

Electrical Engineering

Nature of Program

Electrical engineers design, develop, test, and oversee the manufacture and maintenance of equipment that uses electricity, including subsystems for power generation and transmission, sensors, electronics, instrumentation, controls, communications and signal processing. The electrical engineering program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>.

Program Educational Objectives

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Student Outcomes

Upon graduation, all Bachelor of Science students in Electrical Engineering will have:

- An ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering
- An ability to design and conduct experiments, as well as to analyze and interpret data
- An ability to design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs within realistic constraints such as economic, environmental, social, political, ethical, health and safety, manufacturability, and sustainability
- An ability to function on multidisciplinary teams
- An ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems
- An understanding of professional and ethical responsibility
- An ability to communicate effectively
- The broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context
- A recognition of the need for, and an ability to engage in life-long learning
- A knowledge of contemporary issues
- An ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice

In the first two years of electrical engineering, coursework is limited to those subjects that are essential as preparatory courses for more technical courses in the third and fourth years. Fundamental courses in electrical engineering are introduced in the second year. In the third and fourth years, the curriculum provides advanced instruction through required courses and electives. These electives are included in the curriculum to allow the student to acquire additional depth in the student's selected field of electrical engineering. Five technical electives are required for a total of fifteen credits. At least three must come from one of the EE emphasis areas. Two additional technical electives may be selected from upper-division engineering, science, or math areas. However, a student with special career objectives may petition the Lane Department through his/her advisor for prior written permission to select one upper division course meeting those objectives.

The mathematics/science elective and engineering science elective are selected from department-approved lists. Students should consult with their advisors to select a course from this list. To be eligible for graduation in electrical engineering, a student must attain a grade point average of 2.0 or better for all required courses. If a required EE course is repeated, only the hours credited and the grade received for the last completion of the course is used in computing the grade point average.

A total of five humanities and social science electives (GEF electives) must be selected. The humanities and social science electives must be chosen so as to meet University General Education Foundations requirements.

Concentration Areas

Each student must have an concentration area from the list below. Students should check with instructors of the newly developed courses that are being offered under EE/CpE/CS 493 to determine their emphasis areas. Students should also be certain that this information is being recorded in their advising file.

1. **Power Systems:** The cost and reliability of electricity plays a critical role in the quality of life and price of all manufactured goods. Advances in power electronics devices and computers are improving the efficiency of electromechanical devices. Electric deregulation in many states is offering retail customers an opportunity to select their electricity supplier and reduce cost. Improvements in technologies such as fuel cells, micro-turbines, wind turbines and photovoltaic systems offer new choices for power generation. Siting of distributed generation sources near the loads and operating power system under deregulation offer new challenges for power engineers.
2. **Control Systems:** Control theory is fundamental to any system that is required to behave in a desired manner. Such systems include all engineering systems such as mechanical, chemical, electrical and computer systems as well as many other dynamical systems such as economic markets.

Control theory therefore has a broad range of applications. This track interests those students who wish to apply technology to control dynamical systems. Signals from sensors, usually processed by a computer, are necessary for proper control of a system. Consequently, the student interested in the control systems track will take a course in digital control and at least two additional courses in control systems, digital signal processing and/or applications such as control of power systems. Additional courses that are useful are mathematical courses such as linear algebra and complex variable analysis.

