STANDARD MS PROGRAM, THESIS OPTION
ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING
University of Oklahoma
Degree Code: M350-Q211

SUMMARY OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
- The program of study must be approved by the ECE Graduate Studies Committee.
- The program of study must show 24 hours of course work and 6 hours of thesis research for a total of 30 credit hours.
- All course work must be at the 4000, 5000, or 6000 level. All courses must carry graduate credit for ECE majors. Graduate credit will not be allowed for any courses that are part of the required undergraduate electrical or computer engineering curriculum.
- At least 12 hours of course work must be in ECE at the 5000-level or higher, not including thesis hours.
- 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 of ECE 5973 are allowed.
- You must form a thesis committee, perform research, and report the research in a written thesis. You must successfully defend the thesis in a Final Oral Examination (thesis defense) – 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
- All deadlines and forms can be found on the Steps-to-Degree website.
- Before completing the second semester of studies:
  1. Prepare your Program of Study form. This form must be approved by the ECE Graduate Studies Committee. The form is available here. Note that there are different forms for the accelerated MS and the standard MS.
  2. After getting the Program of Study signed, submit the Master's Thesis Topic and Committee Membership form, with your signed Program of Study attached, to the Graduate College.
- In the semester prior to graduation: All students must apply for graduation through the Graduation Application link on the Academics tab in one.ou.edu. More information can be found here.
- Should a change in the approved program of study become necessary, a new form must be approved by the ECE Graduate Studies Committee and submitted to the Graduate College.
- In your final semester you must submit a Request for Degree Check online form to the Graduate College.
- The thesis defense is held during the semester of intended graduation and requires written authority from the Graduate College. 1) You must allow adequate time for the committee to read the thesis. At least two weeks are required by the university, but your committee may require longer. 2) You must schedule the defense and notify the ECE Graduate Office of the date at least one week in advance. You must submit a reading copy of the thesis to the ECE Graduate Office at this time. 3) At least one week prior to the defense, you must also submit a reading copy to the Graduate College with the Request for Authorization for Thesis Defense Form. The Graduate College will check your thesis for formatting at this time and issue the authority form. 4) After the defense, your ECE exit survey forms must be filed with the ECE Graduate Office, the examination report must be submitted to the Graduate College within 72 hours, and the final copies of your thesis must be deposited in the main library. All of these must be completed by the deadlines published in the OU academic calendar.

Check all university policies and other helpful information for Master's degree students in the Graduate College Bulletin. Some ECE requirements and restrictions are in addition to those of the Graduate College.

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