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IMPORTANT DATES

January 12th -Deadline to apply for Coop

January 19th -End course-add period, End of no-record drop period, End of 100% refund

January 31st -Deadline to apply for Spring 2025 Convocation

February 2nd - End of 50% refund period & End of penalty-free payment period

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 14th – Winter Orientation – New Students (info to be send by Wendy)

January 2026 (TBD)– Graduate Student Coffee Party – more info from Wendy soon

January 2026 (TBD) - Deans Honour List lunch – more info to come from Wendy Tower (you do not need to apply, if you qualify you will be contacted by Wendy)

February 13th –Seminar Series – Mandatory for thesis based students (more info in February)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Domestic Students

Doctoral students must be registered full-time each semester until completion of the PhD program (including the semester in which the defense is held).

Masters students must be registered in a minimum of 3 credit or billable hours when accessing university resources in any given semester. Students are required to register on an annual basis (i.e. Once in 3 terms).

International Students

Doctoral students must be registered full-time every semester until completion of the PhD program (including the semester in which the defense is held).

Masters students must be registered full-time (six credit hours – or seven if MEng) in Fall and Winter semesters and minimally part-time (three credit hours or more) in the Spring/Summer semester. If Spring Summer is your first term, you must be registered full time (6 hours).

Maintenance of Candidacy

Thesis-based students who have completed the credit hour component of their program of studies, but have not completed all of the formal approved degree requirements (e.g. written a thesis and defense) are to register in one of the following:

GRST 995AA – Full-time Maintenance of Candidacy

GRST 995AB – Part-time Maintenance of Candidacy (can only be used in Spring Summer)

Course Registration

Students should register for classes through UR Self-Service or FGSR.

Undergraduate Classes

Permission must be sought prior to registration in the course, and you must have room in your program. Requests must be sent to your Academic Advisor.

Course Offerings (info on general engineering courses)

ENGG 701 – Winter only

ENGG 702 – Spring/Summer only

ENGG 703 – Fall only

ENGG 800 - This course is available only for PhD students.

ENGG 900 – This course is available only for Thesis-based students (MSc & PhD), and is only available in Fall or Winter terms. This must be taken to graduate. The prerequisite is 6 credit hours of 901. You should take it after that prereq has been met for MSc and after approximately 50% of research hours for PhD.

GRST 801

All new students must complete this no cost tutorial in their first semester. Failure to do so can disqualify you from some scholarships so it is very important!

ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

To book an advising appointment with Gina or Wendy, please use this link:

<https://www.uregina.ca/engineering/students/advising.html>

Wendy – general advising ERSE, PSE, PSEN, SSE, graduate transfers, academic action (rtd, probationary, etc)

Gina – general advising ESE, EVSE, ISE, graduate coop

COMPETITION

The Mobilizing Insights in Defence and Security ([MINDS](#)) program is pleased to announce the launch of the [Collaborative Networks](#) competition for fiscal year 2025-2026. Applications can be submitted until **January 19, 2026 23:59 (PST)**. Applications received passed this deadline will not be accepted.

MINDS Collaborative Networks involve multi-disciplinary teams of experts from across Canada and abroad. Networks increase and diversify research on defence and security issues in Canada, with the aim to meet the Defence Team's need for relevant and timely policy advice.

Successful network applicants will receive a maximum of \$250,000 per year for up to three years.

For more information and to apply, please visit our [website](#).

Please ensure to consult the 2025-26 [Defence Policy Challenges](#) and use the most recent Collaborative Networks [application form](#) and [application guide](#).

NEW COURSE

Software Systems Engineering program is proud to announce a new graduate course **ENSE 885BH Blockchain Technology and Applications** for the Winter 2026 semester, with support from the IEEE South Saskatchewan section. This is a limited-run course that aims at equipping our students with a working knowledge in one of the most disruptive technologies of the 21st century, leading to better job opportunities and higher salaries.

This course was jointly put together by Dr. Kin-Choong Yow and Dr. Aditya Pathak. Dr. Yow is a Professor with the Software Systems Engineering and Dr. Pathak is a Post-Doctoral Fellow in Electronics System Engineering with active research in Blockchain Technologies.

Course code and Title

ENSE 885BH Blockchain Technologies and Applications

Times and Dates

Winter 2026. Every Wednesday 4:30pm to 7:30pm. ED 209.

