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## Department of Systems Engineering (DSE) Prospective Faculty Brief



# Join Our World-Class Faculty!



**All Systems GO!**

"The United States Military is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer. Minorities and female officers, as well as graduates of institutions other than USMA, are needed and sought to ensure a balanced faculty composition."



**PURPOSE:** Provide prospective faculty with an overview of the Department of Systems Engineering, the application process, and career timeline implications.

- United States Military Academy & DSE Mission
- Department of Systems Engineering (DSE) Overview, Structure, and Course Offerings
- Academic Programs Overview
- Research Overview
- DSE Instructor Opportunities
- Application Requirements and Process
- Planning Timelines – Junior Military Faculty
- Questions & Points of Contact

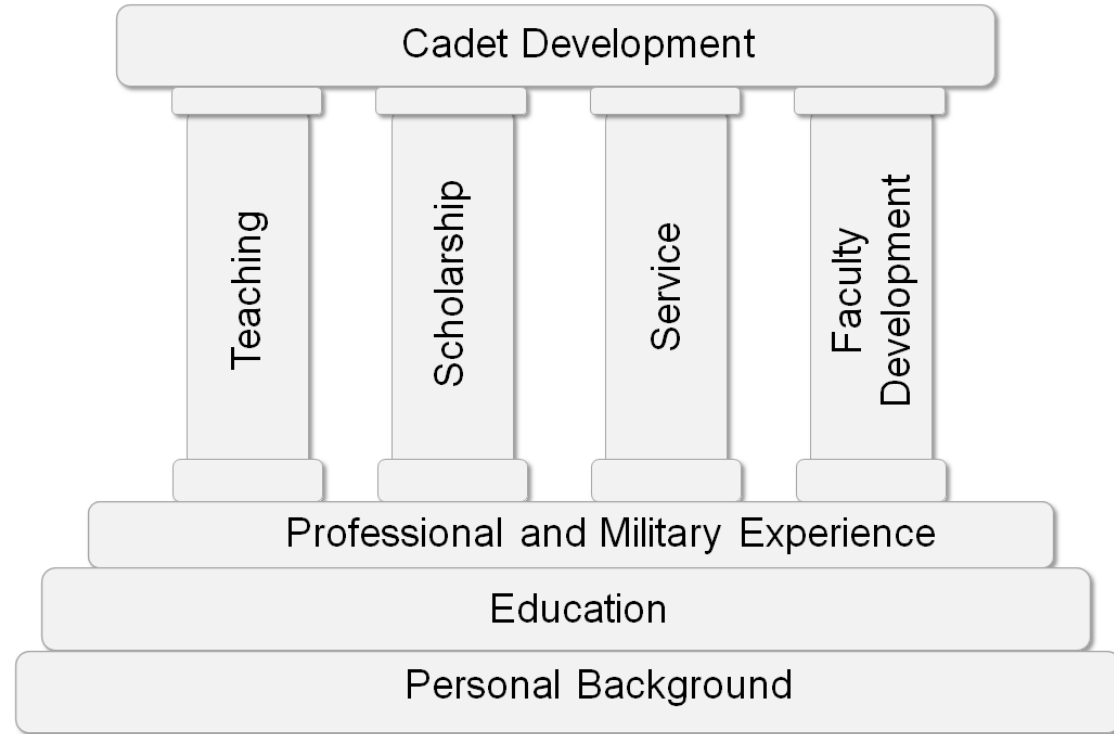


## USMA Mission

To **educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets** so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army.

## DSE Mission

The Department of Systems Engineering educates, develops, and inspires **leaders of character** who identify, formulate, and solve complex, engineering, and socio-technical problems for our Army and Nation. We use an interdisciplinary, integrative approach that applies systems thinking, engineering design, data analysis, mathematical modeling, simulation, decision science, and project management.



**Cadet Development is the fundamental objective of every DSE faculty member, regardless of position or academic rank.**

Depending on the faculty member's (1) position, (2) skillset, and (3) goals, emphasis on each domain can and should adjust.



