Electrical and Computer Engineering

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering offers a Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering (MSECE) degree and a PhD in Computer Engineering shared with the University of Alabama at Huntsville (UAH) Electrical and Computer Engineering Department.

Courses

EE 512. Practical Computer Vision. 3 Hours.
This course covers the fundamentals and application of image analysis. Topics include: image pre-processing, detection, segmentation, classification and recognition, visual tracking, and deep learning.

EE 518. Wireless Communications. 3 Hours.
This course covers the principles and current applications of wireless technology. Topics include propagation models, modulation, multiple access, and channel and signal coding. Applications of wireless for cellular and Internet of Things (IoT) will also be covered.

EE 521. Communication Systems. 3 Hours.
This course covers the mathematics of modulation and demodulation of radio signals to transmit and receive information. It focuses on various forms of amplitude modulation (AM), phase and frequency modulation (FM). This course builds on the mathematics from signals and systems course to study how to represent and manipulate these signals in both time and frequency domain. It also studies the effects of sampling, and how these systems operate in the presence of noise.

EE 523. Digital Signal Processing. 3 Hours.
This course covers the theory and practice of using computers to process and analyze signals. The topics include: digital filter analysis and design; Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) algorithms; applications of digital signal processing in engineering problems such as data acquisition and control.

EE 526. Control Systems. 3 Hours.
This course covers modeling and control of mechanisms or circuits to satisfy stability and performance criteria. Topics include: theory of linear feedback control systems using complex frequency techniques, block diagram manipulation, performance measures, stability, analysis and design using root locus, and Z-transform methods.

EE 527. Industrial Control. 3 Hours.
This course covers power control devices and applications, relay logic and translation to other forms, programmable logic controllers (PLCs), proportional-integral-derivative (PID) and other methods for process control, modern laboratory instrumentation, and human-machine interface (HMI) software.

EE 531. Analog Integrated Electronics. 4 Hours.
This course covers advanced analysis and design using op-amps, differential amplifier, half-circuit analysis, error analysis and compensation. Applications include signal conditioning for instrumentation, instrumentation amplifiers, nonlinear and computational circuits, analog filter design, voltage regulator design, and oscillators, circuit configurations for A-to-D and D-to-A conversion methods. Laboratory exercises emphasize design techniques for projects in areas such as Internet-of-Things (IoT).

EE 532. Introduction to Computer Networking. 3 Hours.
This course covers the fundamentals of modern computer networks including current applications such as Internet of Things (IoT). Topics include: hardware and software level network protocols, network architecture and topology including WANs and LANs, client-server relationships, distributed computing, data transfer, security, virtualization of hardware, multi-tier network configuration examples, and certifications will be addressed.
Prerequisites: EE 134 [Min Grade: C] and EE 210 [Min Grade: C]

EE 533. Engineering Software Solutions. 3 Hours.
This course covers the fundamentals of software design, architecture, and implementation for future software engineers. Topics include: customer-focused requirements gathering, project planning, team tools, architectural patterns, environment and component selection, quality assurance, sustainability, and versioning. Various development methodologies are discussed with a project demonstrating at least one release cycle.

EE 534. Power Semiconductor Electronics. 3 Hours.
This course covers the fundamentals of power electronics such as principles of static power conversions, basic power converter architectures, power semiconductor switches, steady-state equivalent circuit modeling, DC transformer model, basic AC equivalent circuit modeling, linearization and perturbation. Pulse width modulation and controller design, circuit design considerations, and applications of power electronics. The course project emphasizes computer-aided analysis and design of power electronic circuits.

EE 537. Introduction to Embedded Systems. 3 Hours.
This course provides an applied introduction to the design of embedded systems, including hardware and software aspects. Topics include: various embedded hardware platforms, interfacing industrial bus systems, sensors, actuators, low-power wireless communication, and the application of the Internet of Things (IoT).

EE 538. Computer Architecture. 3 Hours.
dvanced microprocessor topics include a comparison of advanced contemporary microprocessors, cache design, pipelining, superscalar architecture, design of control units, microcoding, and parallel processors. Basic knowledge of microprocessors is recommended.

EE 544. Real-Time Process & Protocols. 3 Hours.
This course covers hands-on laboratory topics in real-time computer systems, such as algorithms, state-machine implementations, communication protocols, instrumentation, and hardware interfaces.

EE 547. Internet/Intranet Application Development. 3 Hours.
This course covers development of software models and applications using Internet/Intranet technologies. Topics include: web client-server relationships, multi-tier design models, scripting and validation, basic TCP/IP networking, separation of concerns, markup and data description languages. Projects will allow the opportunity for the use of a range of tools and development platforms.
Prerequisites: EE 233 [Min Grade: C]

EE 548. Software Engineering Projects. 3 Hours.
This course covers practical applications of software engineering including the development of applications for the Internet of Things (IoT). Topics include: requirements gathering, design matrices, environment selection, relevant architectural patterns, networking basics, databases, service endpoints, embedded systems selection and security. Projects with a software emphasis will be utilized to demonstrate the principles of IoT applications.
Prerequisites: EE 333 [Min Grade: C]

EE 552. Digital Systems Design. 3 Hours.
This course covers the design of customized complex digital systems using Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) based platforms, using modern design tools for simulation, synthesis, and implementation. Topics include hardware design and development languages such as Verilog or VHDL.