Course Description

This graduate-level course provides a comprehensive exploration of blockchain technology and its diverse applications in modern software systems. Students will delve into the fundamental principles of blockchain, which includes cryptography fundamentals, consensus mechanisms, and distributed ledger technology. The course will also cover the design and development of decentralized applications (dApps), smart contracts, and the integration of blockchain solutions into existing software architectures. A strong emphasis will be given on practical implementation, real-world case studies, and the ethical and societal implications of blockchain technology. Through a combination of lectures, mini-projects and assignments, students will gain the necessary skills to design, build, and critically evaluate blockchain-based systems. Students are expected to have basic proficiency in Programming, Probability Theory, Algorithms, and Computer Networking.

GRADUATE SEMINAR SERIES

These seminars are **mandatory** and attendance is taken. Every year of your degree you must attend 2 of the 3 seminars. You must arrive by 12pm to be marked in attendance. These sessions are being held to showcase the research being done in Engineering by your fellow students. If you are interested in presenting you can let your supervisor know and they can nominate you for upcoming seminars and you might be chosen to present.

These seminars will happen every year and attendance will be mandatory every year.
Please plan to attend to support your fellow students and learn more about what is going on in Engineering.

It is understood that it may not be possible to attend every session due to other commitments, which is why 2 of 3 are required – to allow some flexibility. If you are unable to attend the

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seminars you will need to provide your rationale to one of the advisors in Engineering. If sufficient you will be marked as exempt from that seminar.

GRAD FUNDING

In the New Year FGSR will be offering an extra Saskatchewan Innovation and Excellence Scholarship competition from Jan 19-30th. This competition is only open to students who did not receive an award in 2025 and is being offered because changes to tuition payment requirements made it hard for many to apply in the Fall. To apply for this opportunity complete your application in GAP before the deadline. There are also more opportunities for funding in February to learn more check out our [upcoming scholarships page](#).

GRADUATION

Students must apply to graduate. Deadlines to graduate are available at
<https://www.uregina.ca/graduate-studies-research/thesis-project-prac/graduation.html>

GRADUATION PORTRAITS

Graduation Photos - optional for undergraduate and graduate students
Students graduating after completion of program requirements in December 2025 or April 2026 may book an appointment through Camera One. For more information:
<https://www.cameraone.ca/index2.php#!/Home>
Camera one is the designated photographer for the Faculty of Engineering and prepares the Class Composite.

COOP APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE

Check out their website at <https://www.uregina.ca/academics/work-experience/co-op/index.html>
Deadline for Coop application for Spring Summer 2026 is January 12, 2025.

Students can apply through the Career Connect portal at
<https://careerconnect.uregina.ca/>. Please have your supervisor sign the application form and include it with your application and work permit when you apply. Shortly after submitting your application, your coordinator will be in touch to set up an entrance meeting with you. The meeting will be conducted via MS Teams or in the CESL Office. (Riddell Centre 163)

International Student?

If you are an International student and you want to apply for Co-op for Spring Summer 2025, you must already have applied for your co-op work permit and have provided our office proof of your application.

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ENGINEERING WORKSHOP

And a reminder the Mitchell Workshops (ED 115) are open for use. Once a student has completed their brief orientation with the shop staff, they can have access on their keyfob for those times. Please contact the workshop to set up an orientation time. The Workshop email is engg.workshop@uregina.ca.

OFFICE SPACE

If you are a MSc or PhD student, you can apply for an office space by submitting the office [Waitlist Form](#) to Engg.Grad@uregina.ca. Once a spot becomes available, the general office will contact you with the details. At that time, you can apply for access using our online key request system. MEng students can apply for MEng lounge (ED 485.2) access using the online key request system (the Waitlist Form is not required). The online key request system and further instructions are found within the “Engineering Safety Orientation” on UR Courses.

TRANSCRIPTS

Unofficial transcripts can be obtained through UR Self-Service.

Official transcripts can be obtained through the MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ network. Please check this [link](#) for more information.

CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT

A confirmation of enrolment letter can be obtained through the MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ network. Please check this [link](#) for more information.

TURNITIN

Turnitin is an originality checking and plagiarism prevention service that checks your writing for citation mistakes or inappropriate copying. When you submit your paper, Turnitin compares it to text in its massive database of student work, websites, books, articles, etc.