**Department Head**

**COL Julia Coxen**



**Deputy Department Head**

**COL Matthew Dabkowski**



## Academic Programs

### Systems Engineering Program

**Director:**  
COL James Enos  
**Deputy:**  
Dr. Vikram Mittal

### Engineering Management Program

**Director:**  
COL Jim Schreiner  
**Deputy:**  
Dr. Kenny McDonald

### Systems & Decision Sciences Program

**Director:**  
LTC Steve Gillespie  
**Deputy:**  
Dr. Jon Mellon

## Research Centers

### Operations Research Center

**Director:**  
LTC(P) David Beskow  
**Associate Director:**  
Mrs. Hyeyon Bastian

### Systems Design & Analysis Center

**Director:**  
COL Brandon Thompson  
**Associate Director:**  
Dr. Isabella Sanders

## Staff

**Executive Officer**

**S1 - Personnel**

**S3 - Operations**

**S4 - Supply**

**Department Academic Counselors**

**Administrative Office**

**Information Technology**



## Academic Programs

### Systems Engineering Program

- **SE302:** Fundamentals of Systems Engineering
- **SE370:** Computer Aided Systems Engineering
- **SE375:** Statistics for Engineers
- **SE387:** Deterministic Models
- **SE388:** Stochastic Models
- **SE400:** Professional Engineering Seminar
- **SE485:** Combat Modeling
- **SE490:** Advanced Topics in SE/EM

### Engineering Management Program

- **EM381:** Engineering Economy
- **EM384:** Analytical Methods for Engineering Management
- **EM411:** Project Management
- **EM420:** Production Operations Management
- **EM481:** Systems Simulation
- **EM482:** Supply Chain Engineering and Information Management

### Systems & Decision Sciences Program

- **SE301:** Fundamentals of Engineering Design & Systems Management
- **SE385:** Decision Analysis
- **SE450:** Applied Systems Design and Decision Making
- **SM484:** System Dynamics Simulation

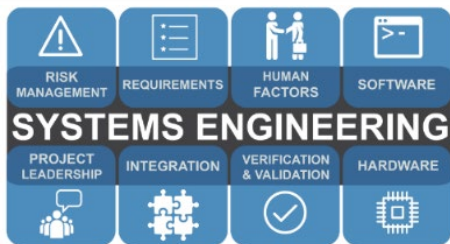
## Research Centers

### Operations Research Center

- Led by Academy Professor and Civilian Deputy
- Full-time analysts are typically selected from 2<sup>nd</sup>- or 3<sup>rd</sup>-year junior or senior rotating faculty members (branch immaterial)

### Systems Design & Analysis Center

- **SE402/403:** Systems Design & Management I / II
- **EM402/403:** Engineering Management Design I / II
- **SE489:** Advanced Individual Study in Systems Engineering/Eng. Management
- **SE491:** Research Project in Systems Engineering/Eng. Management



“**Systems Engineering** is an **interdisciplinary approach** and means to enable the realization of successful systems. It focuses on **defining the customer's [technical and business] needs** and . . . it **integrates [other engineering] disciplines** into a **team effort** forming a **structured development process** that proceeds from **concept to production to operation.**” (www.incose.org)

## The Systems Engineering Program:

Applies engineering principles to understand **real-world problems.**

Prepares cadets for the everyday challenges faced by **Army officers.**

Provides the foundation for a wide spectrum of **graduate degrees.**

The Systems Engineering Program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET.

