

Electrical Engineering

In the College of Engineering

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The undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering is accredited by the American Board for Engineering and Technology.

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Offered by the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy degree in engineering sciences/applied mechanics.

Master of Engineering in manufacturing and design.

Master of Science degree in electrical engineering.

Major in computer engineering with the B.S. degree.

Major in electrical engineering with the B.S. degree.

Certificate in rehabilitation technology (refer to the *Graduate Bulletin*).

Transfer Credit

No credit will be given for upper division engineering coursework taken at an institution having an engineering program which has not been accredited by the American Board for Engineering and Technology, unless the student successfully completes the first 12 units of engineering work attempted at this university. At that time, and upon recommendation of the department, credit will be given for the unaccredited work.

General Education

Students will complete a minimum of 50 units in General Education, to include a minimum of nine upper division units taken after attaining junior class standing. No more than twelve units may be used for General Education credit from any one department or academic unit. No more than 7 units from one department can be used in Sections II and IV combined (Foundations and Explorations), nor more than 10 units from one department in Sections II, III, and IV combined (Foundations, American Institutions, and Explorations).

I. Communication and Critical Thinking: 9 units

You may **not** use Credit/No Credit grades in this section.

1. Oral Communication (3 units)
2. Composition (3 units)
3. Intermediate Composition and Critical Thinking (3 units)

II. Foundations: 29 units

A. Natural Sciences and Quantitative Reasoning (17 units):

1. Physical Sciences (7 units)
Physics 195 (3 units)
Physics 196 and 196L (4 units)
2. Life Sciences (3 units)
3. Laboratory (satisfied under A.1. above)

4. Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning

You may *not* use Credit/No Credit grades.

Mathematics 150 (3 units)

Mathematics 151 (4 units)

B. Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 units)

C. Humanities (9 units)

Complete three courses in three different areas. One of these courses and the one under IV.A. below must be taken in the same department.

III. American Institutions: Three units of the six units of coursework which meet the American Institutions graduation requirement may be used in General Education, excluding courses numbered 500 and above.

IV. Explorations: Courses in this area must not be taken sooner than the semester in which you achieve upper division standing (60 units passed). Upper division courses in the major department may not be used to satisfy General Education.

Total: 9 units; must include one course of cultural diversity.

A. Upper division Humanities (3 units)

Three units must be taken from the same department as one of the Humanities courses selected in Foundations.

B. Upper division Humanities (3 units from a department not selected in A above.)

C. Upper division Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 units)

After enrollment in electrical engineering at SDSU, an Electrical Engineering major must take all upper division electrical engineering courses at SDSU unless prior approval is obtained from the department.

The Major

The field of Electrical Engineering involves three major activities: the generation and distribution of electric power; the collection, processing and communication of information; and the study and application of electromagnetic phenomena and materials.

The electric power industry is the oldest area of Electrical Engineering, but it remains an active area of innovation and development, as well as a major employer. Activities in the power area include the design of machines for energy conversion (motors and generators); the design of DC power supplies and other electronic circuits for the efficient delivery of electric power from various sources (e.g., solar cells, batteries, AC generators); and the design and operation of systems for the distribution of electric power, including the power grid that cover the United States with links to grids of other countries.

The most dynamic area of Electrical Engineering today is the processing and communication of information. Activities in this area include the design of machines that store, process and display information; and the design of systems for communicating information (e.g., radios, telephones, fax machines, cellular phones, computer networks, the world wide web, satellite communication systems, cable television systems, etc.). Also included in this area are consumer electronics and instrumentation for applications of all sorts (e.g., medical equipment, industrial process control, machine control, bio-engineering, traffic control, radar, sonar, speech analysis and synthesis, music, etc.).

The study of electromagnetic phenomena and materials provides the foundation for all of Electrical Engineering. Research and development at this level typically leads to new developments and improvements in other areas. Major activities today include the study of energy conversion processes, fabrication processes, imaging techniques, information storage mechanisms, environmental processes, and optoelectronics (e.g., lasers, optical fibers, optical computing).

