Application Criteria for the Grad Cert in Network Centric Systems

• Undergraduate degree in engineering, math, or hard science from a regionally-accredited university

• Minimum of 3 years of industrial experience is highly recommended

• To be competitive, a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is recommended

• Resume/CV (Required)

• Letters of Recommendation (Optional)

• Statement of Purpose (Optional)

• TOEFL (International Applicants)
Application Deadlines

Application Deadlines for 2018

Fall 2018

- Deadline to submit all required materials: January 17, 2018*
- Deadline for Scholarship Consideration (on-campus only): December 15, 2017

Spring 2019

- Deadline to submit all required materials: September 15, 2018*
- Deadline for Scholarship Consideration (on-campus only): August 31, 2018

* A deadline extension for DEN@Viterbi applicants may be available. Please email DEN@Viterbi.usc.edu for more information.

Helpful Links:

- List of DEN@Viterbi Programs
  http://viterbi.usc.edu/DENDegrees
- USC Graduate Application:
  https://usc.liaisoncas.com
Where Our Alumni Are Working

- What do our students do?
- What do our graduates do?
Course Delivery Methods

Methods of Course Delivery

• On-campus, full time
  3 classes per semester
  1.5 – 2 years to complete

• Online delivery via DEN@Viterbi
  1-2 classes per semester
  2.5 – 3 years to complete degree
How DEN@Viterbi Works

The Viterbi School of Engineering uses a state-of-the-art, proprietary web-based delivery system that enables students from around the world to access classes live or on-demand.

DEN@Viterbi Students:

- View the same lectures as on-campus students, with fresh content every semester
- Participate in highly interactive discussions with professors and peers
- Submit homework electronically
- Take exams at proctored testing centers near their home or work (or at USC if in the Los Angeles area)
## DEN@Viterbi Overview

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*DEN@Viterbi Sections Only*
DEN@Viterbi’s E-Learning System

DEN@Viterbi Classroom
DEN@Viterbi’s E-Learning System
DEN@Viterbi’s E-Learning System

Helium Porosity vs. Air Permeability

- Used to select porosity cut-offs, for reservoir rocks.
- Based on permeability values.
Student Interactivity & Group Meetings

- All DEN@Viterbi students are provided access to their own meeting rooms which can be used for several purposes:
  - Enable video communication (web and mobile)
  - Integrate phone conferencing
  - Integrate fixed room IP video systems
  - Desktop sharing
  - Set up meetings with faculty, teaching assistants and peers

- Call in during live lectures

- Participate in live chats and threaded discussion boards
DEN@Viterbi

Question: Is there any difference between earning a Master’s degree on campus vs. via DEN@Viterbi?

Answer: NO. DEN@Viterbi is a delivery method. Students adhere to the:
  ▪ Same Admission Criteria
  ▪ Same Curriculum
  ▪ Same Exams and Homework
  ▪ Same Academic Standards and Graduation Requirements

Therefore...

You earn the same diploma whether you earn the degree on-campus or online through DEN@Viterbi.
DEN@Viterbi Additional Info

- **Limited Status**
  - Allows strong candidates to begin coursework before formal admission.
  - Courses *(maximum of 12 units)* can be applied toward degree program once admitted but *limited status does not guarantee admission*.
  - **Get Started this Spring 2018**: [https://viterbigradadmission.usc.edu/denviterbi/getting-started/](https://viterbigradadmission.usc.edu/denviterbi/getting-started/)

- **Tuition Deferment Program**
  - Students supported by company can defer “up front” payment of tuition until after the semester is over.
  - Company must pay 75-100% of tuition to be eligible for program.
  - For additional information: [https://viterbigrad.usc.edu/tuition-and-funding/employer-supported](https://viterbigrad.usc.edu/tuition-and-funding/employer-supported)
Tuition & Fees (2017-2018)

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<td>$1,937</td>
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Degree Programs are 27-36 units (9-11 courses)

For an overview of additional fees, please visit: https://viterbigradadmission.usc.edu/programs/masters/tuition-funding/tuition-funding-masters/
Getting Started

For those interested in taking classes on campus:

- Visit USC campus
- Start your application: http://www.usc.edu/admission/graduate/apply

For those interested in taking classes online via DEN@Viterbi:

- Start as a Limited Status Student in Spring 2018 –or-
- Start your application: http://www.usc.edu/admission/graduate/apply
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