COMPUTER ENGINEERING

• Master of Science in Computer Engineering

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Master of Science in Computer Engineering (CPE)

The program of study leading to the Master of Science in Computer Engineering (MSCPE) must include a minimum of 30 semester hours of credit consisting of the following:

ECE 500  Introduction to the Graduate Program in Electrical and Computer Engineering  0

ECE courses:  6
  ECE 501  Contemporary Digital Systems
  ECE 532  Embedded Systems
  ECE 533  Computer Design

CPS course:  3
  CPS 510  System Analysis
  CPS 536  Operating Systems
  CPS 570  Data Communications

Concentration Area:  9-12
  Communications and Networking
  ECE 561  Digital Signal Processing
  ECE 537  Adv Engr Software
  CPS 572  Network Security
  Operating Systems & Computer Architecture
  ECE 536  Microprocessor Applications
  ECE 636  Advanced Computer Architecture
  CPS 544  Advanced UNIX/Linux Programming

Software Engineering
  ECE 537  Adv Engr Software
  ECE 538  Object-Oriented Programming Applications
  CPS 512  System Design
  CPS 543  Advanced Concepts of Programming Languages
  CPS 542/562  Database Management Systems

Embedded Systems
  ECE 531  Analog Integrated Circuit Design
  ECE 536  Microprocessor Applications

Technical electives:  6-9
  Thesis Option:  6

Academic Experience Option  4

Total Hours  30

1 At least 12 semester hours are required in the concentration area for the non-thesis option.
2 At least 9 semester hours of technical electives are required for the non-thesis option.
3 Students receiving 50% assistantship/stipend over one academic year or more will be required to pursue the thesis option.

Options for a successful completion of a:
1. Master’s Thesis or
2. a non-thesis research of design project, including submission of a written report and a seminar presentation or
3. 6 approved credit hours requiring extensive project-based learning.

Computer Science Courses

CPS 501. Advanced Programming and Data Structures. 3 Hours
A bridge course for students who already have a programming background. Covers advanced data structures and programming techniques in a high level programming language.

CPS 509. Topics in Computer Science. 1-3 Hours
Lectures in special areas of interest determined by the department. May be taken more than once for additional credit when the topics or contents change. Prerequisite(s): Permission of department chairperson.

CPS 510. System Analysis. 3 Hours
Process-oriented, data-oriented, and object-oriented approaches for systems development; comparison of various systems development life cycles; DFD methodology for systems analysis using state-of-the-art CASE (Computer Aided Software Engineering) tools; logical and event analyses of DFD specifications; tools and techniques for modeling real-time systems; data modeling; introduction to object-oriented analysis methodologies. Prerequisite(s): CPS 350.

CPS 512. System Design. 3 Hours
Principles of design, introduction to software design methodologies; issues in transition from analysis to logical and physical designs; detailed discussion of structured design methodology (Yourdon, Constantine, Myers); design guidelines; transform analysis; Warnier/Orr design methodologies; designing methodologies for real-time systems; introduction to object-oriented design; CASE tools and code generators. Prerequisite(s): CPS 510.

CPS 518. Software Engineering. 3 Hours
No description available.

CPS 520. Object-Oriented Systems Development. 3 Hours
Unified Modeling Language (UML), use cases, class diagrams, sequence diagrams, collaboration diagrams, state charts, activity diagrams, component and deployment views, design patterns, and implementation of various UML models through team projects. Prerequisite(s): CPS 350, 510.

CPS 522. Software Project Management. 3 Hours
Cost and effort estimation models for software projects, planning techniques, productivity metrics, risk management, maintenance, reuse, quality assurance, configuration management, Capability Maturity Models (CMM and P-CMM), and ISO 9001. Prerequisite(s): CPS 510 or CPS 518 or CPS 520.

CPS 530. Algorithm Design. 3 Hours
The design and analysis of computer algorithms, including order notation, sorting, dynamic programming, graph algorithms, string matching, matrix multiplication, NP-completeness. Prerequisite(s): CPS 350.

