ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Admission Requirements

Applicants for the master of science program must hold a bachelor’s degree from a program that is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology at the time of graduation, or provide evidence of an equivalent academic background to the Dean of the College of Engineering and the appropriate department chair.

Applicants must submit official undergraduate transcripts, undergraduate grade point average, three letters of recommendation, and a statement of purpose. Personal statements or descriptions of post-baccalaureate experience that provide a rationale for proposed graduate study may also be submitted.

Official results of the analytical writing and quantitative portions of the GRE must be submitted. The GRE minimum requirements for admission into graduate programs in the College of Engineering for study in Electrical and Computer Engineering can be met by one of the three score combinations below:

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The GRE requirement may be waived for students holding degrees from ABET accredited programs (with department approval).

Applicants with a bachelor’s degree must have an overall grade-point average of 2.75 or better or 3.00 for the last two years (64 semester credits or equivalent).

Applicants whose native language is not English must have a TOEFL score of at least 79 on the internet-based TOEFL or an IELTS score of 6.5.

Applicants who do not satisfy the requirements for Full Admission may be granted Provisional Admission or Deferred Admission with departmental approval.

Degree Requirements

The University’s Academic Requirements (See Academic Requirements in this Graduate Bulletin), the following College of Engineering requirements and the department’s academic requirements must all be satisfied for the master of science degrees in the College of Engineering.

- Identify a three-member Advisory Committee including a major advisor before completion of 9 credit hours of coursework.
- Complete a formal Plan of Study that is acceptable to the Advisory Committee with a minimum of 24 credit hours of coursework of which no more than 6 credits are special topics courses. The formal Plan of Study may be revised upon approval of the Advisory Committee.
- Successfully (no “fail” votes) defend the thesis before the Advisory Committee, or have the Engineering Report approved by the Advisory Committee, or successfully complete the appropriate department’s nonthesis option requirements.

Areas of study for the master’s in Electrical Engineering cover a wide range of topics in both electrical and computer engineering, including power and renewable energy, control systems, electromagnetics, sensors and sensing systems, communications and signal processing, analog and digital electronics and devices, and networked embedded systems.

Thesis Option

- Electrical Engineering Courses - 15 credits
- Approved Mathematics - 3 credits
- Approved Electives - 6 credits
- Master’s Thesis - 6 credits

Total: 30 credits*

Nonthesis Option

- Electrical Engineering Courses - 18 credits
- Approved Mathematics - 6 credits
- Approved Electives - 9 credits

Total: 33 credits*

Electrical engineering students pursuing the nonthesis option must pass a graduate level oral comprehensive examination which may be taken after 24 credits have been completed.

* The required coursework must include at least 12 credits at or above the 600-level and may not include more than six credits of special topics or special problems courses. Coursework must follow a plan of study that is approved by the Advisory Committee before 12 credits are completed.