The Bachelor of Science degree program includes a core of courses that provides an introduction to each of the major areas described above. In addition, nearly a full year of professional electives provides the opportunity for students to specialize in areas of

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particular interest. The process of engineering design is emphasized throughout the curriculum by including open-ended problems with realistic design constraints. The design experience culminates in a capstone design course required of all students. Creativity, consideration of economic and social factors, and the application of systematic design procedures are used to solve problems that confront engineers. The curriculum attempts to achieve a balance between theory and practice that will prepare graduates both for immediate employment and for continued study. The Master of Science program offers graduates in electrical engineering and related fields the opportunity for continued study and further specialization.

Employment opportunities within the electrical engineering profession are challenging and usually plentiful. Electrical engineering graduates are sought by a wide range of employers in government and industry for many different types of work including design, testing, production, maintenance, system operation, programming, customer support engineering, and technical marketing and sales. Graduates have the opportunity to contribute to society by helping to design and supply the high-quality products and services that are necessary for a robust economy.

Educational Objectives

The overall objective of the undergraduate program in electrical engineering is to produce the best skilled, hands on practicing electrical engineer. More specifically the objectives are:

- To provide students with the technical knowledge and skills that will enable them to have a successful career in the electrical engineering profession;
- To provide students with a general education that will enable them to appreciate the social, ethical, economic, and environmental dimensions of problems they may face;
- To develop in students the communication skills and social skills that are necessary to work effectively with others;
- To develop the ability of students to solve problems by learning what is already known, and then applying logic and creativity to find a solution;
- To provide students with the intellectual skills necessary to continue learning and to stay current with the profession as it changes.

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

Electrical Engineering Major

With the B.S. Degree (Major Code: 09091)

The program below describes the 130 units required for the degree. Each course specifically listed in the program is required. In addition, the total number of units specified in each elective category represents a minimum requirement. These are General Education, American Institutions, Upper Division Engineering Elective, Professional Electives, and Electrical Engineering Laboratory Electives.

Preparation for the Major. Electrical Engineering 210; Computer Engineering 160, 270, 271; Engineering 280; Mathematics 150, 151, 252, 254; Physics 195, 195L, 196, 196L. (38 units, 14 units of which count toward General Education credit.)

General Education. Engineering students must follow the specific General Education program outlined in this section of the catalog. Other General Education requirements and limitations, as well as listings of specific General Education course electives are presented in Section IX of Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree. (Fifty units, including 14 units from preparation for the major which count toward General Education credit, and 3 units of American institutions which count toward General Education credit.)

American Institutions. Three units of the six units of coursework which meet the American Institutions graduation requirement may be used in General Education, excluding courses numbered 500 and above.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 53 upper division units to include the following required and elective courses. Required upper division courses in the major: Electrical Engineering 300, 310, 330, 330L, 340, 380, 410, 420, 430, 434, 490; Computer Engineering 375. Professional electives: Fifteen units selected from any upper division electrical engineering and at most three units (out of these 15 units) from approved upper division courses from other departments. Electrical Engineering laboratory electives: Three units selected from any non-required upper division electrical engineering laboratory courses.

Master Plan. A master plan of elective courses must be approved by the faculty adviser and department chair and filed with the Office of Advising and Evaluations during the first semester of the junior year. Changes to the master plan are permitted at any time, with approval of the department chair. After enrollment in electrical engineering at SDSU, an electrical engineering major must take upper division electrical engineering courses at SDSU unless prior approval is obtained from the department.

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The College of Engineering undergraduate programs in aerospace, civil, computer, electrical, environmental, and mechanical engineering are accredited by the American Board for Engineering and Technology. Accreditation is being sought for construction engineering.

Faculty

Faculty assigned to teach courses in engineering are drawn from departments in the College of Engineering.

Minor in Engineering

The minor in engineering, intended for students in other academic areas of the university, consists of 15 units in engineering, 12 units of which must be in upper division courses. The courses must be approved by the dean of the College of Engineering.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.