CPS 534. Distributed Computing with Big Data. 3 Hours
This course introduces students to distributed computation frameworks (such as MapReduce) associated with massive datasets. Topics focus on parallel/distributed algorithms, data mining and machine learning algorithms for processing and analyzing very large amounts of data, and data visualization. Prerequisite(s): CPS 350.
CPS 536. Operating Systems I. 3 Hours
Models and algorithms pertinent to the design of computer
operating systems; concurrent processes including synchronization,
communication and deadlock problems, process and device scheduling
policies, design of file systems, reliability and protection. Prerequisite(s):
CPS 350.

CPS 542. Database Management Systems. 3 Hours
Physical and logical organization of data files; hierarchical, network,
and relational database models; data definition language and data
manipulation language of a commercial database management system;
query languages. Prerequisite(s): CPS 350.

CPS 543. Advanced Concepts of Programming Languages. 3 Hours
This course involves the study of advanced programming language
concepts and paradigms. Possible topics, covered at the discretion of
the instructor, include metalinguistic abstraction and macros, fixed-point
combinators, reflection and meta-object protocols, and generative and
aspect-oriented programming with emphasis on applying these concepts
in practical application domains. Prerequisite(s): CPS 352.

CPS 544. Systems Programming. 3 Hours
Analysis of compilers and their construction; programming techniques
discussed in the current literature; advanced computer applications in
both mathematical and nonnumeric areas. Prerequisite(s): CPS 350.

CPS 552. Discrete Event Simulation Techniques. 3 Hours
Simulation models; random number generation testing, special purpose
simulation languages, statistical analysis of output; regenerative models;
trace-driven models. Emphasis on models related to computer operating
system design and performance evaluation. Prerequisite(s): CPS 350,
statistics.

CPS 560. Computer Graphics. 3 Hours
Types of graphic hardware and their characteristics. Overview of software
and techniques used in computer graphics. Two- and three-dimensional
graphics displays. Students registering for this course should have
programming ability in a procedure-oriented language. Prerequisite(s):
CPS 350.

CPS 561. Virtual Reality. 3 Hours
This course offers a broad introduction of virtual reality from fundamental
theories to software/hardware technologies involved with the current
state of the art in VR. Topics include 3D interaction techniques on virtual
immersive systems, human pose/face/hands tracking, graphics and
3D animation collaborative networked virtual environment, augmented
reality systems, and security. Some unforeseen security issues in many
emerging VR systems are also addressed. Prerequisite(s): CPS 350.

CPS 562. Database Management Systems II. 3 Hours
Study of query execution and optimization, transaction management,
concurrency control, recovery and security techniques. Advanced
data models and emerging trends in database systems, like object-
oriented database systems, distributed database systems, client-
server architecture, multidatabase and heterogeneous systems. Other
current database topics and emerging technologies will be discussed.
Prerequisite(s): CPS 542.

CPS 563. Data Visualization. 3 Hours
The study of methodologies to visualize different kinds of data such as
big data or time series data. Main topics include principal component
analysis, feature selection, clustering, parallel coordinates, and different
kinds of visualization charts.

CPS 564. Visual Computing and Mixed Reality. 3 Hours
The study of methodologies to comprehend and create a mixed-reality
application. Main topics focus on the components of visual computing
and mixed-reality applications include image filtering, feature extraction,
image matching, object tracking, and rendering.

CPS 566. Image Processing. 3 Hours
This course introduces students to a wide range of topics on digital
image processing techniques. Topics includes image enhancement, 2D
linear and nonlinear filtering, image compression and restoration, pattern
recognition, big visual data analysis, and stochastic modeling on images.
Prerequisite(s): CPS 350.

CPS 567. Advanced Computer Vision. 3 Hours
An introduction to computer vision including fundamentals of image
formation, camera imaging geometry, feature detection and matching,
and scene understanding. Students develop basic methods for
applications that include finding known models in images, depth recovery
from stereo, and pattern recognition.

