BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

The School of Electrical and Computer Engineering offers two undergraduate degree programs:

- electrical engineering (EE) and computer engineering (CmpE).

Both programs include elective hours, enabling students to individually tailor their programs to provide emphasis in a particular specialization or exposure to a broad range of subjects. Engineering analysis and design concepts are integrated throughout both programs, culminating in a common major design experience involving a broad range of issues including economic and societal considerations.

The EE program offers elective courses in a wide variety of specializations including analog electronics, bioengineering, computer engineering, systems and controls, Microsystems and nanosystems, electronics packaging, digital signal processing, optics and photonics, electrical energy, electromagnetics, and telecommunications. Additionally, students may elect to take advanced courses in other programs such as computer science, mathematics, physics, or management.

Program Objectives

The School of Electrical and Computer Engineering has established the following student educational objectives for its undergraduate programs:

1. Graduates will be successful in the professional practice of engineering or other related fields. They will obtain employment appropriate to their background, interests, and education and will advance in their career field.
2. Graduates will engage in lifelong learning; e.g., advanced education/degrees, professional development activities, and/or other career-appropriate options.
3. Graduates who are employed within engineering fields will demonstrate technical competence, such as identifying, formulating, analyzing, and creating engineering solutions using appropriate current engineering techniques, skills, and tools.
4. As appropriate to their professional or educational positions, graduates will
   a. effectively communicate technical information in multiple formats,
   b. function effectively on teams, and
   c. develop and apply electrical/computer engineering solutions within global, societal, and environmental contexts.

Additional information about program assessment (http://www.ece.gatech.edu/academics/accreditation.html) for all of the School's programs is available on the ECE website.

Code | Title | Credit Hours
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APPH 1040 | Scientific Foundations of Health | 2
or APPH 10 | The Science of Physical Activity and Health | 2
Core A - Essential Skills

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
ECE 4012  ECE Culminating Design Project II 3 3

**ECE Electives**

Senior Lab Elective 3,10

**ECE 3-4000-Level Electives** 6,14 20

**Non-ECE Engineering Electives**

Electives 11,12,13 5

**Approved Electives**

Approved Electives 1,7 10

Total Credit Hours 132

Pass-fail only allowed for Approved Electives, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

Courses that are cross-listed with ECE must be taken under the ECE number.

1. Students must complete an Ethics requirement. For a complete list of Ethics courses, please see: [academics/undergraduate/core-curriculum/ethics](http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/academics/undergraduate/core-curriculum/ethics)

2. If PHYS 2231 is taken, extra hour goes to Free Electives.

3. Minimum grade of C required.

4. Science Elective must be chosen from the following list: BIOS 1107, BIOS 1108, CHEM 1212K, CHEM 1315, EAS 1600, EAS 1601, EAS 2600, PHYS 2021, PHYS 2022, or PHYS 2213.

5. Students must complete one Ethics course during their program. For a complete list of Ethics courses, please see: [academics/undergraduate/core-curriculum/ethics](http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/academics/undergraduate/core-curriculum/ethics)

6. ECE 3811, ECE 3812, ECE 3901, ECE 3902, ECE 4699, ECE 4811, ECE 4812, ECE 4901, ECE 4902, and ECE 4903 not allowed.

7. The following courses are not allowed: HPS 1XXX, LMC 2661, LMC 2662, LMC 3661, LMC 3662, MATH 1113, and PHYS 2XXX (AP Credit). Maximum of six credit hours of Special Problems.

8. CEE 3770 or ISYE 3770 or MATH 3670 or ECE 3077 (Must be taken on Letter/Grade basis)

9. ECE 3005 or ECE 3006

10. ECE 4043 or ECE 4180 or ECE 4185 or ECE 4446 or ECE 4452 or ECE 4502 or ECE 4550 or ECE 4612 or ECE 4752 or ECE 4881 or ECE 4884 (with title 'Optical Fiber Communications')

11. Non-ECE Engineering Electives (5 credit hours; 2 Courses) 2000-level or above. Each course must be at least a 2 credit hour course. Allow only subject codes of AE, BMED, CEE, CHBE, COE, ISYE, ME, MSE, or NRE.

12. Cannot include BMED 2400, BMED 4781, BMED 4782, BMED 4783, BMED 4784, CHBE 2120, CHBE 4752, COE 3002, ISYE 2027, ISYE 2028, ME 2016, ME 2110, ME 4781, or ME 4782.

13. Cannot include any 28XX Special Topics courses or any Special Problems courses. Can only include one Thermodynamics course and one Dynamics course.

