SUMMARY OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- The program of study must be approved by the ECE Graduate Studies Committee.
- The program of study must show 33 hours of course work.
- All course work must be at the 4000, 5000, or 6000 level or be from a select list of allowable non-ECE 3000-level courses. The list is maintained by the ECE Graduate Office. In addition, all courses must carry graduate credit for ECE majors (ECE daggered courses [+G] are not allowed).
- At least 12 hours of course work must be in ECE at the 5000-level or higher.
- At least 3 hours of course work must be in either math or physics.
- You must enroll in the ECE section for any cross-listed course.
- You must enroll in the graduate section for any slash-listed course.
- The program of study may show a maximum of 12 hours below the 5000-level, out of which no more than 9 hours may be ECE.
- 6 hours maximum credit allowed for special studies (total for all 5990’s taken).
- Up to 12 hours allowed separately for each category: ECE 5973’s, ECE 6973’s, ECE 5283’s, ECE 6283’s.
- You must pass the MS Comprehensive Examination (“Exit Exam”) – see details below.

STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE

- You must maintain a GPA of 3.00 or better, both overall and cumulatively in all graduate work attempted.

TIME LIMIT

- All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of five years.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Before completing the second semester of studies, prepare your program of study and file the ECE MS Program Approval Form. This form must be approved by the ECE Graduate Studies Committee. The form is available in the ECE Graduate Office or online at [http://ece.ou.edu/current/](http://ece.ou.edu/current/).
- In the semester prior to graduation: File the Graduate College Admission to Candidacy form by the deadlines published in the OU academic calendar; [http://www.ou.edu/admissions/home/academic_calendar.html](http://www.ou.edu/admissions/home/academic_calendar.html). The appropriate form may be downloaded at [http://gradweb.ou.edu/Current/Forms/masters/index.asp](http://gradweb.ou.edu/Current/Forms/masters/index.asp). Check the Graduate College’s graduation packet for critical information.
- Should a change in the approved program of study become necessary, complete an ECE petition form available in the ECE Graduate Office. The form must be approved no later than the first week of the semester.
- The Comprehensive Examination (“Exit Exam”) is held after completion of at least 24 hours of course work. It will normally be held during the semester of intended graduation. The exam requires written authority from the Graduate College. 1) Your Comprehensive Examination committee will be chaired by the Graduate Liaison and will include two other members of the Graduate Studies Committee. 2) The Comprehensive Examination is a written exam and will be offered at a common time once during each fall and spring semester. 3) You must register for the exam with the ECE Graduate Office. The ECE Graduate Office will obtain your written authority form from the Graduate College. 4) You are allowed a maximum of two attempts to pass the exam.

Check all university policies and other helpful information for Master’s degree students in the Graduate College Bulletin at [http://gradweb.ou.edu/Current/gcBulletin/index.asp](http://gradweb.ou.edu/Current/gcBulletin/index.asp). Some ECE requirements and restrictions are in addition to those of the Graduate College.

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