CPS 568. Advanced Interactive Media. 3 Hours
A broad introduction to the concepts and common problems of
digital data processing and the theoretical aspects of media and
interactivity. This course uses a variety of principles and techniques
to demonstrate the relationship between visual data sensing and
interactivity fundamentals.

CPS 570. Data Communications. 3 Hours
The study of networks of interacting computers. The analysis of
distributed processing and distributed databases. Prerequisite(s):
CPS 350.

CPS 572. Computer Networking. 3 Hours
A unified view of the broad field of local area and long haul networks. A
survey of the state of the art. Topics covered include networking theory,
design approaches, standards, topologies and protocols. Prerequisite(s):
CPS 536, CPS 570.

CPS 573. Security and Safety in Autonomous Systems. 3 Hours
Advanced autonomy has unique safety and security challenges due
to continuous learning. This course explores methods for evaluating
learning to ensure behavior(s) remain safe and secure. This course also
explores advanced episodic and semantic memory structures and the
ethics of autonomous systems.

CPS 574. Language-Based Security. 3 Hours
Language-based security course covers fundamental topics of
programming language-based concepts for computer security
Application-level vulnerabilities and attacks are introduced and
explored. This course covers the design and implementation of security
mechanisms, and software security research in the area of programming
languages and security. Together with lectures, students learn hands-on
experience through practical labs, programming assignments, and a term
project.

CPS 575. Secure Application Development. 3 Hours
An introduction to secure programming principles and practices
to develop robust, secure software systems that are free from
vulnerabilities. Constructive secure programming techniques are
integrated with modern application development technologies so that
security can be built in during the design phase of the development
process to avoid potential software vulnerabilities and attacks.
Prerequisite(s): CPS 501.
CPS 576. Cyber Security Fundamentals. 3 Hours
An examination of advanced topics in cybersecurity and application of those concepts to a modern networked operating system via course lectures and a project. Analytic methods for modeling fundamental cybersecurity structures are introduced.

CPS 577. Computer System Design I. 3 Hours
Introduction to design and analysis of combinational and sequential circuits of MSI devices to design arithmetic and other computer functions. Analysis of a specific microcomputer architecture including usage of its machine and assembler language. Interfacing of various components with computers. Prerequisite(s): CPS 250.

CPS 579. Cyber Threats and Defense. 3 Hours
This course provides foundational and advanced knowledge about the threats that may exist in cyberspace. Available defense techniques to mitigate threats within a system are also discussed. Prerequisite(s): CPS 470.

CPS 580. Artificial Intelligence. 3 Hours
Presentation of theoretical concepts for artificial intelligence in the areas of knowledge representation and search techniques. These are examined in the context of applications for expert systems, semantic networks, and planning problems. Issues concerning functional programming and logic programming are also presented. Prerequisite(s): CPS 350.

CPS 581. Advanced Artificial Intelligence. 3 Hours
This course continues the studies pursued in Artificial Intelligence CPS 580. It delves more deeply into certain areas such as multiple agent systems and induction, and introduces new areas, such as neural networks and planning, not covered in CPS 580. As in CPS 580, each student shall complete a final project investigating some area of research in Artificial Intelligence. The project will encompass a literature search, paper, presentation, and implementation.

CPS 582. Automata Theory. 3 Hours
Finite automata, sequential machines. Turing machines, computability, existence of self-reproducing machines. Prerequisite(s): CPS 528.

CPS 583. Graph Algorithms. 3 Hours
Design and analysis of algorithms for problems based on graphs. Classical algorithms and efficient algorithms for restricted domains of graphs are covered. Analysis of algorithms, complexity classes P, NP, and NP-complete, traversals, bi-connectedness, strongly-connectedness, 2-SAT, planarity testing, and algorithms for restricted classes of graphs. Prerequisite(s): CPS 501.