3. **Electronics:** Electronics spans a number of large technical specialties within CSEE. A solid understanding of device operation and their limitations is key to good electronic design, be it the design of individual devices or the design of complex electronic systems. Several programming tools will be introduced to the students during their training in this emphasis area to support the development of this understanding. In the core course required in this emphasis area, the students will model devices using pSpice and layout electronic circuits using VLSI design rules. Additional electronic design concepts will be introduced in the technical electives. The following areas within electronics are emphasized at WVU based upon the expertise of the LCSEE faculty members: electronic device design and fabrication, analog electronic circuit design and applications, and optical device design and applications.
4. **Communications and Signal Processing:** Communications and signal processing are interrelated fields that play an important role in today's information driven economy. Signal processing involves the use of programmable computer architectures to operate on physical-world signals. Signal processors are found within modern control systems, biomedical applications, and communication devices. Communications is the conveyance of information from one location to another. The capacity of a communications system is limited by the random noise in the channel. The communication channel may be a fiber optic cable, a local or wide area computer network, or the radio frequency spectrum.
5. **Bioengineering and Biometrics:** Bioengineering is the multidisciplinary application of engineering to medicine and biology, including such areas as biomedical signal and image processing, medical informatics, and biomedical instrumentation. Bioengineering work can include the development of new technologies for use in medicine and biology or the use of engineering techniques to study issues in biology and medicine. Biometrics is a specific area of bioengineering in which biological signatures (fingerprint, voice, face, DNA) is used for identification or authentication in criminal justice, e-commerce, and medical applications. Specific LCSEE projects in these areas include signal processing for prediction of sudden cardiac death in an animal model of heart failure, development of algorithms for arrhythmia detection in implanted medical devices, telemedicine for rural health care delivery in West Virginia, analysis of temporal fingerprint images for determination of vitality, CMOS fingerprint sensor design and modeling, neural net fingerprint matching, and 3-D cranofacial reconstruction. At the undergraduate level, these projects impact courses and create opportunities for senior design projects and undergraduate research experiences.
6. **Computers:** Computers have become an important part of the technology used by engineers and a very important part of many technological systems and products. The computer emphasis area is designed to provide an electrical engineer with the basic understanding of how to use computers and microprocessors. When this track is completed, the electrical engineer should be able to develop, program, and use systems with embedded microcomputers.

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Curriculum in Electrical Engineering

GENERAL EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (<http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef>)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

General Education Foundations

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| F1 - Composition & Rhetoric | | 3-6 |
| ENGL 101 & ENGL 102 or ENGL 103 | Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research Accelerated Academic Writing | |
| F2A/F2B - Science & Technology | | 4-6 |
| F3 - Math & Quantitative Skills | | 3-4 |
| F4 - Society & Connections | | 3 |
| F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past | | 3 |
| F6 - The Arts & Creativity | | 3 |
| F7 - Global Studies & Diversity | | 3 |
| F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree) | | 9 |
| Total Hours | | 31-37 |

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Curriculum Requirements

To receive a bachelor of science in electrical engineering, a student must meet the University's undergraduate degree requirements, take all the courses indicated below, and attain a grade point average of 2.0 or better for all Lane Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering designated courses. If a Lane Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering course is repeated, only the last grade received is used to compute the major grade point average, and the course credit hours are counted only once. This requirement assures that the student has demonstrated overall competence in the major.

Freshman Engineering Requirements

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| ENGR 101 | Engineering Problem Solving 1 | 2 |
| Engineering Problem Solving: | | 3 |
| CHE 102 | Introduction to Chemical Engineering | |
| ENGR 102 | Engineering Problem-Solving 2 | |
| ENGR 103 | Introduction to Nanotechnology Design | |
| MAE 102 | Introduction to Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Design | |
| ENGR 199 | Orientation to Engineering | 1 |

Non-Electrical Engineering Core

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| CHEM 115 | Fundamentals of Chemistry (GEF 2B) | 4 |
| ECON 201 | Principles of Microeconomics (GEF 4) | 3 |
| ECON 202 | Principles of Macroeconomics | 3 |
| Calculus I (GEF 3): | | 4 |
| MATH 155 | Calculus 1 (Minimum grade of C- is required) | |
| MATH 153 & MATH 154 | Calculus 1a with Precalculus and Calculus 1b with Precalculus (Minimum grade of C- is required) | |
| MATH 156 | Calculus 2 (GEF 8 - Minimum grade of C- is required) | 4 |
| MATH 251 | Multivariable Calculus (Minimum grade of C- is required) | 4 |
| MATH 261 | Elementary Differential Equations | 4 |
| PHYS 111 | General Physics (GEF 8) | 4 |
| PHYS 112 | General Physics (GEF 8) | 4 |
| STAT 215 | Introduction to Probability and Statistics | 3 |
| Engineering Science Elective (choose one of the following): | | 3 |
| CE 443 | Environmental Science and Technology | |
| CHE 201 | Material and Energy Balances 1 | |
| CHE 366 | Materials Science | |
| IENG 316 | Industrial Quality Control | |
| IENG 377 | Engineering Economy | |
| MAE 241 | Statics | |
| MAE 320 | Thermodynamics | |
| Math/Science Elective (Choose one of the following) | | 3 |
| BIOL 115 | Principles of Biology | |
| CHEM 116 | Fundamentals of Chemistry | |
| MATH 343 | Introduction to Linear Algebra | |
| MATH 375 | Applied Modern Algebra | |
| MATH 367 | Applied Mathematical Analysis | |
| MATH 420 | Numerical Analysis 1 | |
| MATH 441 | Applied Linear Algebra | |
| MATH 456 | Complex Variables | |
| MATH 465 | Partial Differential Equations | |
| PHYS 211 | Introduction to Mathematical Physics | |
| PHYS 314 | Introductory Modern Physics | |
| PHYS 321 | Optics | |
| PHYS 331 | Theoretical Mechanics 1 | |
| PSIO 241 | Elementary Physiology | |
| PSIO 441 | Mechanisms of Body Function | |

