

M.S. IN ENGINEERING (COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING)

OVERVIEW

The Master of Science in Engineering with concentration in Computer Science and Engineering (MSE CSE) program is open to qualified applicants with a BS degree in Computer Science, Computer Engineering or a closely related field.

Graduate courses and research topics include computer systems design and applications (hardware and software); artificial intelligence; machine vision and imaging; computer networks; computer graphics and visualization; cyber security; hardware oriented security and trust; social networking; and high performance computing.

The program is offered in a thesis-option version or in two non-thesis option versions:

1. **Thesis Option:** A minimum of 30 credit hours of approved graduate study including 9 credit hours of Master of Science Thesis under the supervision of an EECS faculty member is required. Students are required to successfully complete the oral defense of the thesis work, submit typed copies of their thesis to the Graduate School and the department.
2. **Master of Science Degree with Non-Thesis Options:** The degree requirements for Master of Science with Non-Thesis option are available with the approval of the Department Chair or the Department Graduate Program Director.
 - a. **Master of Science Degree with Project Option:** Students are required to complete 30 credit hours of an approved graduate study including 6 hours of Master of Science Project as specified by individual department guidelines and requirements. Students are required to submit a typed Project Report to the department-approved committee, consisting of the student's advisor and another faculty member.
 - b. **Master of Science Degree with Coursework-only Option:** Students are required to complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of approved graduate-level course work.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the MSE CSE program requires:

- a BS degree in Computer Science, Computer Engineering or a closely related field from a 4-year college or university;
- a minimum GPA of 2.8/4.0 for applicants with relevant degrees from accredited US universities or a GPA of 3.0/4.0 for international applicants with relevant degrees;
- GRE scores (applicants with relevant degrees from accredited US universities are exempt);
- TOEFL or IELTS scores that satisfy the minimum University of Toledo requirements (only for international applicants who are non-native English speakers);

- a minimum of two letters of recommendation;
- statement of purpose.

Admission decisions are made on an individual basis and take into account the applicant's test results and previous academic record, the intended area of study, and the capacity of the EECS department.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

MS in Engineering (concentration in Computer Science and Engineering) program (MSECSE) students can select one of the options below.

1. **Master of Science degree with Thesis option:** A minimum of 30 credit hours of approved graduate study, including nine credit hours of Master of Science thesis under the supervision of a faculty member, is required. Students are required to submit a written thesis and successfully complete the oral defense of the thesis work.
2. **Master of Science degree with Non-Thesis option:** The degree requirements for the Master of Science with non-thesis option are:
 - a. **Master of Science degree with Project option:** Students are required to complete 30 credit hours of approved graduate-level work, including six hours of Master of Science project as specified by the individual department guidelines and requirements. Students are required to submit a written project report to the department.
 - b. **Master of Science degree with Course Work-only option:** Students are required to complete 30 credit hours of approved graduate-level course work

Requirements and rules:

1. Students must submit a Plan of Study by the end of the 1st semester, which must be approved by a faculty adviser and the graduate program director.
2. Students must take one credit hour (included in the required 30 hours for the program) of the EECS graduate seminar course EECS 5930 with a maximum of two excused absences in the semester.
3. Students admitted to the MSECSE must also be admitted into one of the "specialization" areas associated with the MSECSE program and based on their undergraduate degree and background.
 - a. This is accomplished during orientation week before the first semester or during the first week of the semester. The graduate Program Director (GPD) will advise students that they must select an available "specialization area" within the degree program into which they are admitted before they are permitted to register. Not all listed specialization areas may be available during any given academic year.
 - b. Once the student chooses a "specialization area", then the student must consult with the GPD to secure his/her signature for permission to register for the courses in that specific area, which must be completed before the first semester starts or in the first week of the semester.
 - c. Students must register for all core courses offered from the specialization area during that term, and if not all core courses are available during that term, then additional courses must be included from the "recommended electives" list as required by the registration status of the student. However, student must take

the remaining core courses for the chosen specialization area during their next immediate term of offering.

4. Student admitted into a specialization area associated with the MSECSE program must take all required core courses as designated for that specialization area.
 - Core courses may be substituted by recommended electives under unique circumstances and on an exceptional and case-by-case basis. This is so if a core course cannot be offered by the department for foreseeable future due to reasons outside the control of department, which may include but not limited to, such as faculty unavailability or student having taken those courses as part of BS/MS program at UT or a transfer student into our MS programs etc.
 - The procedure to follow to substitute a required core is as follows: faculty advisor, but not the student, must in writing request substitution of a core course with a recommended elective or another course which may be from a different specialization area within the degree program with a detailed rationale from the EECS Graduate Committee whose written and documented approval of such requests is required for them to take effect.
5. Students must take at least 15 credit hours of graduate level EECS courses, specifically 3 core courses of a specialization area excluding independent study, independent research, masters' project or masters' thesis hours.
6. Students must take at least 6 credit hours of 6000-level courses excluding masters' thesis, independent study, masters' project or independent research.
7. Non-compliance with the requirements may result in a "HOLD" being put on student account preventing any further registration actions.

Students are encouraged to include higher-level math courses in their program, subject to approval of their advisers.

Courses taken on an audit basis do not count toward the degree. Courses outside of the College of Engineering require prior approval.

In order to be awarded the MS degree, the student must have at least a B average (a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0) for all graduate course credits in the program of study as well as for the entire graduate transcript. Only credit hours obtained with a letter grade of "C" or higher, or an "S" grade for the limited number of classes offered on a satisfactory or unsatisfactory basis, will fulfill the degree requirements.

MSE CSE with thesis option:

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		9
Recommended Courses		9
EECS 6990	Independent Study	2
EECS 5930	Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Seminar	1
EECS 6960	Master's Graduate Research And Thesis	9
Total Hours		30

MSE CSE with project option:

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		9
Recommended Courses		12
EECS 6990	Independent Study	2
EECS 5930	Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Seminar	1
EECS 5920	Projects	6
Total Hours		30

MSE CSE with courses-only option:

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		9
Recommended Courses		18
EECS 6990	Independent Study	2
EECS 5930	Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Seminar	1
Total Hours		30

1. Apply specialized knowledge and skills gained through the MSECSE program to solve complex computer engineering or computer science problems.
2. Demonstrate competency commensurate with the master's education for one or more of the following computer engineering or computer science activities: design, develop, integrate, simulate, prototype, test, verify or validate a component, subsystem, system in hardware or software.
3. Demonstrate effective communication skills.
4. Demonstrate professionalism appropriate to the discipline.