CPS 584. Advanced Intelligent Systems and Deep Learning. 3 Hours
Course goal focuses on building software on machines that behave “intelligently,” enabling computer systems to “do the right thing” in complex environments so that they act optimally given limited information and computational resources available. Core topics of knowledge representation, reasoning, and learning are explored.

CPS 589. Special Research Problems. 1-3 Hours
Individual readings and research in a specialized area. May be taken for at most six semester hours. Prerequisite(s): Permission of department chairperson.

CPS 592. Special Topics. 1-3 Hours
Lectures and/or laboratory experience in some areas determined by the department. Prerequisite(s): Permission of department chairperson.

CPS 595. Software Engineering Project I. 3 Hours
First of a two-course project sequence. Students, either individually or in teams, must propose a project, conduct background research, justify the adequacy of the work for a graduate project, complete analysis and design using appropriate methodologies and CASE tools, and write preliminary coding. Students are expected to write code and minimize the usage of visual or other development environments. A minimum of three class presentations is expected for project proposal, progress, and final analysis/design. Prerequisite(s): (CPS 510, CPS 530); permission of department chairperson.

CPS 596. Software Project II. 3 Hours
Continuation of CPS 595. Students are required to implement the analysis and design of their projects and make periodic presentations. Special attention needs to be given to the overall architecture of the system, usability, testing, and documentation. A minimum of two class presentations is expected for design and implementation. Prerequisite(s): CPS 595.

CPS 599. Thesis. 3-6 Hours
Thesis.

CPS 673. Advanced System Security Analysis. 3 Hours
An examination of computer and network security using propositional and predicate logic and formal models. The course synthesizes elements from computer networking, operating systems security, and data security using access control matrices, protection models, confidentiality, integrity, representing identity, and information flow and confinement. Prerequisite(s): CPS 576.

CPS 674. Current Topics in Autonomous Systems. 3 Hours
A survey of current research articles and seminal papers in autonomy to determine the state-of-the-art in autonomous system capabilities. Prerequisite(s): CPS 573 and CPS 576.

CPS 679. Research Methods, Performance Analysis, and Experimental Design. 3 Hours
Presentation of techniques for the measurement, simulation, and analysis of computer systems, software, and communication networks. A systematic approach to performance evaluation is developed. This course introduces and applies advanced statistical methods and analysis techniques to ensure research conclusions are rigorous, defensible, and supported by the data collected.

Electrical & Computer Engr Courses

ECE 500. Introduction to the Graduate Program in Electrical and Computer Engineering. 0 Hours
Introduction to ECE graduate program, research methods in ECE, technical writing, literature research, ethics, software and resources.

ECE 501. Contemporary Digital Systems. 3 Hours
An introduction to modern digital hardware logic design using a hierarchical system approach including top-down development process. An introduction to alternative design implementation forms including hardware description languages (HDLs) for the design of simple and complex combinatorial logic circuits and sequential logic designs with finite state machines. Good HDL coding practices such as readability, reconfigurability, and efficient execution are emphasized along with the use of programmable logic circuits including Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs). Required Background: ECE215 or equivalent.
ECE 503. Random Processes. 3 Hours
Random variables as applied to system theory, communications, signal processing and controls. Topics include advanced engineering probability, random variables, random vectors and an introduction to random processes. Required background: ECE 340 or equivalent.

ECE 505. Digital Signal Processing. 3 Hours
A study of one-dimensional digital signal processing, including a review of continuous system analysis and sampling. Topics include z-transform techniques, digital filter design and analysis, and fast Fourier transform processing techniques. Required background: ECE 334 or equivalent course.

ECE 506. Microelectronic Devices. 3 Hours
Crystalline structure of matter, quantum mechanics and energy band theory; bulk properties of semiconductors; p-n and metal-semiconductor junctions; bipolar junction transistors; field-effect transistors; heterostructures; optical properties of semiconductors; devices, modeling and applications. Required background: ECE 304 or equivalent.