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| STAT 312 | Intermediate Statistical Methods | |
| STAT 331 | Sampling Methods | |
| STAT 461 | Theory of Probability | |
| Electrical Engineering Requirements (Minimum GPA of 2.0 required in BIOM, CPE, CS, and EE courses) | | |
| CPE 271 | Introduction to Digital Logic Design | 3 |
| CPE 272 | Digital Logic Laboratory | 1 |
| CPE 310 | Microprocessor Systems | 3 |
| CPE 311 | Microprocessor Laboratory | 1 |
| CS 110 | Introduction to Computer Science | 4 |
| EE 221 | Introduction to Electrical Engineering | 3 |
| EE 222 | Introduction to Electrical Engineering Laboratory | 1 |
| EE 223 | Electrical Circuits | 3 |
| EE 224 | Electrical Circuits Laboratory | 1 |
| EE 327 | Signals and Systems 1 | 3 |
| EE 328 | Signals and Systems Laboratory | 1 |
| EE 329 | Signals and Systems 2 | 3 |
| EE 335 | Electromechanical Energy Conversion and Systems | 3 |
| EE 336 | Electromechanical Energy Conversion and Systems Lab | 1 |
| EE 345 | Engineering Electromagnetics | 3 |
| EE 251 | Digital Electronics | 3 |
| EE 252 | Digital Electronics Laboratory | 1 |
| EE 355 | Analog Electronics | 3 |
| EE 356 | Analog Electronics Laboratory | 1 |
| EE 480 | Senior Design Seminar (Fulfills Writing and Communications Skills Requirement) | 2 |
| EE 481 | Senior Design Project | 3 |
| Concentration Area (CA) Technical Electives (Selected from one of the CAs below) | | 9 |
| CA1: Power Systems | | |
| EE 435 | Introduction to Power Electronics | |
| Choose one of the following: | | |
| EE 431 | Electrical Power Distribution Systems | |
| EE 436 | Power Systems Analysis | |
| Choose one of the following: | | |
| CS 453 | Data and Computer Communications | |
| CS 465 | Introduction to Cybersecurity | |
| EE 411 | Fundamentals of Control Systems | |
| EE 413 | Introduction to Digital Control | |
| EE 431 | Electrical Power Distribution Systems | |
| EE 436 | Power Systems Analysis | |
| EE 461 | Introduction to Communications Systems | |
| CA2: Control Systems | | |
| Choose one of the following: | | |
| EE 411 | Fundamentals of Control Systems | |
| EE 413 | Introduction to Digital Control | |
| Choose two of the following: | | |
| EE 411 | Fundamentals of Control Systems | |
| EE 413 | Introduction to Digital Control | |
| EE 435 | Introduction to Power Electronics | |
| EE 461 | Introduction to Communications Systems | |
| EE 463 | Digital Signal Processing Fundamentals | |
| CA3: Electronics | | |
| EE 450 | Device Design and Integration | |
| Choose two of the following: | | |

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| EE 435 | Introduction to Power Electronics |
| EE 437 | Fiber Optics Communications |
| EE 445 | Introduction to Antennas |
| EE 455 | Introduction to Microfabrication |
| EE 457 | Fundamentals of Photonics |
| PHYS 321 | Optics |
| PHYS 471 | Solid State Physics |