14. 9 credit hours must be 4000-level

**Cooperative Plan**

The Georgia Tech Undergraduate Cooperative Education Program allows students to combine classroom study with paid practical work experience directly related to the academic major. Co-ops alternate semesters of on-campus study with semesters of full-time employment, normally beginning the program as freshmen or sophomores. Over 30 percent of ECE undergraduates participate in the co-op program.

The degree requirements for students in the co-op program are the same as those for other students in the major. The Cooperative Plan designation may be pursued separately or in combination with the International Plan and/or the Research Option.

Begun in 1912, Georgia Tech’s program is currently the largest optional co-op program in the United States and has perennially been listed in U.S. News & World Report as one of the top ten co-op programs in America. As an integral part of the overall education experience, the co-op program allows students to take on increasing levels of responsibility and to use their job knowledge and classroom learning to make meaningful contributions to the organizations in which they work. Many co-op graduates are hired by their co-op employer, and more than 700 companies or government organizations throughout the United States and abroad currently employ Georgia Tech Undergrad Co-op Program students.

Because the School of ECE in Atlanta offers a wide range of electives and almost all required courses every term, including summer, co-op students have substantial flexibility in completing their degree requirements. Many students continue their co-op work assignments through the senior year. Additionally, co-op students working in the Atlanta area may be able to take certain ECE courses, particularly laboratories offered in the evening, during the work term.

In addition to the co-op program, the Center for Career Discovery and Development also offers the Undergraduate Professional Internship and Work Abroad programs. These programs also provide opportunities for students to gain practical work experience, without the long-term commitment of the co-op program.

Center for Career Discovery and Development (http://www.careerdiscovery.gatech.edu)

**International Plan**

The International Plan is intended for students who seek an intensive international experience integrated into their undergraduate studies in electrical engineering. The International Plan develops global competence through a combination of coursework, language study, and residential overseas experience. Students who complete this option receive a designation on their transcript and diploma.

The electrical engineering aspects of the BS EE - International Plan degree requirements are identical to those for the regular BS EE. Please refer to the BS EE catalog description for general information about the degree program. Students may be able to satisfy the additional requirements imposed for the International Plan designation through appropriate choices of electives without additional credit hours to complete the degree. The International Plan designation may be pursued separately or in combination with the Cooperative Plan and/or the Research Option.

The School of Electrical and Computer Engineering offers a junior-year program at the Georgia Tech-Lorraine campus in Metz, France, that is designed to facilitate participation in the International Plan. However, electrical engineering majors are not restricted to this option and may complete any allowable courses, languages, and overseas experiences that satisfy the International Plan requirements.
**Research Option**

The Research Option is intended for students who seek a concentrated research experience, culminating in an undergraduate thesis, integrated into their undergraduate studies in electrical engineering. This option includes three or four semesters of structured research and provides an open evaluation of a student’s research capabilities, viewable by the public via a required Web-based research portfolio. Students who complete this option receive a designation on their transcript.

The electrical engineering aspects of the BS EE - Research Option degree requirements are identical to those for the regular BS EE. Please refer to the BS EE catalog description for general information about the degree program. Students may be able to satisfy the additional requirements imposed for the Research Option designation through appropriate choices of electives without additional credit hours to complete the degree. The Research Option designation may be pursued separately, or in combination with the Cooperative Plan and/or the International Plan.

The School of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) offers a two-semester Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), which may be completed to provide a less-intensive research experience or as the initial phase of the Research Option. Contact the ECE Academic Office for additional information about the Research Option, including specific Institute and ECE requirements, and assistance in planning your schedule to allow participation in this program.

**BS/MS Electrical and Computer Engineering**

This program allows highly qualified students to receive the Bachelor of Science in either Electrical Engineering or Computer Engineering and a master’s degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. The joint BS/MS degree program affords undergraduate electrical or computer engineering majors the opportunity to broaden their studies and improve their career prospects.

Eligible Georgia Tech undergraduates normally apply for this program during their junior year. Contact the Electrical and Computer Engineering Graduate Affairs Office for program information, eligibility requirements, and applications.

**Dual BS in Electrical Engineering**

**Georgia Tech & Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Tech**

Students may pursue the BSEE degree from the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) as they earn the BSEE or BSCmpE from Georgia Tech. KAIST offers one of the top engineering programs in Korea and the Far East. All lectures at KAIST are given in English to better serve a growing number of students from overseas. While earning their dual degrees, students spend two years each at both Georgia Tech and KAIST.