ECE 507. Electromagnetic Fields I. 3 Hours
Fundamental concepts, wave equation and its solutions; wave propagation, reflection and transmission; potential theory; construction of modal solutions; various electromagnetic theorems; concept of source, uniqueness, equivalence, induction and reciprocity theorems. Required background: ECE 333 or equivalent.

ECE 509. Analysis of Linear Systems. 3 Hours
State variable representation of linear systems and its relationship to the frequency domain representation using transfer functions and the Laplace transform. State transition matrix and solution of the state equation, stability, controllability, observability, state feedback and state observers are studied.

ECE 510. Microwave Circuits for Communications. 3 Hours
Microwave transmission, planar transmission lines, microwave components and filters. Microwave tubes, microwave communication, radar systems, and electronic support measures. Prerequisite(s): ECE 507.

ECE 511. Antennas. 3 Hours
Fundamental principles of antennas; analysis and synthesis of arrays; resonant antennas; broadband and frequency independent antennas; aperture and reflector antennas; applications to radar and communication systems. Prerequisite(s): ECE 507.

ECE 521. Digital Communications I. 3 Hours
Fundamentals of digital transmission of information over noisy channels; modulation schemes for binary and M-ary digital transmission; optimum receivers; coherent and noncoherent detection; signal design; intersymbol interference; error control coding; the Viberti algorithm; channel capacity and Shannon limits on reliable transmission.

ECE 523. Satellite Communications. 3 Hours
Topics related to the theory, design and orbital placement of geostationary and geosynchronous satellites and their communications applications, including transmitters and receivers in the RF, microwave and optical operational windows, the associated modulation and communication strategies, system hardware and international satellite networks. Required background: ECE 507 or permission from instructor.

ECE 530. Digital Integrated Circuit Design. 3 Hours
Integrated circuit design and layout concepts, design methodology, fabrication process and limitations, MOSFET models for digital design, inverter and logic gates, interconnect and delay, combinational circuits, sequential circuits, datapath subsystems, memory circuits, digital phase lock loops. Required background ECE 304.

ECE 531. Analog Integrated Circuit Design. 3 Hours
Integrated circuit design concepts and layout; system perspective on analog design; MOS device theory and processing technology; current mirrors and biasing circuits; voltage and current references; single-stage, differential and operational amplifiers; CAD utilization to realize the design process. Required background: ECE 304 or equivalent.

ECE 532. Embedded Systems. 3 Hours
This course will introduce the student to the concept of embedded systems and the constraints imposed on hard real-time systems. Course will consist of design, development and test of selected hard-deadline hardware and software using Altera’s DE2 development boards. The student will design selected hardware interfaces and develop real-time executive and application code in assembly language and C. Each student will design and implement hardware using Verilog HDL. Required Background: ECE 444 or equivalent.

ECE 533. Computer Design. 3 Hours
Design considerations of the computer; register transfer operations; hardware implementation of arithmetic processors and ALU; instruction set format and design and its effect on the internal microengine; hardware and micro-programmed control design; comparative architectures. Required background: ECE 314 or equivalent.

ECE 536. Microprocessor Applications. 3 Hours
Project studies, applications of microprocessors in practical implementations; logic implementation using software; memory mapped I/O problems and interrupt structure implementation; use of compilers; study of alternate microprocessor families including industrial controllers. Required background: ECE 314 or equivalent.

ECE 538. Object-Oriented Programming Applications. 3 Hours
A semi-formal approach to the engineering applications of object-oriented programming. Application of the concepts of classes, inheritance, polymorphism in engineering problems. Introduction to the use of class libraries. Effective integration of the concepts of application programmer interfaces, language features and class libraries. Required background is C programming experience.

