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Department Description

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering strives to provide the highest quality engineering education at the undergraduate and graduate levels, to engage in scholarly research at the forefront of electrical and computer engineering, and to serve the profession of electrical and computer engineering. The department has strong graduate and research programs providing a high quality and broad-based education that prepares graduates for successful professional careers and a lifetime of learning.

Electrical and Computer Engineering graduate studies encompass four broad areas:

1. systems
2. signal and image processing
3. physical electronics
4. computer engineering

Special Facilities

The research laboratories and institutes directly associated with the department include the Advanced Signal Processing in Engineering and Neuroscience Lab (ASPIN), the Applied Plasma Technology Laboratory (APTL), the Plasma Engineering & Medicine Institute (PEMI), the Cybersecurity, Communications & Networking Innovation (CCNI) Laboratory, the Medical Imaging, Diagnosis & Analysis (MIDA) Laboratory, the Systems Research Laboratory, the Virginia Institute for Photovoltaics (VIPV), the Vision Lab, and the Virginia Institute for Vision Analysis (VIVA). In addition, the department has strong ties to the Applied Research Center at the Jefferson National Laboratory and to the Frank Reidy Research Center for Bioelectronics. These research facilities position the department for national leadership in several areas and as a leading institution of research and higher education in the southeastern United States.

List of Degrees

The department offers the following graduate degrees:

- Master of Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering (Traditional and Online Formats)
- Master of Science, Engineering - Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Doctor of Philosophy, Engineering - Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Doctor of Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Master of Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Requirements

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering offers two master's graduate degree programs: Master of Engineering (M.E.) and Master of Science (M.S.). Both Master degrees require a minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate study. For the M.E. degree the credit hours are obtained through graduate coursework, while for the M.S. degree the credit hours are obtained through a combination of graduate coursework and thesis research. Full-time and part-time students may complete coursework through a combination of on-campus and distance learning courses. The distance learning courses are available synchronously at the higher education centers and can be broadcast to any computer with a high speed Internet connection. These distance learning courses can also accommodate asynchronous students. Full details on all requirements for graduating with a Master’s degree are outlined in a separate section that follows the admission information.

Admission Information

Applicants are expected to hold a B.S. degree in electrical engineering (EE) or computer engineering (CpE) from an accredited institution. Applicants are also expected to have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in both the baccalaureate major area (EE or CpE) and overall. Applicants with a GPA below a 3.0 may be considered for provisional admission, which may require additional prerequisite courses in addition to the graduate degree requirements. The applications are submitted through the Office of Admissions of Old Dominion University. Together with the completed application form, two letters of recommendation from former instructors or employment supervisors, transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, GRE scores, a resume, and a personal statement of objectives are required. Applicants to the M.S. degree should express their interest in research and desire to complete a research-based M.S. thesis in their personal statement. TOEFL scores are also required for international applicants. Applicants with academic degrees in areas other than electrical and computer engineering will be considered. Those with degrees in math, physics, computer science, or other engineering fields are encouraged to apply. The linked Bachelor's/Master's degree program in the Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology at Old Dominion University is designed to provide an opportunity for exceptionally qualified engineering undergraduate students to obtain both a bachelor's and a master's degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Typically, undergraduate students will apply at the end of their junior year for admission to the linked programs. Accepted students from disciplines other than EE or CpE are required to complete a number of leveling courses to meet prerequisites for graduate studies. All students are required to have one year of college chemistry and one year of calculus-based college physics in addition to Calculus III and Differential Equations courses. Students at Old Dominion University may complete the leveling requirement by earning a minor in electrical or computer engineering with a GPA of 3.0 or greater. Students that have not earned a minor need to meet with the graduate program director to prepare a course plan and determine which pre-requisite courses are needed. In general, three to four leveling courses are needed and they are chosen from the following lists.

List of Possible Courses to Meet the Leveling Requirement

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Students interested in taking computer engineering graduate courses may need to take additional leveling computer science courses as indicated below.
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Degree Requirements

Both M.S. and M.E. degrees require a minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate study.