<http://www.abet.org>

## Systems Engineering Major Summary

Students learn a wide variety of methods and tools used to model and analyze systems. These include:

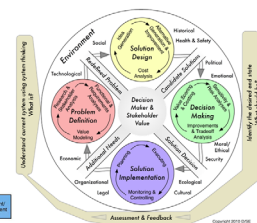
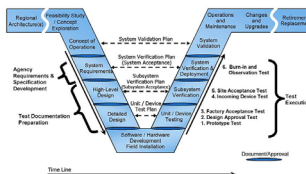
- ◆ **Simulation Modeling:** represents a system in a computer environment to gain insight.
- ◆ **Optimization Modeling:** searches for the best possible solution given a set of specified constraints.
- ◆ **Stochastic Modeling:** handles the uncertainty of information in order to inform the system outcome risks.
- ◆ **Project Management:** applies a structured process to plan, organize, lead, control resources, and execute tasks to achieve specified goals.
- ◆ **Decision Modeling:** builds a composite perspective of several stakeholders with multiple, competing objectives for complex, high-stakes decisions with uncertain information.
- ◆ **System Design:** develops solutions to complex problems from concept development and detailed design to system validation and implementation.

The major culminates with an integrative **Capstone** experience working for a real-world client developing a system solution to a complex problem.

West Point's Department of Systems Engineering educates cadets and develops faculty to lead teams that design and implement high value solutions to challenging problems in a dynamic, uncertain, and technologically complex world.



Systems Engineering majors acquire the skills to make tough decisions...



...and learn the process to build complex systems.

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<https://westpoint.edu/academics/academic-departments/systems-engineering>



**The Top-Rated Engineering Management Program (ASEM)**  
16 times over the last two decades,  
and Best Student Chapter in 2023

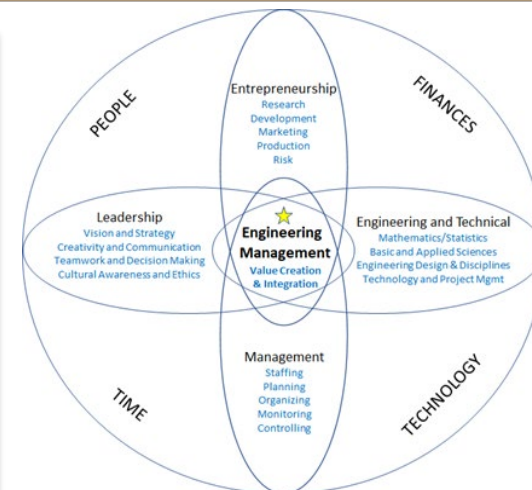
Accredited Engineering degree by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET,  
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## ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

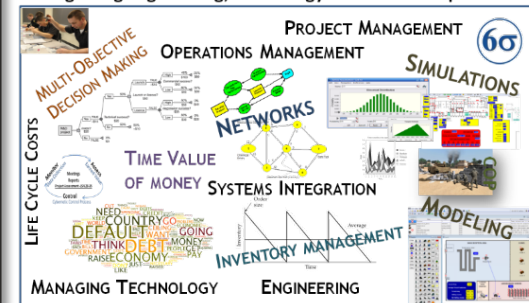
Engineering Managers effectively and efficiently align and integrate finances, technology, time, and people through the domain applications of **engineering, entrepreneurship, management, and leadership** in order to create and improve enterprise value.

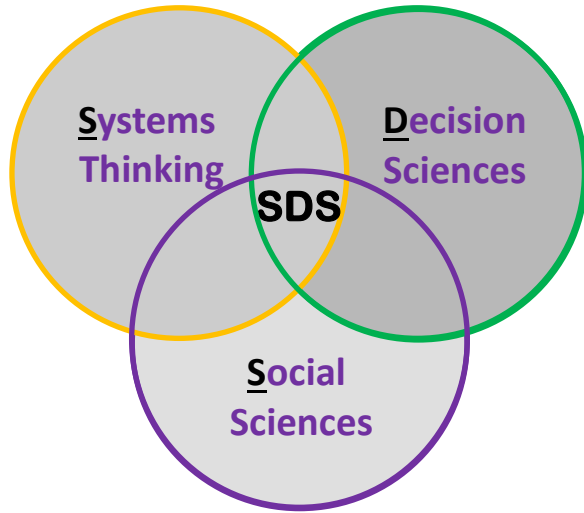
### Focal areas for the EM program:

- Agile Project Management and Operations Management
- Supply Chain Design and Cost Engineering – Engineering Economy
- Systems Design and Engineering
- Decision Analysis and Analytic Methods for Engineering Managers
- Systems Simulation Modeling
- Organizational Behavior, Business Process Improvement, Quality Management
- Engineering Ethics and Technical Organization Leadership
- Work toward your Lean Six Sigma Green Belt and Project Management Professional Certifications and Army Skill Identifiers



Integrating engineering, technology and business operations





SDS graduates build interdisciplinary skills rooted in **engineering, management, and social sciences.**

This major prepares SDS graduates for the following types of graduate programs:

- ❖ Business & Public Administration (MBA, MPA)
- ❖ Industrial and Systems Engineering
- ❖ Data and Decision Science

## Decision Making for Leaders in a Complex and Dynamic World

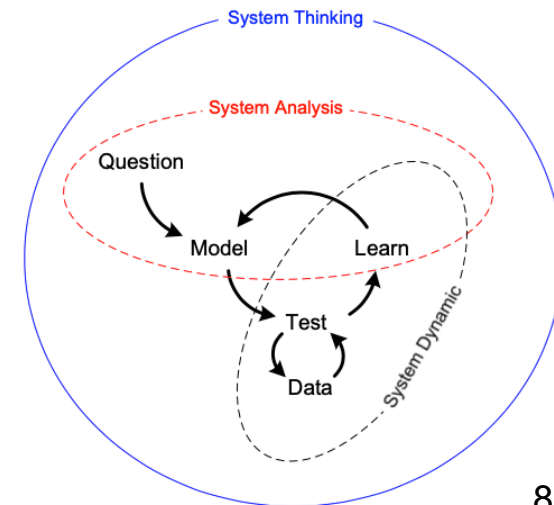
The Systems and Decision Sciences (SDS) major centers on **understanding, analyzing, and improving** complex systems.

The program combines elements of traditional **systems engineering & management** with **systems thinking & modeling, decision analysis**, and depth in a management, social science, or technical concentration area.

Cadets are afforded the **flexibility** to accommodate multiple interests including athletics, Corps leadership, study abroad, second majors. SDS graduates **balance** STEM and humanities / social science coursework.

SDS graduates are ready to **lead multidisciplinary** teams to address complex, ill-defined problems in a volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (**VUCA**) world.

## All Systems Go!





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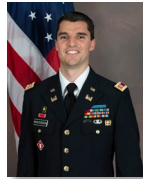
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## **ORCEN Mission**

*Since 1988 the USMA Operations Research Center has conducted reimbursable research for Army, Joint, and DoD organizations in order to leverage operations research talent at West Point to support defense analytic requirements.*

## **ORCEN Capabilities**

- Modeling and Simulation
- Decision Support
- Data Science
- Cost Modeling
- Network Analysis
- Optimization
- Production Management
- Requirements Engineering
- In-Person Data Bootcamps

*SIPR Connectivity with TS/SCI Access*

**Payne Award for Excellence in Analysis**  
2005 Base Realignment & Closure  
2007 Predicting Small Arms Effective Life

2009 Analysis of Individual and Unit Dwell  
2011 US Army Officer Flow Model  
2016 Residential Energy Analysis (2<sup>nd</sup> place)



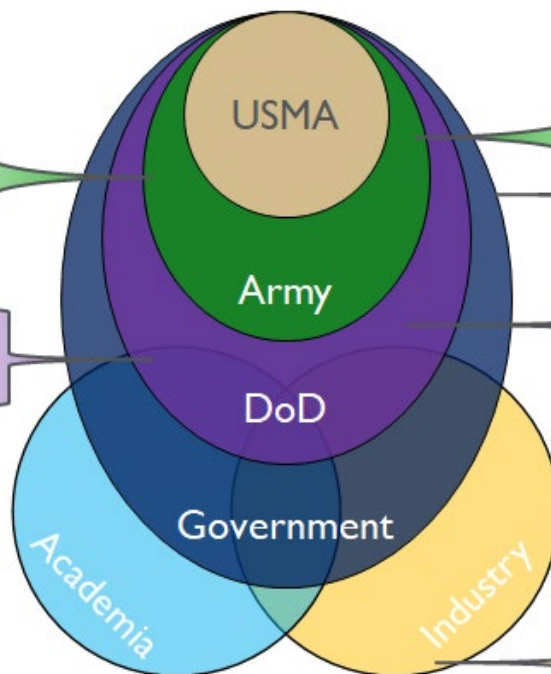
## People

### Modernization

JSOC Data Analysis  
FVL CFT MFOP  
NGCV Analysis  
ERDC Smart Base  
GVSC Engine Assessment  
TSOA System Assessment