ECE 545. Automatic Control. 3 Hours
Study of mathematical methods for control systems and analysis of performance characteristics and stability. Design topics include pole-placement, root locus, and frequency domain techniques. The student will also learn feedback loop sensitivity, basic loopshaping, performance bounds and other introductory aspects of robust control. Required background is ECE 415 or equivalent.

ECE 547. Non-Linear Systems & Control. 3 Hours
Introduction to nonlinear phenomena in dynamical systems. A study of the major techniques of nonlinear system analysis including phase plane analysis and Lyapunov stability theory. Application of the analytical techniques to control system design including feedback linearization, backstepping and sliding mode control. Prerequisite(s): ECE 509 or permission of instructor.

ECE 563. Image Processing. 3 Hours
An introduction to image processing including the human visual system, image formats, two-dimensional transforms, image restoration, and image reconstruction. Prerequisite(s): ECE 505.
ECE 564. 3D Computer Vision. 3 Hours
Develop the skills needed to generate synthetic images of 3D objects and to recover 3D structure from one or more views (projections) of 3D objects. Feature recognition in 2D views (images) of a scene based either on actual photographs or synthetic images (computer graphics generated). Applications in robot pose recognition and mobile robot navigation. Students should have experience with MATLAB programming and image processing.

ECE 565. Fundamentals of Solid-State Batteries. 3 Hours
Introduction to the fundamental of solid-state, safe, durable, batteries, including working principles of a battery, state-of-the-art battery (Li-ion battery based on liquid-state electrolytes- advantages/disadvantages), battery safety, need for a safe battery system for low-high power applications (electric vehicles / unmanned-/manned aircrafts, space vehicles, etc.), different design of solid-state batteries (planner-stacked, 3 dimensional, etc.), engineering the structural battery (dual functionality system that can carry mechanical load and store energy), characterization methods to evaluate structure / electrical / electrochemical properties of all solid-state battery materials (cathode, anode, electrolytes), interfaces (electrodes/electrolyte), and electrical/ electrochemical testing of complete battery cells. Also, electrical test methods to evaluate solid-state Li-ion battery (including structural battery) performances, etc., and understanding degradation mechanism of solid-state battery systems (including structural battery) will be discussed. Required background: ECE 304 or equivalent.

ECE 566. Fundamentals of Hybrid Electrochemical Power. 3 Hours
Introduction to the fundamentals of hybrid electrochemical power (battery + capacitor + fuel cell – integrated systems) including working principles of batteries, capacitors, lithium-ion capacitors, and fuel cells. Discussion of the advantages/disadvantages, necessity to hybridize batteries, fuel cells, capacitors. Electrical hybridization methods, electrochemical testing of hybrid power systems, degradation mechanism, and applications. Hybrid electrochemical power is highly desirable to meet requirements for a wide range of products (such as electronic gadgets, transportation vehicles and space vehicles) requiring low to high power/energy, cycle-life, fast/slow charge/discharge, etc. Required background: ECE 304 or equivalent.

ECE 567. Machine Learning & Patterning. 3 Hours
This course introduces the fundamental concepts and models of machine learning with a practical treatment of design, analysis, implementation and applications of algorithms that learn from examples. Topics include supervised and unsupervised learning, self organization, pattern association, feed-forward and recurrent architectures, manifold learning, dimensionality reduction, and model selection. Required background in ECE445 or Graduate Student status.

ECE 568. Detection and Estimation. 3 Hours
This course will provide a fundamental understanding of detection, estimation, and their use in solving engineering problems. Students will be able to solve problems involving hypothesis testing, develop a discrete time signal detector, and compute optimum parameter estimates. Students will become familiar with foundational concepts of likelihood ratio, randomized decision, sufficient statistic, Cramer-Rao bounds, and risk estimation. Students will also develop understanding of linear least square estimation, minimum mean square estimation, minimum mean absolute error estimation, maximum a posteriori estimation, maximum likelihood estimation, minimum variance unbiased estimation, empirical Bayes estimation, and minimum risk shrinkage operator estimation, expectation-maximization algorithm. Prerequisite(s): ECE 503.