EE 558. Medical Instrumentation. 3 Hours.
This course covers the fundamental operating principles, applications, safety, and design of electronic instrumentation used in the measurement of physiological parameters.

EE 561. Machinery II. 3 Hours.
Physical principles of DC machines. Mathematical analysis of generator designs using equivalent circuits and magnetization curves. Calculation of motor speed, torque, power, efficiency, and starting requirements. Solid-state speed control systems.

EE 563. Medical Image Analysis. 3 Hours.
A lab-based introduction to processing, analysis, and display techniques for medical imaging.

EE 567. Brain Machine Interface. 3 Hours.
This course explores the brain-machine interfaces, particularly the technologies that directly stimulate and/or record neural activity. This course is divided into three major components: 1) neuroscience and electrode interfaces, 2) brain recording and stimulating front-end circuits, and 3) circuit modeling, simulation, and optimization.

EE 571. Power Systems I. 3 Hours.
Components of power systems. Performance of modern interconnected power system under normal and abnormal conditions. Calculation of inductive and capacitive reactances of three-phase transmission lines in a steady state.

EE 572. Power Systems II. 3 Hours.
Modeling of generators, transformers, and transmission lines for system studies. Introduction to symmetrical components. Calculation of short-circuit currents due to balanced and unbalanced faults. Determination of interrupting ratings of circuit breakers. Transient stability of power systems. Derivation of swing equation and solution by numerical method. Equal area criterion. A power system design project is required.

EE 573. Protective Relaying of Power Systems. 3 Hours.
Operating principles of protective relays. Protection of transmission lines, generators, motors, transformers, and buses.

EE 585. Engineering Operations. 3 Hours.
This course covers the principles and standard of engineering design from ideation to final design. Topics include: product development process, problem definition and need identification, embodiment and detail design, design for specific criterion, modeling and cost evaluation. Emphasis is placed on ethics and civil responsibilities in design including environmental, social issues, liability, sustainability and reliability through the lends of engineering design.

EE 590. Special Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering. 1-3 Hour.
Special Topic in Electrical or Computer Engineering.

EE 591. Individual Study in Electrical and Computer Engineering. 1-6 Hour.
Individual Study in Electrical Engineering.

EE 601. Electrical and Computer Engineering Seminar. 1-3 Hour.
This course consists of research presentations delivered by faculty, research assistants, and invited guests in various state-of-the-art and popular topics related to Electrical and Computer Engineering.

EE 610. Technical Communication for Engineers. 3 Hours.
A workshop-oriented course providing students with the opportunity to produce technical memoranda, a proposal, and a conference and/or refereed journal paper and to make oral presentations related to these work products utilizing appropriate software presentation aids.

EE 616. Design of CMOS Analog Integrated Circuits. 3 Hours.
This course will cover basic building blocks of CMOS analog VLSI design, MOSFET theory, short channel device and nonlinear effects, current mirrors, current-reference generator, operational transconductance amplifier, switched capacitor architecture, analog-to-digital converter and digital-to-analog converter. Students will be required to develop a computer aided design, simulation, and chip layout of an analog integrated circuit design project. Fundamental knowledge of electronics is required.

EE 621. Random Variables and Processes. 3 Hours.
Theory underlying analysis and design of communication, stochastic control, data gathering, and data analysis systems.
Prerequisites: EE 421 [Min Grade: C]

EE 622. Advanced Communication Theory. 3 Hours.
Analysis of the performance of analog modulation techniques in presence of noise.
Prerequisites: EE 621 [Min Grade: C]

EE 623. Computer Vision. 3 Hours.
Advanced topics in computer vision: image segmentation, registration, and visual tracking; Applications of deep learning to image analysis.

EE 624. Digital Communications. 3 Hours.
Design and analysis of digital communications modulation techniques and systems and their performance in the presence of noise.
Prerequisites: EE 622 [Min Grade: C]

EE 625. Information Theory and Coding. 3 Hours.
Channel models and block codes, block code ensemble performance analysis, convolutional codes and ensemble performance, sequential decoding of convolutional codes.
Prerequisites: EE 621 [Min Grade: C]

EE 626. Digital Image Processing. 3 Hours.
The course covers topics in image transformations, enhancement, restoration, compression, and representation. Introduction to image segmentation.

EE 627. Wireless Communications. 3 Hours.
Wireless communication system topics such as propagation, modulation techniques, multiple access techniques, channel coding, speech and video coding, and wireless computer networks.