### Readiness

ASA(ALT) Cost Analysis  
AC/RC Balance  
Full Mobilization Modeling



## People

AFRICOM Enlisted Development  
AR/VR Aviation Branch Selection  
SF Q-Course Modeling  
USMA Housing Inventory

Veteran's Affairs Analysis

### Readiness

APG Lean Six Sigma  
ASD Readiness Assessment  
Cyber and EM Simulation  
TYAD Lean Six Sigma

### Modernization

AFC Due Diligence Process  
Aircraft Survivability Equipment  
AR for Radio Frequency Visualization  
Autonomous Cyber Decision Support  
AvMC System Readiness  
MITRE – Fires Support Next  
LMCO – JADC2

### AY 22 Research:

- 6 Fully Funded ORCEN Projects
- 3 Funded Faculty Research Projects
- 28 Cadet Capstone Projects
- 11 Independent Research Projects



The DSE research program supports Army priorities through **engaged scholarship**;  
links theory and practices through **dedicated analytic capability** to solve complex problems;  
**enriches cadet education**, encourages innovation, **develops faculty**, and integrates emerging technology into curriculum.



## Junior Military Faculty (MS)

- Post-KD CPTs & MAJs
- All Commissioning Sources and Branches
- STEM Undergraduate (Typically)
- 2-years in MS program
- 36-month USMA utilization
- All ILE options available
- Positions: Instructor, Course Director, Capstone Advisor, ORCEN Analyst, Primary Staff, Club OIC, Team Officer Representative (OR)
- Possible academic promotion to Senior Instructor

## Senior Military Faculty (PhD)

- MAJs and LTCs
- All Commissioning Sources and Branches
- No prior USMA teaching experience required
- 3-years in PhD program
- 36-month USMA utilization (Senior Rotating Faculty)
- Possible 60-month USMA utilization (FA47)
- SSC opportunities
- Positions: Assistant Professor, Program Director, Capstone Advisor
- Possible academic promotion to Assistant or Associate Professor

## Direct Hire (MS or PhD)

- CPT-LTC
- All Commissioning Sources and Branches
- Already possesses MS and/or PhD
- Positions are need-based; apply anytime
- 24-36-month USMA utilization (timeline-dependent)

## Common MS, MBA, and PhD Programs





## TEACH Application Requirements

### 1. West Point TEACH Application Materials

- Basic Biographical Data
- Contact Information
- Assignment History
- Desired Position
- Timeline Considerations
- CFD Intentions (if applicable)
- Career Satisfaction Program Information (if applicable)
- Degrees Completed and Transcripts
- GRE/GMAT Scores and Report
- Publications (if applicable)
- Officer Evaluation Reports (OERs)
- Letters of Recommendation (LORs)
- Officer Record Brief (ORB)
- Special Considerations (MACP, EFMP, etc.)