ECE 569. Advanced Random Processes. 3 Hours
This course will provide students with a fundamental understanding of probability, random variables and random processes, and their use in solving engineering problems. Students will be able to solve problems involving various noise processes and their probability distributions, describe random signals, and will analyze linear systems with stochastic inputs. Some advanced topics such as Wiener filtering, Kalman filtering, and Karhunen-Loeve decomposition will be covered. Prerequisite(s): ECE 503.

ECE 570. Optical Information Processing. 3 Hours
Mathematical techniques pertaining to linear systems theory; Fresnel and Fraunhoffer diffraction; Fourier transform properties of lenses; frequency analysis of optical systems, spatial filtering, applications such as optical information processing and holography.

ECE 571. Photonic Devices & Systems. 3 Hours
Solid-state theory of optoelectronic devices; semiconductor photoemitters; LED’s, optical amplifiers and semiconductor lasers; photodetectors: PIN, APD, photocells, PMT, detection and noise; solar cells; cameras and displays; electro-optic and magneto-optic devices; integration and application of electro-optical components in systems of various types. Prerequisite(s): ECE 507 or permission of department chairperson.

ECE 572. Optical Information Processing. 3 Hours
Light propagation in slab and cylindrical waveguides; signal degradation in optical fibers; optical sources, detectors, and receivers; coupling; transmission link analysis; fiber fabrication; fiber sensor and communication systems. Prerequisite(s): ECE 507 or permission of department chairperson.

ECE 573. Introduction to Radar. 3 Hours
Introduction to the radar range equation, fields and Waves, antennas and phased arrays, beamforming, targets and clutter radar cross section, fast time, slow time, detection processing, tracking, space-time adaptive processing, FMCW radar, SAR and ISAR, electronic warfare, transmitters, receivers and signal processors. Required background: ECE303, ECE332, ECE340, or equivalent.

ECE 574. Introduction to Electronic Warfare (EW). 3 Hours
Overview of the Principles of Electronic Warfare (EW). Review of radar (and radio frequency communication) systems engineering, including fields and waves, waveforms, antennas and array beamforming, targets detection and image processing, tracking, space-time adaptive processing (STAP), synthetic aperture radar (SAR), Inverse SAR (ISAR). Principles of direction finding (DF), Electronic Attack (EA) of MTI (moving target indication) radar, SAR, and digital radio frequency memory (DRFM). Principles of Electronic Protection (EP) in MTI and SAR. Low Probability of Intercept (LPI) radar and communications, Electronic Intelligence and STAP Electronic Support Measures (ESM). Required Background: ECE303, ECE332, ECE340, or equivalent. Recommended: ECE576.

ECE 575. Advanced Radar. 3 Hours
Review of the radar range equation, fields and waves, antennas and phased arrays, beamforming, targets and clutter radar cross section, fast time, slow time, detection processing, tracking, frequency modulated continuous wave (FMCW) radar, synthetic aperture radar (SAR) and Inverse SAR (ISAR), electronic warfare (EW), transmitters, receivers and signal processors. Advanced space-time adaptive processing (STAP) techniques, including the Generalized Likelihood Ratio Test, Non-Homogeneity Detection, Knowledge-Based STAP, and Constant False Alarm Rate detection processing. Required Background: ECE303, ECE332, ECE340, ECE512 or equivalent. Recommended: ECE515.
ECE 580. Principles of Nanofabrication. 3 Hours
Basic principles of processes used in microelectronic and photonic device fabrication: vacuum systems, plasma processes, physical and chemical vapor deposition, properties of silicon and other substrate materials, photolithography and non-optical lithography, wet chemical and plasma etching, thermal oxidation of silicon, semiconductor doping, ion implantation, metatization, electrical contacts and micro-meterology.