<https://apus.libanswers.com/writing/faq/2160>

If you would like to have access to this tool, please send an email to engg.grad@uregina.ca stating your name and student ID

GRAD ENGAGEMENT

New! Research Communications Digital Badge - The **Research Communications (Knowledge Mobilization)** digital badge recognizes demonstrated skill in communicating research clearly, ethically, and effectively to both specialist and non-specialist audiences. Earners of this badge have developed written, visual, and oral communication competencies

commonly required in (research-based) roles across academic, government, nonprofit, and industry settings. For all the details, visit [here](#).

3MT Competition - Want to showcase your research and maybe win some money? The U of R winner will receive a \$1,500 prize and progresses to the Western Regional Final. Early Registration - Register [here](#) to compete by **Jan 16**, plus compete in the first heat in February for a chance to win one of three \$100 gift cards. (Registration closes Feb 6.)

Not sure? Join us on Jan 16, 10-11:30am - **How to become a 3MT Champion Information Session**, ED114. Register [here](#).

Startup 101 Bootcamp - During Winter Term, GATE is hosting the **Startup 101 Bootcamp** - offering a unique opportunity for students, faculty and staff interested in commercialization or startups. Held in Winter Term, this interdisciplinary, multi-day program is designed to immerse participants in the Saskatchewan startup ecosystem, help refine their ideas, build connections, and gain essential business skills. Interested? [Apply here](#).

Not sure? Join the Jan. 5 **Information Session** to learn more about the Startup 101 Bootcamp coming next term. Register [here](#).

Upcoming January Workshops:

- Jan 8 - How to Apply to Graduate
- Jan 21 - Writing Your Presentation (aka Elevator Pitch) Workshop
- Jan 27 - Knowledge Mobilization Workshop
- Jan 28 - SK Lieutenant Governor Scholarships Session
- Jan 29 - Stage Presence Workshop
- Jan 30 - Managing Debt and Making Credit Work for You

- **Startup 101 Bootcamp Information Session**
 - Open to all students
 - January 5, 12:00-12:30pm
 - <https://www.uregina.ca/graduate-studies-research/events/2026/01/startup-info-3.html>
 - The Startup 101 Bootcamp, hosted by the GATE Centre, offers a unique opportunity for **ALL** University of Regina students, faculty and staff interested in creating their own business, startups, or commercialization. Come find out more about this interdisciplinary, multi-day program!
 - Register here: https://uregina.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7Vx8qwLk4FxN8Bo

- **Writing Your Presentation (aka Elevator Pitch) Workshop with GATE**
 - Grad students only
 - January 21, 12:00-1:30pm
 - <https://www.uregina.ca/graduate-studies-research/events/2026/01/workshop2.html>

- Join GATE to learn how to distill your research into a clear, engaging, and memorable message. This hands-on session will help you identify your key idea, structure your story for impact, and communicate complex concepts in simple, compelling language—perfect for 3MT participants or anyone wanting to sharpen their research pitch.
- **Startup 101 Bootcamp**
 - Open to all students
 - January 24, 9:00am-5:30pm
 - <https://www.uregina.ca/graduate-studies-research/events/2026/01/startup-day1.html>
 - The Startup 101 Bootcamp, hosted by the GATE Centre, offers a unique opportunity for ALL University of Regina students, faculty and staff interested in starting their own business, startups, or commercialization. This interdisciplinary, multi-day program is designed to immerse participants in the Saskatchewan startup ecosystem, help refine their ideas, build connections, and gain essential business skills.
 - Register here by January 12:
https://uregina.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3ISGBpGDse81tki
- **Careers Week with GATE**
 - Open to all students
 - January 27-30, 12:00-1:00pm
 - GATE is partnering with Centre for Experiential and Service Learning (CESL) to get you ready for the CESL Career Fair on Monday, February 2! Join us for a series of workshops designed to sharpen your skills and boost your confidence so you can put your best foot forward and make the most of every networking opportunity!
 - [Tuesday, January 27: Career Direction](#)
 - [Wednesday, January 28: Networking @ Career Fairs](#)
 - [Thursday, January 29: Resumes and Cover Letters](#)
 - [Friday, January 30: LinkedIn Power Hour with GATE](#)

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