The M.S. degree requires a minimum of 24 credit hours of courses (not including the Graduate Seminar), at least 1 credit hour of Graduate Seminar (ECE 731), and 6 credit hours of thesis along with the oral thesis defense examination. Continuation in the MS program is contingent upon identifying a MS thesis advisor after completing 18 credit hours of coursework (which coincides approximately with the end of the second semester of study for full-time students). Students who have difficulty identifying a M.S. thesis advisor have the option to transfer to the M.E. degree and obtain the Master’s degree by completing the M.E. degree requirements.

The M.E. degree project option requires a minimum of 27 credit hours of courses (not including the Graduate Seminar) and 3 credit hours of Master’s project course (ECE 698) that includes an oral defense examination.

The M.E. degree course option requires a minimum of 30 credit hours of courses (not including the Graduate Seminar) and a written comprehensive examination at the end of the course work. The examination is offered every fall and spring semesters, and the student needs to pass the examination in no more than two attempts. The second attempt, if necessary, should be taken at the next offered examination.

These degree programs are available to full-time and part-time students seeking to improve their professional skills in electrical and computer engineering. Students are required to complete at least one course that meets the department’s mathematics requirement. The current list of courses that meet this requirement is given next.

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The remaining courses are chosen to meet the student’s career objectives. To earn a Master's degree (both M.S. and M.E.), a student needs to take at least five courses at the 600 or higher level, and no more than three courses at the 500 level. Also, no more than three graduate courses can be taken in other departments. All course selections must be reviewed by the graduate program director, and for M.S. students course selection should be made in coordination with the students' research/thesis adviser. The graduate course descriptions are included in the graduate catalog and are also listed on the department's website. Additional graduate courses are offered through the Commonwealth Graduate Engineering Program and the Virginia Consortium for Engineering and Science. All funded Master's students are required to attend Graduate Seminar (ECE 731).

Doctor of Philosophy, Engineering

Degree Description

The Department offers a strong doctoral program leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Engineering degree. The Ph.D. degree is awarded to candidates who have displayed an in-depth understanding of the subject matter and demonstrated the ability to make an original contribution to knowledge in their chosen field of specialty. A very important component of the Ph.D. degree is the original research pursued by the student which culminates in a written dissertation, as well as an oral defense of this work. Ph.D. students usually publish the result of their research in highly reputable nationally and internationally refereed journals. In addition, the students are expected to present their work at national and international conferences.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to a doctoral degree in electrical and computer engineering are expected to have completed a master's degree in electrical engineering and/or computer engineering or a closely related technical field with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in graduate course work. The applications are submitted through the Office of Admissions of Old Dominion University. Together with the completed application form, three letters of recommendation, transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, GRE scores, a resume, and a personal statement of objectives are required. TOEFL scores are required for international applicants. At least two of the recommendation letters should be submitted by faculty or work supervisor familiar with the applicant's graduate work. The Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology at Old Dominion University has the Direct Bachelor-to-Ph.D. and Integrated Bachelor/Ph.D. programs that allow exceptionally well-qualified undergraduate students to apply for admission directly to a Ph.D. program. The programs are described in the college section of the catalog.

Degree Requirements

The Ph.D. degree requires:

- 24 credit hours of graduate-level courses beyond the master's degree (not including Graduate Seminar),
- 24 research credit hours,
- successful completion of a written diagnostic examination,
- successful completion of written and oral candidacy examinations,
- successful completion of a dissertation research proposal, and
- successful completion and public defense of a dissertation.

The eight graduate-level courses are chosen together with the research adviser, and approved by the graduate program director. At least 1 credit hour of Graduate Seminar (ECE 831) is required too. It is required that at least five of the courses be at the 800 level (not including ECE 831), and no more than three graduate courses can be taken in other departments. Additional course work or appropriate research background may be required to meet prerequisites for courses or in preparation for the diagnostic examination. All funded students are required to enroll in ECE 831. The graduate course descriptions are included in the catalog and are also listed on the department's website. Additional graduate courses are offered through the Commonwealth Graduate Engineering Program and the Virginia Consortium for Engineering and Science. All funded Ph.D. students are required to attend Graduate Seminar (ECE 831).