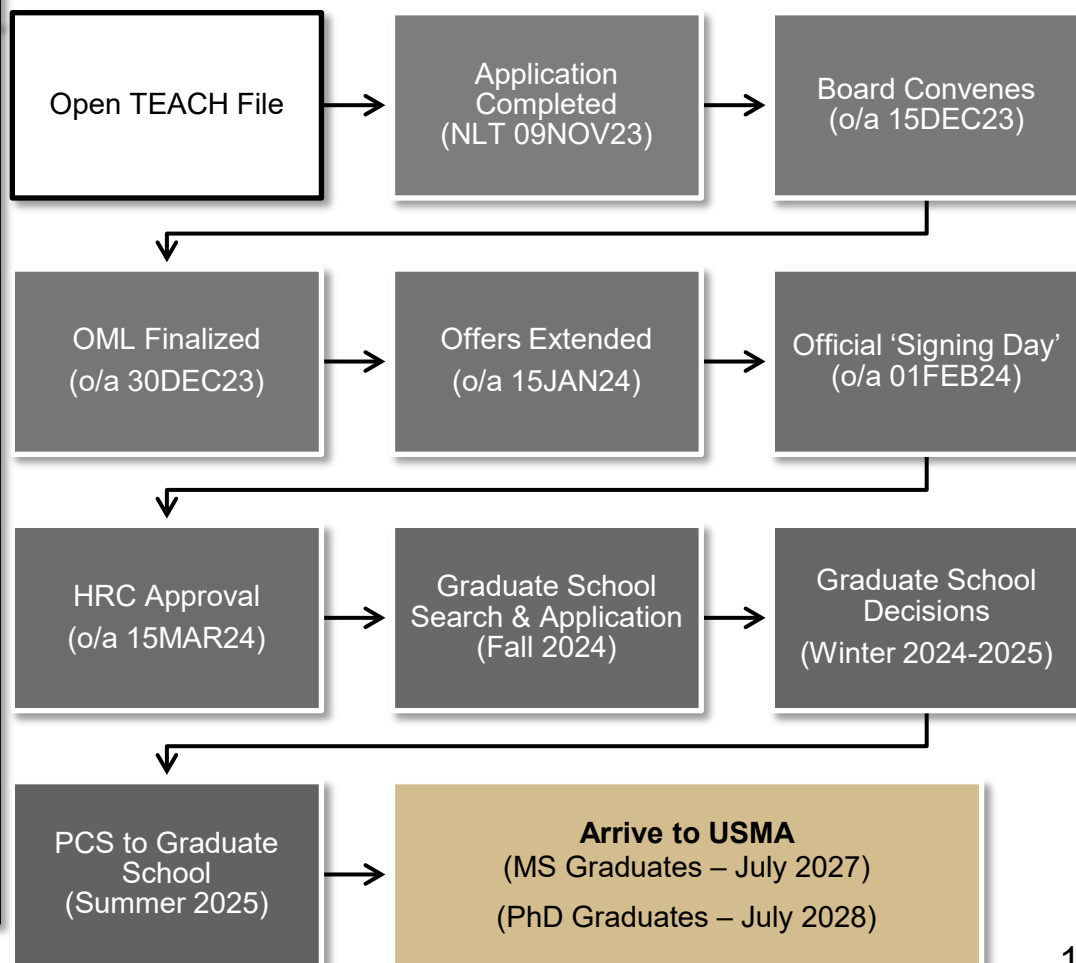
### 2. DSE-specific TEACH Application Materials

- Department Essay Questions (3x)
- CV or Resume (optional)
- APFT/ACFT Scores (optional)
- Desired Board Year

**TEACH Platform:** <https://teach.westpoint.edu/teach/login>

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## Application and Approval Process





## CY2023 Selection Board Target Year Groups: YG2017, 2018, and 2019

	YG2016	YG2017	YG2018	YG2019	YG2020
<b>PZ MAJ BOARD</b>	April '25	April '26	April '27	April '28	April '29
<b>6 YEAR PLAN* – USMA BNRs IN</b>	April '22	April '23	April '24	April '25	April '26
<b>NLT USMA TOUR COMPLETE (RES ILE)</b>	June '28	June '29	June '30	June '31	June '32
<b>NLT USMA TOUR COMPLETE (NON-RES ILE, PCS TO KD)</b>	June '29	June '30	June '31	June '32	June '33
This timeline provides each departing officer 30 months for their MAJ KD assignment before their LTC PZ Board					
<b>LTC PZ Board</b>	Jan '30	Jan '31	Jan '32	Jan '33	Jan '34

**\*NOTE:** Deviations are considered  
on a case-by-case basis



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