EE 630. Short-Range Wireless Systems. 3 Hours.
This course covers the short-range wireless power transmission (WPT), wireless data communication, and wireless sensor technologies. It emphasizes fundamental understanding of the principles and design procedure of short-range wireless power/data transfer systems as well as the various parameters involved in the optimization of wireless power/data transmission systems.

EE 632. Introduction to Computer Networking. 3 Hours.
Computer networking fundamentals. Layered network model and correspondence to real systems. Discussion of Ethernet, Token Ring, TCP/IP, LAN, and other protocols. Exploration of the Internet and similar systems. Network application models. Simulation of networks.

EE 633. Experiments in Computer Networking. 3 Hours.
Detailed exploration of particular issues in network protocols and network application models. Development of a series of programs to explore the details of network protocols and network application models.

EE 634. Introduction to Neural Networks. 3 Hours.
Artificial neural network topologies and training algorithms with an emphasis on back propagation. Deep learning with Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), applications and limitations of neural networks, and designing networks specific uses.

EE 636. Advanced Digital Design. 3 Hours.
This course covers the design of Complex Programmable Logic Devices (CPLDs) and Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs). Topics include the design, simulation, and testing of digital systems using a hardware description language and FPGA/CPLD development boards with programmable logic devices.

EE 637. Design of Modern Computer with Digital Integrated Circuits. 3 Hours.
This course covers the design of advanced digital circuits with VLSI components. Topics include synthesis, design, simulation, and testing of advanced digital circuits using a hardware description language and FPGA/CPLD development boards with programmable logic devices. Design examples: switching networks, graphics engine, DSP, Internet of Things (IoT) controller, and programmable logic controller (PLC).

EE 638. Neural Time Series Data Analysis. 3 Hours.
This course covers the theory and practice of analyzing brain signals. Students will learn about conceptual, mathematical and implementational (via MATLAB programming) aspects of time-, frequency- and synchronization-based analyses of magnetoencephalography (MEG), electroencephalography (EEG), and local field potential (LFP) recordings from humans and nonhuman animals.

EE 639. Embedded Systems. 3 Hours.
This course covers both hardware and software trends in advanced embedded system design, including artificial intelligence (AI) and optimized hardware platforms for machine learning (ML). The fundamental algorithms of AI and ML are discussed. Various process acceleration techniques for improving the computational efficiency of ML kernels are implemented on FPGA/CPLD development boards and FPGA/CPLD chips.

EE 640. Object-Oriented Design. 3 Hours.
This course provides in-depth coverage of object-oriented design principles and methodologies. Topics include object-oriented design frameworks, use-cases, class-responsibility-collaboration (CRC), design patterns, and software reuse. Knowledge of an object-oriented language is recommended.

EE 641. Modern Control Theory. 3 Hours.
This course covers state variable models for continuous-time and discrete time systems, state feedback and pole placement, and state estimation. Knowledge of basic control systems is recommended.

EE 642. Intelligent Systems. 3 Hours.
This course covers the organization and characteristics of intelligent systems, optimization, evolutionary algorithms, neural networks, fuzzy logic algorithms, and intelligent control.

EE 643. Numerical Methods in Engineering. 3 Hours.
This course covers the theory and practice of numerical methods for a broad spectrum of engineering applications and data analyses. Topics include numerical calculus, linear algebra, and optimization. Students will be exposed to modern topics such as convolutional neural networks, compressed sensing, eigenfaces, stability, principal component analysis, k-means clustering, image segmentation, detection of a signal in the noise, and function fitting. This course provides hands-on practical experience with programming numerical analysis algorithms.

EE 650. Software Engineering. 3 Hours.
This course covers the engineering approach to developing software solutions to real-world problems. Topics include an overview of Software Engineering, requirements elicitation, design, implementation, and an overview of software development methods.

EE 651. Software Engineering Large Systems - I. 3 Hours.
This course covers advanced integrated software systems development methods. Adaptive and prescriptive software systems development methods are covered with an in-depth exploration through team projects using current software development methods.

EE 653. Electronic Power Switching Circuits. 3 Hours.
This course covers software development in enterprise environments using Dev-Ops practices such as continuous integration and delivery.

EE 654. Mobile Computing. 3 Hours.
This course covers the fundamentals and advanced concepts in mobile computing. Develop user interface, application logic, and back-end services, using advanced integrated development environments. Individual and team projects. Programming required.

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This course covers fundamental and advanced concepts in cloud computing, including evaluation of current market offerings. Students will also design and implement systems integrating multiple cloud computing services.

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EE 682. Electromagnetic Field Theory I. 3 Hours.
This course covers the modeling of materials and environments through the simulation of electromagnetic fields. It includes a wide variety of applications, including biomedical and the Internet of Things (IoT). Topics include boundary-value problems and scattering.

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Special topics selected by faculty for master's students.

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EE 697. Graduate Project. 3 Hours.
Graduate project for Plan II Masters students.

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Prerequisites: GAC Z