All Ph.D. students are required to take the department’s Ph.D. Diagnostic Examination for the first time before the end of their second semester in the Ph.D. program. The examination is offered every fall and spring semesters, and the student needs to pass the examination in no more than two attempts. The second attempt, if necessary, should be taken at the next offered examination. The topics for the examination and samples of previous examinations are posted in the department's website. The examination rules are given on the first page of each examination.

It is required that the written and oral candidacy examinations be taken in the semester when a student is completing the graduate course work or during the following semester. Once a student has completed the course work, passed the candidacy examinations, and has gained approval for the research proposal, the student advances to candidacy. It is a university requirement that students who have advanced to candidacy be enrolled for at least one credit hour every fall, spring, and summer until graduation.

Doctor of Engineering

The Department offers a Doctor of Engineering (D.Eng.) degree with concentration in Electrical and Computer Engineering in accordance with the D.Eng. program criteria and requirements specified for the Batten College of Engineering and Technology in this catalog.
ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING Courses

ECE 503. Power Electronics. 3 Credits.
Power electronics provides the needed interface between an electrical source and an electrical load and facilitates the transfer of power from a source to a load by converting voltages and currents from one form to another. Topics include: alternating voltage rectification, Pulse Width Modulation (PWM), DC converters (Buck, Boost, Buck-Boost, Cuk and SEPIC converters), negative feedback control in power electronics, isolated switching mode power supply, flyback and forward power supply, solid state power switches, AC inverter. (offered fall) Prerequisites: MATH 307 and ECE 303.

ECE 504. Electric Drives. 3 Credits.
Electric drives efficiently control the torque, speed and position of electric motors. This course has a multi-disciplinary nature and includes fields such as electric machine theory, power electronics, and control theory. Topics include: switch-mode power electronics, magnetic circuit, DC motor, AC motor, Brushless DC motor, induction motor, speed control of induction motor, vector control of induction motor, stepper-motor. (offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 201 and ECE 303.

ECE 506. Introduction to Visualization. 3 Credits.
The course provides a practical treatment of computer graphics and visualization with emphasis on the usage of industry standard application programming interface (API) libraries for modeling and simulation applications. It introduces covers computer graphics fundamentals, including mathematical foundations, rendering pipeline, geometrical transformations, 3D viewing visualization principles, and projections, lighting software architecture for visualization in modeling and shading, texture mapping, etc. simulation. It teaches OpenGl programming for developing interactive visualization for modeling and simulation applications. Unity game engine is utilized to illustrate advanced concepts and techniques. Interactive visualization software architecture for modeling and simulation and visualization principles based on perception is covered in depth with case studies. (cross listed with MSIM 541) Prerequisites: a grade of C or better in CS 250.

ECE 507. Introduction to Game Development. 3 Credits.
An exciting introductory course focused on game development theory and modern practices using Unity game engine with emphasis on educational game development. Topics covered in this course include game architecture, 3D computer graphics theory, content generation, user interaction, graphical user interface, audio, game physics, high level shading language, animation, physics, C# language scripting, physics, and artificial intelligence. Students will develop games related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. The developed games can run on a variety of platforms, including personal computers, smart phones, computer, mobile, and game consoles. (cross listed with MSIM 408/MSIM 508) Prerequisites: CS 361 or equivalent.

ECE 510. Model Engineering. 3 Credits.
The goal of this course is to develop understanding of the various modeling paradigms appropriate for capturing system behavior and conducting digital computer simulation of many types of systems. The techniques and concepts discussed typically include UML, concept graphs, Bayesian nets, Markov models, Petri nets, system dynamics, Bond graphs, etc. Students will report on a particular technique and team to implement a chosen system model. (cross-listed with MSIM 510) Prerequisites: MSIM 205 or equivalent. Pre- or corequisite: MSIM 320 or equivalent.