ECE 581. Nanoelectronics. 3 Hours
Introduction to the physics of materials on the nanoscale; quantum confinement theory; electronic and optical properties of semiconductor nanostructures; single electron transistors (SETs); tunneling and ballistic devices; nanostructured LEDs, photodetectors, and lasers; nanophotovoltaics and nanomagnetics; quantum computing and molecular electronics; nanoelectronic fabrication, state-of-the-art and emerging nanoscale devices and applications. Prerequisite(s): ECE 506 or permission of instructor.

ECE 583. Advanced Photovoltaics. 3 Hours
Science and applications of photovoltaics, with special emphasis on inorganic and organic semiconductors, ferroelectrics, chalcopryites, metamaterials, quantum structures and photovoltaics architecture. Prerequisite(s): ECE 506 or permission of instructor.

ECE 586. Computer Networks. 3 Hours
Introduction to the fundamental of computer networks, including the Open Systems Interconnection reference model, transmission media, medium access protocol, data link protocols, routing, congestion control, applications, and network security. Recommended prerequisite: ECE 303.

ECE 587. Wireless Security. 3 Hours
Wireless security is a very important topic and attracting more and more attention from industry, research, and academia. This course gives a comprehensive overview on the recent advances in wireless network and system security. It will cover security issues and solutions in emerging wireless access networks and systems as well as multi-hop wireless networks. Required background: ECE203 or equivalent.

ECE 595. Special Problems in Electrical Engineering. 1-6 Hours
Particular assignments to be arranged and approved by the department chair.

ECE 599. Thesis. 1-6 Hours
Thesis in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

ECE 633. Advanced Computer Architecture. 3 Hours
Examination of modern high performance computing architectures, including out-of-order execution RISC multicore processors and GPGPUs. Design projects integrate the concepts learned in class. Prerequisite(s): ECE 533.

ECE 642. Optimal Control & Estimation. 3 Hours
Introduction to optimal control, starting with dynamic programming for stochastic optimal control; continuous time optimal control, including Pontryagin’s Maximum Principle and its application to the linear case, leading to linear optimal control. Prerequisite(s): ECE 509 or permission of instruction.

ECE 645. Adaptive Control. 3 Hours
On-line approximation based adaptive control techniques for nonlinear systems. An introduction to neural networks and fuzzy systems as part of the control loop is given, leading to a diversity of advanced methods for controlling and stabilizing nonlinear systems subject to uncertainties. Adaptive observers and adaptive output feedback are also introduced. Prerequisite(s): ECE 547 or permission of instructor.

ECE 661. Statistical Signal Processing. 3 Hours
This course studies discrete methods of linear estimation theory. Topics include random vectors, linear transformations, linear estimation theory, optimal filtering, least squares techniques, linear prediction, and spectrum estimation. Prerequisite(s): ECE 503, ECE 505.

ECE 682. Nano-Fabrication Laboratory. 3 Hours
This laboratory course will provide hands-on experience in state-of-the-art device fabrication technology. The course will be conducted primarily in a clean room laboratory with some classroom sessions for discussions. The students will have an opportunity to design, fabricate and test their own devices. Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.

ECE 685. Special Problems in Electrical and Computer Engineering. 1-6 Hours
Special topics in electrical engineering not covered in regular courses. Course sections arranged and approved by the chair of the student’s doctoral advisory committee and the department chair.

ECE 696. Graduate Seminar. 0-3 Hours
Research oriented independent study course intended for doctoral level graduate students. The student will perform an in-depth research on a selected topic of mutual interest with his/her doctoral adviser, and achieve sufficient expertise to do a technical presentation about the topic in front of his/her peers. The student will prepare a report and present it in one of the graduate seminar sessions during the semester. The student is expected to attend all the seminars presented by other graduate students during the semester and to interact with them to improve the depth and breath of his/her knowledge.

ECE 699. PhD Dissertation. 1-15 Hours
Original research in electrical engineering that makes a definite contribution to technical knowledge. Results must be of sufficient importance to merit publication in a refereed journal.