CA4: Communications & Signal Processing

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| Choose one of the following: | |
| EE 437 | Fiber Optics Communications |
| EE 461 | Introduction to Communications Systems |
| EE 463 | Digital Signal Processing Fundamentals |
| Choose two of the following: | |
| BIOM 426 | Biometric Systems |
| CPE 442 | Introduction to Digital Computer Architecture |
| CPE 462 | Wireless Networking |
| CS 453 | Data and Computer Communications |
| EE 411 | Fundamentals of Control Systems |
| EE 413 | Introduction to Digital Control |
| EE 437 | Fiber Optics Communications |
| EE 445 | Introduction to Antennas |
| EE 461 | Introduction to Communications Systems |
| EE 463 | Digital Signal Processing Fundamentals |
| EE 465 | Introduction to Digital Image Processing |
| EE 467 | Digital Speech Processing |

CA5: Bioengineering and Biometrics

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| EE 425 | Bioengineering |
| Choose one of the following: | |
| BIOM 426 | Biometric Systems |
| EE 463 | Digital Signal Processing Fundamentals |
| EE 465 | Introduction to Digital Image Processing |
| Choose one of the following: | |
| BIOM 426 | Biometric Systems |
| CHEM 231 | Organic Chemistry: Brief Course |
| CHEM 233 | Organic Chemistry |
| CHEM 234 | Organic Chemistry |
| EE 463 | Digital Signal Processing Fundamentals |
| EE 465 | Introduction to Digital Image Processing |
| PSIO 241 or PSIO 441 | Elementary Physiology Mechanisms of Body Function |

CA6: Computers

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| Option 1 | |
| CPE 312 | Microcomputer Structures and Interfacing |
| CPE 313 | Microcomputer Structures and Interfacing Laboratory |
| Choose two of the following: | |
| CPE 435 | Computer Incident Response |
| CPE 442 | Introduction to Digital Computer Architecture |
| CPE 484 | Real-Time Systems Development |
| Option 2 | |
| CPE 435 | Computer Incident Response |
| CPE 442 | Introduction to Digital Computer Architecture |
| CPE 484 | Real-Time Systems Development |

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| Technical Electives (300 level or higher in BIOM, BMEG, CE, CHE, CPE, CS, EE, IENG, MAE, MINE, PNGE, BIOL, CHEM, PHYS, STAT, OR MATH courses - Excluding Non-LCSEE 493) | 9 |
| Free Elective | 3 |
| GEF Electives 1, 5, 6, 7 * | 15 |
| Total Hours | 132 |

Suggested Plan of Study

It is important for students to take courses in the order specified as closely as possible; all prerequisites and concurrent requirements must be observed. A typical B.S.E.E. degree program that completes degree requirements in four years is as follows.

First Year

| Fall | Hours Spring | Hours |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| CHEM 115 (GEF 2) | 4 ENGR 102 | 3 |
| ENGL 101 (GEF 1) | 3 MATH 156 (GEF 8) | 4 |
| ENGR 101 | 2 PHYS 111 (GEF 8) | 4 |
| ENGR 199 | 1 GEF 6 | 3 |
| MATH 155 (GEF 3) | 4 GEF 7 | 3 |
| GEF 5 | 3 | |
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Second Year

| Fall | Hours Spring | Hours |
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| CPE 271 | 3 CS 110 | 4 |
| CPE 272 | 1 ENGL 102 (GEF 1) | 3 |
| EE 221 | 3 EE 223 * | 3 |
| EE 222 | 1 EE 224 * | 1 |
| MATH 251 | 4 EE 251 | 3 |
| PHYS 112 (GEF 8) | 4 EE 252 * | 1 |
| | MATH 261 | 4 |
| | 16 | 19 |

Third Year

| Fall | Hours Spring | Hours |
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| EE 327 * | 3 CPE 310 | 3 |
| EE 335 * | 3 CPE 311 | 1 |
| EE 336 * | 1 ECON 201 (GEF 4) | 3 |
| EE 345 * | 3 EE 329 * | 3 |
| EE 355 | 3 EE 328 * | 1 |
| EE 356 | 1 Engr. Science Elective | 3 |
| STAT 215 | 3 Math/Science Elective | 3 |
| | 17 | 17 |

Fourth Year

| Fall | Hours Spring | Hours |
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| ECON 202 | 3 EE 481 | 3 |
| EE 480 | 2 CA Technical Elective | 3 |
| Two CA Technical Electives | 6 Free Elective | 3 |
| Technical Elective | 3 Two Technical Electives | 6 |
| | 14 | 15 |

Total credit hours: 132

* Offered once per year in semester shown.

Major Learning Goals

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