ECE 511. Networked System Security. 3 Credits.
Course presents an overview of theory, techniques and protocols that are used to ensure that networks are able to defend themselves and the end-systems that use networks for data and information communication. Course will also discuss industry-standard network security protocols at application, socket, transport, network, VPN, and link layers, popular network security tools, security, performance modeling and quantification and network penetration testing. Discussion will be based on development of system level models and simulations of networked systems. (Cross-listed with ENMA 511/MSIM 511).

ECE 516. Cyber Defense Fundamentals. 3 Credits.
The objective of this course is to give an introduction of cyber hacking techniques and defense mechanisms to detect and thwart cybercrime. Cyber attacks aim at compromising cyber systems to disclose information, alter data or operation, cause denial of service, etc. The course first reviews the attacks to wireless networks, such as WiFi and MANET, and the defense strategies and technologies. Next, it reviews the attacks to general wired networks and information systems, and introduces the corresponding defense mechanisms. Last, it discusses cyber defense security policies and architectures. Cross-listed with ENMA 516/MSIM 516. Prerequisites: ECE 355 or graduate standing.

ECE 517. Secure and Trusted Operating Systems. 3 Credits.
Course will review typical operating systems developing system models and identifying potential vulnerabilities. Course will discuss policies and their implementation required to fix such vulnerabilities to arrive at a secure and Trusted Computing Base. Course examines the security architecture Security Enhanced Linux (SELinux) Windows and Android OS. (Cross-listed with ECE 517 and ENMA 517).

ECE 519. Cyber Physical System Security. 3 Credits.
Cyber Physical Systems (CPSs) integrate computing, networking, and physical processes. CPSs are known for their ability to: a) monitor the physical environment; b) use the monitored data in detecting the state of the physical environment; c) control the physical environment; and d) use cyber communications to perform its monitoring, detection, and control operations. One of the biggest challenges to these systems is the security of its cyber space. This course will cover topics in CPS applications, design issues, and security. Cross-listed with ENMA 519/MSIM 519. Prerequisites: ECE 241 and ECE 287 or graduate standing.

ECE 541. Advanced Digital Design and Field Programmable Gate Arrays. 3 Credits.
Course will provide a description of FPGA technologies and the methods using CAD design tools for implementation of digital systems using FPGAs. It provides advanced methods of digital circuit design, specification, synthesis, implementation and prototyping. It introduces practical system design examples. (Offered spring) Prerequisites: ECE 341.

ECE 543. Computer Architecture. 3 Credits.
An introduction to computer architectures. Analysis and design of computer subsystems including central processing units, memories and input/output subsystems. Important concepts include datapaths, computer arithmetic, instruction cycles, pipelining, virtual and cache memories, direct memory access and controller design. (offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 341 and ECE 346.

ECE 551. Communication Systems. 3 Credits.
Fundamentals of communication systems engineering. Modulation methods including continuous waveform modulation (amplitude, angle). Design of modulation systems and the performance in the presence of noise. Communication simulation exercises through computer experiments. Prerequisites: ECE 304 and ECE 302.

ECE 552. Introduction to Wireless Communication Networks. 3 Credits.

ECE 554. Introduction to Bioelectrics. 3 Credits.
Covers the electrical properties of cells and tissues as well as the use of electrical and magnetic signals and stimuli in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. Typical topics to be covered include basic cell physiology, endogenous electric fields in the body, electrocardiography, cardiac pacing, defibrillation, electrotherapy, electroporation, electrotherapy in wound healing. In addition, ultrashort electrical pulses for intracellular manipulation and the application of plasmas to biological systems will be covered. Prerequisites: PHYS 111N or higher; MATH 200 or higher.
ECE 555. Network Engineering and Design. 3 Credits.
Prerequisites: ECE 355 or permission of the instructor. Emphasis is on gaining an understanding of networking design principles that entails all aspects of the network development life cycle. Topics include campus LAN models and design, VLANs, internetworking principles and design, WAN design, design of hybrid IP networks, differentiated vs. integrated services, traffic flow measurement and management. (offered spring).

