



Cleveland State University

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Accelerated Master's Program in Electrical Engineering

Description: An accelerated program that enables ECE students to earn a Bachelor of Electrical or Computer Engineering degree as well as a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering in five years.

Purpose of the program: The Accelerated Master's Program is designed to attract the best current undergraduate students. The program is designed for students who demonstrate an interest in, and ability for, additional education beyond the Bachelor's degree. Students will have the opportunity to enroll in graduate courses during their third (Junior) and fourth (Senior) years of study.

Application to the program: Students are eligible to apply after they have completed 60 credit hours, with at least 30 credit hours earned at CSU. To be eligible for admission to the program, the student must:

- Have shown significant progress in their degree program;
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher; and
- Have completed 60 credit hours, with at least 30 credit hours earned at CSU.

Application Process: Students who wish to be considered for admission must complete and submit an application package to the Graduate Program Director of the Electrical Engineering Master's Program. A complete application must include:

- An Accelerated Master's Program application form;
- Two recommendation letters from faculty; and
- A one- to two-page written statement describing why and how this program will enhance the student's scholarly and career goals.

Program Details: Students admitted to the Accelerated Master's Program retain undergraduate status until they meet the requirements for the Bachelor's degree. After admission to the Accelerated Master's Program, the student may complete up to 12 credit hours of graduate courses while enrolled in the undergraduate program. These 12 credit-hours can count towards both the undergraduate degree and the graduate degree, depending on program requirements. Graduate courses taken by undergraduates will count towards the graduate degree only if the student receives a grade of B or better. Only graduate courses that begin after admission to the Accelerated Master's Program are eligible to count towards the graduate degree. Upon receipt of the Bachelor's degree, students who have a 3.0 or better average in their graduate courses are guaranteed admission to the graduate program. They will have up to 12 credit hours of graduate coursework (and grades) placed on their graduate transcripts. After receiving the undergraduate degree, students must apply to the MSEE program and attend the next regular semester as a graduate student in order to continue in the program. Graduate students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 to remain in the program.

Honors students: 500-level courses that are counted as Honors credits can be used as graduate courses in this program.