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RELIABILITY ENGINEERING AT MARYLAND

The A. James Clark School of Engineering’s graduate Reliability Engineering Program is the largest and most comprehensive program in the field of reliability and risk analysis of engineered systems and processes. The program is offered by the University of Maryland’s Center for Risk and Reliability (CRR). Created in 1985 as the umbrella organization for the risk and reliability research and development activities at Maryland, CRR includes numerous research laboratories with extensive state-of-the-art equipment. Research covers a wide range of subjects involving systems and processes, including predictive reliability analysis; probabilistic and quantitative risk analysis; advanced probabilistic inference methods; system-level health monitoring and prognostics; human reliability analysis methods; and machine learning. The center is housed administratively in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, which is ranked in the top 20 nationally by U.S. News & World Report, and admits students from all engineering disciplines and physical and mathematical sciences.

WHY RELIABILITY ENGINEERING?

Increasing numbers of organizations are seeking risk and reliability assessments of complex systems as technologies continue to expand. Designed specifically for working engineers and technical professionals, this specialized graduate program provides students with the tools to identify and manage risks that can affect asset reliability and business operations with a focus on risk management, loss elimination, and lifecycle asset management. In the Reliability Engineering Program students learn to identify, manage, and eliminate product and system failures using advanced risk and reliability practices and data analysis techniques. Coursework in reliability engineering prepares students to improve performance and ensure safety in the energy, manufacturing, infrastructure, telecommunications, aerospace, and defense sectors. The courses in reliability engineering allow students to focus on a concentrated area of study. All programs prepare engineers to directly meet today’s risk and reliability challenges in government, research, and industry.

RESEARCH LABORATORIES

- Systems Risk and Reliability Analysis Laboratory (SyRRA) focuses on computational algorithms for addressing risk and reliability problems in complex systems, with main applications in energy and infrastructure, including hydrogen fueling stations, vehicles, pipelines, and nuclear power plants.
- Risk-Informed Solutions in Engineering Laboratory (RISE) conducts research related to probabilistic assessment of natural hazards and associated risks as well as a variety of topics involving the applications of statistics and machine learning in engineering.
- Risk and Decision Analysis Laboratory focuses on risk analysis and decision analysis for complex industrial systems, including nuclear power plants and electric power systems.
- Probabilistic Physics of Failure (PPoF) and Fracture Laboratory conducts accelerated life testing for many failure mechanisms which enables probabilistic physics of failure model developments.
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- Collection and Analysis of Reliability Data
- Mathematical Techniques of Reliability
- Fundamentals of Failure Mechanisms
- Principles of Reliability Analysis
- Reliability Engineering Management
- Machine Learning Algorithms for Reliability Engineering
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Funding

The Reliability Engineering program provides funding for on campus graduate students who are making good progress toward their degree. This funding takes the form of:

- Teaching Assistantships (TAs)
- Research Assistantships (RAs)
- Fellowships and Scholarships
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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

For admission:

- Three letters of recommendation
- Transcripts
- For international applicants: English proficiency score
- GRE scores are considered but not required

RESEARCH PROGRAMS (ENRE)

- Online or on campus
- Research laboratory access
- DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
  -12 courses
  -Dissertation
- MASTER OF SCIENCE
  -8 courses
  -Thesis or scholarly paper

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- On campus: Final (Domestic): July 31; Final (International): March 1
- Online: Final: July 31
- Spring: International: September 24; Domestic: December 15

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A bachelor’s degree in engineering, computer science, physics, applied mathematics, physical sciences, or a related field from an accredited institution
- GPA of 3.0 or better
- Three letters of recommendation
- Transcripts
- For international applicants: English proficiency score
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