ECE 558. Instrumentation. 3 Credits.
Computer interfacing using a graphical programming language with applications involving digital-to-analog conversion (DAC), analog-to-digital conversion (ADC), digital input output (DIO), serial ports, and the general-purpose instrument bus (GPIB). Analysis of sampled data involving use of probability density function, mean and standard deviations, correlations, and the power spectrum. Students are required to do a semester-long project on LabVIEW implementation. (offered spring, summer) Prerequisites: PHYS 102N, PHYS 112N or PHYS 232N and ECE 302.

ECE 561. Automatic Control Systems. 3 Credits.

ECE 562. Introduction to Medical Image Analysis (MIA). 3 Credits.
Introduction to basic concepts in medical image analysis. Medical image registration, segmentation, feature extraction, and classification are discussed. Basic psychophysics, fundamental ROC analysis and FROC methodologies are covered. Prerequisites: a grade of C or better in MATH 212.

ECE 564. Biomedical Applications of Low Temperature Plasmas. 3 Credits.
This course is cross listed between ECE and Biology. It is designed to be taken by senior undergraduate students and first year graduate students. The course contents are multidisciplinary, combining materials from engineering and the biological sciences. The course covers an introduction to the fundamentals of non-equilibrium plasmas, low temperature plasma sources, and cell biology. This is followed by a detailed discussion of the interaction of low temperature plasma with biological cells, both prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Potential applications in medicine such as wound healing, blood coagulation, sterilization, and the killing of various types of cancer cells will be covered. Prerequisites: Senior standing.

ECE 570. Foundations of Cyber Security. 3 Credits.
Course provides an overview of theory, tools and practice of cyber security and information assurance through prevention, detection and modeling of cyber attacks and recovery from such attacks. Techniques for security modeling, attack modeling, risk analysis and cost-benefit analysis are described to manage the security of cyber systems. Fundamental principles of cyber security and their applications for protecting software and information assets of individual computers and large networked systems are explored. Anatomy of some sample attacks designed to compromise confidentiality, integrity and availability of cyber systems are discussed. Cross-listed with ENMA 570 and MSIM 570). Pre- or corequisite: MSIM 510 or permission of the instructor.

ECE 571. Introduction to Solar Cells. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to provide the fundamental physics and characteristics of photovoltaic materials and devices. A focus is placed on i) optical interaction, absorption, and design for photovoltaic materials and systems, ii) subsequent energy conversion processes in inorganic/organic semiconductor such as generation, recombination, and charge transport, and iii) photovoltaic testing and measurement techniques to characterize solar cells including contact and series resistance, open circuit voltage, short circuit current density, fill factor, and energy conversion efficiency of photovoltaic devices. (Offered fall, spring) Prerequisites: ECE 332.

ECE 572. Plasma Processing at the Nanoscale. 3 Credits.
The science and design of partially ionized plasma and plasma processing devices used in applications such as etching and deposition at the nanoscale. Gas phase collisions, transport parameters, DC and RF glow discharges, the plasma sheath, sputtering, etching, and plasma deposition. Prerequisites: ECE 323.

ECE 573. Solid State Electronics. 3 Credits.
The objective of this course is to understand basic semiconductor devices by understanding semiconductor physics (energy bands, carrier statistics, recombination and carrier drift and diffusion) and to gain an advanced understanding of the physics and fundamental operation of advanced semiconductor devices. Following the initial introductory chapters on semiconductor physics, this course will focus on p-n junctions, metal-semiconductor devices, MOS capacitors, MOS field effect transistors (MOSFET) and bipolar junction transistors. Prerequisites: ECE 313, ECE 323 and ECE 332.

