Computer Engineering, Minor

DEPARTMENT

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

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MS in Engineering - Electrical Engineering Option, M.S.
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Courses Offered

Electrical Engineering

The Electrical Engineering Program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

Electrical engineers design and develop electronic circuits, equipment and systems in the areas of electromagnetics (antennas; radar, radio, and television systems), communications (telephone systems, satellite communications; laser and optical fiber communications; aircraft and missile guidance systems), computers and digital systems (computers, microprocessors, and microcomputers; artificial intelligence), physical electronics and optics (transistors; integrated circuits; optical display devices; lasers; optical fibers), power systems and energy conversion (electric power generation; analysis and synthesis of power transmission and distribution protection systems design; on-line power control protection systems design), and control systems (computer control, robotics, automated manufacturing, intelligent sensors). Hands-on experiences are emphasized and gained through laboratory work and design projects.

Computer Engineering

The Computer Engineering Program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Computer engineering is a discipline which allows the student to obtain expertise in the design, programming, and applications of computers. It prepares the graduate for professional practice or graduate studies.

The program combines the following:

a. A strong emphasis on electrical engineering (primarily electronic circuits and systems)

b. A broad basis in mathematics, physical science, and general engineering

c. Fundamentals of computer science including programming methodology, software engineering, and operating systems

d. Introductory and advanced concepts in the design of computers and computer systems

A rich set of technical area courses is available to allow students to broaden their knowledge within any of several computer engineering areas.

Mission and Program Educational Objectives

The mission of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering is to fulfill the needs of the region and state by providing an undergraduate and graduate technical education in electrical engineering and computer engineering to a diverse group of students. Additionally, the department strives to continually update its rigorous programs of study in order to qualify its graduates for positions in industry located in the region and beyond while providing sufficient programmatic breadth and depth to assure a successful practice in the profession. Furthermore, students are grounded in the rigorous scientific and theoretical foundations of the discipline, in order not only to enable graduates to enter and be successful in any advanced level educational program of their choosing, but also to be able to build upon this strong foundation and extend it to new depths.

The Electrical Engineering Program and the Computer Engineering Program award degrees to students who within three to five years of graduation, through work experience and/or graduate education in the engineering field, will be expected to

1. have grown technically to the level sufficient to be productive in their respective industry workplaces.
2. be capable of addressing technical problems of increasing complexity.
3. communicate and function effectively in an interdisciplinary team environment at a level commensurate with their career development.
4. demonstrate an ability for independent learning and continued professional as well as ethical development.

The mission of the department complements and is enhanced by a graduate program leading to the M.S. in Engineering. For more information, see Master of Science in Engineering Program.

The faculty members possess depth and breadth in their specialty areas and are active in bringing these experiences and skills to the classroom. The identifiable strengths of the academic program are the laboratory and hands-on experience for students, the proper attention given to the scientific and mathematical foundation of electrical engineering and computer engineering, and the rigor of upper-division courses coupled with design and culminating senior projects. The technical and liberal arts components of the curriculum provide the students with the opportunity for gaining self-development, technical competence, and awareness of economic and ethical responsibilities. The technical curriculum includes (1) basic engineering science, (2) core electrical and computer engineering subjects, and (3) a junior-/senior-level choice for more depth in communications and analog systems, power systems and controls, or digital systems and computers.

The department requires mandatory advising to help students make sound academic decisions.

**Organizations**

Student chapters of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and Eta Kappa Nu (the national honor society for electrical engineers) are active in the department. The Lyles College of Engineering, in addition, has chapters of Tau Beta Pi, the Society of Women Engineers, the Society of Hispanic Engineers, and the National Society of Black Engineers.

**Co-op Program**

The department participates in the Valley Industry Partnership Program which allows students to integrate planned industrial experiences into their academic programs. Students interested in this program should contact the chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the college's co-op coordinator.

**Mandatory Advising**

Students must complete mandatory advising with a faculty member at least once during each academic year. Students who fail to do so by the established deadline (usually around the end of April) will be prevented from participating in the STAR registration process prior to the start of classes.

**REQUIREMENTS**

**Computer Engineering Minor Requirements**

The minor requires 21 units total, of which 9 units must be exclusive (not double counted for a major or another minor).

All students pursuing the minor must complete the following courses: ECE 71 or CSCI 40, ECE 72, 85, 85L, 90 or 91, 118, 106, 174 or 176.

If short in total or exclusive units, select from the following with the chair’s approval: ECE 90L, 115, 118L, 128, 128L, 174, 176, 178, CSCI 41 or ECE 81, CSCI 144, CSCI 150.

**Minor Advising Note**

1. All course prerequisites are enforced.
2. Courses in minor must be taken for a letter grade.
3. The Computer Engineering Minor requires 2.0 GPA and 9 upper-division units in residence.

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For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.
The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.