

Accelerated Master's Program

Objectives. The Accelerated Master's Program is designed for high-achieving students who are currently enrolled in the undergraduate ECE program at SIU. The program will allow students to earn both Bachelor's degree and Master's degree within 5 years by completing 147 credit hours (instead of 156 credit hours if pursuing Bachelor's and Master's studies separately).

Admission. Interested students will consult their undergraduate Academic Advisor to learn more about the program and how to apply. Students who have earned or are in the process of earning 60 or more credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0 overall could apply. Two recommendation letters from SIU faculty members are needed.

Apply as early as the beginning of the first semester of junior year for acceptance into the program. Work with the undergraduate Academic Advisor (and a potential graduate faculty advisor, if needed) to develop a program of study identifying 9 credit hours that may be counted towards both the Bachelor's degree and the Master's degree.

Students are considered as undergraduates until all requirements for the Bachelor's degree have been fulfilled. For the Master's degree, they will have the option to select either the M.S. (thesis/non-thesis) or the M. Eng. degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Curriculum. *Junior/Senior Year*—Complete up to 9 graduate-level credit hours during the junior/senior year taken from the ECE Department (excluding ECE 492 and ECE 592). At most 9 graduate-level credit hours will be counted towards *both* the Bachelor's and the Master's degree requirements. *Graduate Year*—Complete the remaining Master's coursework within one year of full-time graduate study.

Retention. Any graduate student whose cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0 on courses that count towards the Master's degree will be placed on departmental academic probation.