ECE 574. Optical Fiber Communications. 3 Credits.
This course introduces seniors and first year graduates to the physics and design of optical fiber communication systems. The topics covered are: electromagnetic waves; optical sources including laser diodes; optical amplifiers; modulators; optical fibers; attenuation and dispersion in optical fibers; photodetectors; optical receivers; noise considerations in optical receivers; optical communication systems. Prerequisites: ECE 323 and MATH 312 or MATH 285.

ECE 578. Introduction to Lasers and Laser Applications. 3 Credits.
This course is an introduction and review of electromagnetic theory. The topics covered are: atomic physics and interactions of radiation with matter; two- and three-level systems, and rate equations; gain; single- vs. multimode; homogeneous and inhomogeneous broadening; Q-switching and mode-locking; semiconductor lasers; vertical cavity surface emitting lasers (VCSELs); Raman spectroscopy, remote sensing and ranging; holography; and laser ablation. Prerequisites: ECE 323 and MATH 285 or MATH 312.

ECE 583. Embedded Systems. 3 Credits.
This course covers fundamentals of embedded systems: basic architecture, programming, and design. Topics include processors and hardware for embedded systems, embedded programming and real time operating systems. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 346.

ECE 595. Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering. 1-3 Credits.
Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering Prerequisites: departmental approval.

ECE 596. Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering. 1-3 Credits.
Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering Prerequisites: departmental approval.

ECE 601. Linear Systems. 3 Credits.
A comprehensive introduction to the analysis of linear dynamical systems from an input-output and state space point of view. Concepts from linear algebra, numerical linear algebra and linear operator theory are used throughout. Some elements of state feedback design and state estimation are also covered. Prerequisites: MATH 307.

ECE 607. Machine Learning I. 3 Credits.
Course provides a practical treatment of design, analysis, implementation and applications of algorithms. Topics include multiple machine learning models: linear models, neural networks, support vector machines, instance-based learning, Bayesian learning, genetic algorithms, ensemble learning, reinforcement learning, unsupervised learning, etc. Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

ECE 611. Numerical Methods in Engineering Analysis. 3 Credits.
Course intended to provide graduate students in Electrical and Computer Engineering with a basic knowledge of numerical methods applied to engineering problem-solving process. The course includes the following topics: Introduction to computing (Matlab), Truncation errors and Taylor series, Numerical integration, Solution of non-linear equations, Least-Square regression, Interpolations, Ordinary and partial differential equations, and Finite difference methods. Applications to the area of electrical engineering. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or advisor's permission (for BS/MS students).
ECE 612. Digital Signal Processing I. 3 Credits.
This course will present the fundamentals of digital signal processing. Topics will include frequency domain analysis of discrete-time linear systems, sampling and reconstruction of signals, the Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) and Fast Fourier Transform (FFT), and digital filter design and implementations. Practical applications and examples will be discussed. Problem solving using MATLAB is required. Prerequisites: ECE 381 or equivalent.

ECE 623. Electromagnetism. 3 Credits.
Review of electrostatic and magnetostatic concepts, time varying field, Maxwell’s equations, plane wave propagation in various media, transmission lines, optical wave guides, resonant cavities, simple radiation systems, and their engineering applications. Prerequisites: ECE 323 or equivalent.

ECE 642. Computer Networking. 3 Credits.
The course is based on the ISO (International Standard Organization) OSI (Open Systems Interconnection) reference model for computer networks. A focus is placed on the analysis of protocols at different layers, network architectures, and networking systems performance analysis. Current topic areas include LANs, MANs, TCP/IP networks, mobile communications, and ATM. Prerequisites: ECE 455 or ECE 555 or permission of the instructor.

ECE 643. Computer Architecture Design. 3 Credits.
Digital computer design principles. The course focuses on design of state-of-the-art computing systems. An emphasis is placed on superscalar architectures focusing on the pipelining and out-of-order instruction execution operations. Prerequisites: ECE 443 or ECE 543.

ECE 648. Advanced Digital Design. 3 Credits.
This course introduces methods for using high level hardware description language such as VHDL and/or Verilog for the design of digital architecture. Topics include top-down design approaches, virtual prototyping, design abstractions, hardware modeling techniques, algorithmic and register level design, synthesis methods, and application decomposition issues. Final design project is required. Prerequisites: ECE 341.

ECE 651. Statistical Analysis and Simulation. 3 Credits.
An introduction to probabilistic and statistical techniques for analysis of signals and systems. This includes a review of probability spaces, random variables, and random processes. Analysis and simulation of systems with random parameters and stochastic inputs are considered. Prerequisites: MATH 312 and one undergraduate course in probability or statistics or permission of instructor.

ECE 652. Wireless Communications Networks. 3 Credits.
Prerequisites: ECE 451 or ECE 551 or permission of instructor. Fundamental concepts in wireless communication systems and networks: radio waveform propagation modeling (free-space, reflections and multipath, fading, diffraction and Doppler effects); physical and statistical models for wireless channels; modulation schemes for wireless communications and bandwidth considerations; diversity techniques; MIMO systems and space-time coding; multiuser systems and multiple access techniques (TDMA, FDMA, CDMA); spread spectrum and multiuser detection; introduction to wireless networking and wireless standards; current and emerging wireless technologies.

ECE 667. Cooperative Education. 1-3 Credits.
Student participation for credit based on academic relevance of the work experience, criteria, and evaluative procedures as formally determined by the department and the Cooperative Education/Career Development Services program prior to the semester in which the work experience is to take place.

ECE 668. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
Academic requirements will be established by the department and will vary with the amount of credit desired. Allows students an opportunity to gain short duration career related experience. Meant to be used for one-time experience. Work may or may not be paid. Project is completed during the term. Prerequisites: approval by department and Career Development Services.

ECE 669. Practicum. 1-3 Credits.
Academic requirements will be established by the department and will vary with the amount of credit desired. Allows students an opportunity to gain short duration career related experience. Student is usually already employed - this is an additional project in the organization. Prerequisites: approval by department and Career Development Services.

ECE 695. Topics in Electrical or Computer Engineering. 3 Credits.
This course will be offered as needed, depending upon the need to introduce special subjects to target specific areas of master’s-level specializations in electrical or computer engineering.

ECE 698. Master’s Project. 1-3 Credits.
Individual project directed by the student’s professor in major area of study.

ECE 699. Thesis. 1-9 Credits.
Prerequisites: departmental approval. Directed research for the master’s thesis.

ECE 731. Graduate Seminar. 1 Credit.
Graduate seminar presentations concerning technical topics of current interest given by faculty and invited speakers. Prerequisites: graduate standing.

ECE 742. Computer Communication Networks. 3 Credits.
This is an advanced level course in data communications. A focus is placed on the analysis, modeling, and control of computer communication systems. Topics include packet switched networks, circuit switched networks, ATM networks, network programming, network control and performance analysis, network security, and wireless sensor networks. Prerequisites: ECE 642 or permission of instructor.

ECE 751. Computational and Statistical Methods in Biomedical Engineering. 3 Credits.
This course covers the theoretical foundation and application of commonly used techniques in biomedical engineering. Topics include linear algebra, partial differential equations, regression analysis, applied probabilities, multivariate distributions, Bayesian statistics, hypothesis tests, multiple comparisons, ANOVA, solution of non-linear equations, numerical methods and optimization. Programming software will be used to perform simulations and analyze biomedical data.

ECE 762. Digital Control Systems. 3 Credits.
Mathematical representation, analysis, and design of discrete-time and sampled-data control systems. Topics include transfer function and state space representations, stability, the root locus method, frequency response methods, and state feedback. Prerequisites: ECE 381, ECE 461 or ECE 561, and ECE 601 or permission of instructor.

ECE 763. Multivariable Control Systems. 3 Credits.
A comprehensive introduction to techniques applicable in control of complex systems with multiple inputs and outputs. Both the frequency domain and state variable approaches are utilized. Special topics include robust and optimal control. Prerequisites: ECE 461 or ECE 561 and ECE 601 or permission of instructor.

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