ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

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OVERVIEW

The Electrical Engineering (EE) program at the University of Vermont is at the forefront of research in the areas of digital signal processing, control systems, power and energy systems, wireless communications, and electronic circuit and system design and testing. This rigorous and focused program offers competitive funding and prepares graduate students for careers in research and technical leadership. Graduate students can contribute to interdisciplinary research within a broad range of applications, including power/energy, biomedical, aerospace, and transportation. In addition, the EE program partners with other academic units to offer M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Materials Science and a Ph.D. degree in Biomedical Engineering.

DEGREES

- Electrical Engineering AMP (http://catalogue.uvm.edu/graduate/electricalengineering/electricalengineeringamp/)
- Electrical Engineering M.S. (http://catalogue.uvm.edu/graduate/electricalengineering/electricalengineeringms/)
- Electrical Engineering Ph.D. (http://catalogue.uvm.edu/graduate/electricalengineering/electricalengineeringphd/)

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Courses

EE 210. Control Systems. 3 Credits.
Analysis and design of continuous and discrete-time control systems; stability, signal flow, performance criteria, classical and state variable methods, simulation design tools, computer-based realizations. Credit not given for more than one of the courses EE 110, EE 210. Prerequisite: EE 171 or ME 111. Cross-listed with: ME 210.

EE 211. Real-Time Control Systems. 3 Credits.
Digital control systems analysis and design. Topics include: difference equations, the Z-transforms, discrete-time transfer functions, state-space models, sampled-data systems, discretization, real-time control, microprocessor implementation, and optimal control. Project-based final. Prerequisites: (C+ or better in EE 110 or EE 210 or ME 210) and (EE 134 or a B- or better in EE 101).

EE 215. Electric Energy Systems Analys. 3 Credits.
Transmission line, generator, transformer modeling and control, per-unit conversion, power flow calculations and software, symmetric components and fault analysis, protection/relaying, stability analysis, smart grid. Prerequisite: EE 113. Co-requisite: MATH 122 (preferred) or MATH 124.

EE 217. Smart Grid. 3 Credits.
Smart Grid: Using information/communication technology to modernize electric power/energy systems, including generation, transmission, distribution and consumption. Electricity physics/economics/policy; renewable energy; energy storage; demand response; energy efficiency; distributed generation; advanced metering infrastructure; distribution automation; microgrids; synchrophasors; HVDC and FACTS systems. Prerequisite: EE 113 or Graduate standing. Co-requisite: EE 215 recommended.

EE 218. Power Electronics. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the field of power conversion using power electronics devices. Topics include Energy and Power, AC-to-DC Converters, DC-to-DC Converters, DC-to-AC Converters, Elements of Control and Design of Power Converters, Applications of Power Electronics in Renewable Energy and Microgrids. Simulations and experiments illustrate concepts. Final project related to renewable energy. Prerequisites: EE 120 or Graduate student standing.

EE 221. Digital VLSI Circuit Design. 0 or 3 Credits.
Design of VLSI circuits using a modular approach with industrial grade software: schematic capture; circuit design languages (HDL); full-custom layouts; mixed signals; synthesis. Laboratory. Prerequisites: EE 120. Pre/co-requisites: EE 131.

EE 222. Analog VLSI Circuit Design. 0 or 3 Credits.
The design, layout, and simulation of VLSI analog circuits. Emphasis on small signal models and circuits used in operational amplifiers. Prerequisites: EE 120 or Graduate student standing in Electrical Engineering or Physics.

EE 226. RF Circuit Design. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the design and analysis of active and passive radio frequency and microwave circuits. Topics include radio frequency and microwave circuit analysis, measurement methods, transmission line structures, matching networks, computer-aided analysis and design. Prerequisites: EE 120, EE 121.

EE 227. Biomedical Instrumentation. 3 Credits.
Measurement techniques for biomedical engineering research and industry, and health care institutions. Integrated biomedical monitoring, diagnostic, and therapeutic instrumentation. Prerequisite: EE 100 or EE 004 or EE 021 or EE 075. Co-requisites: EE 120, ANPS 020, or Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: BME 227.

EE 228. Sensors. 3 Credits.
Sensor design, interrogation, and implementation. A wide variety of electrical, electronic, optical, mechanic, and cross-disciplinary devices. System designs, measurement techniques, and methodologies. Interface electronics, system grounding and shielding methods. Prerequisite: EE 101 or EE 120.

EE 229. Biosignal Decoding. 3 Credits.
Overview of biomedical measurement techniques; development of Python software to visualize, denoise, and decode biomedical signals. Prerequisites: CS021; (BME 111 or EE 171) or (ME 111 and EE 101) or Instructor permission. Pre/Co-requisite: Beginner knowledge of Python programming is strongly suggested. Cross-listed with: BME 229.

EE 231. Digital Computer Design I. 3 Credits.
Hardware organization and realization, hard-wired and microprogrammed control units, interrupt and I/O systems. Hardware design language introduced and used for computer design. Prerequisites: EE 131; EE 134 or CS 121.

EE 261. Semiconductor Materials/Device. 3 Credits.
Energy band theory, effective mass, band structure and electronic properties of semiconductors. Transport of electrons and holes in bulk materials and across interfaces. MOSFETs, BJTs, pn junctions, and Schottky barriers. Prerequisite: EE 120 or Graduate Student standing.

EE 272. Information Theory. 3 Credits.
Introduction to probability concepts of information theory; entropy of probability models; theoretical derivations of channel capacity; coding methods and theorems, sampling theorems. Prerequisite: Graduate student standing or STAT 151.

EE 275. Digital Signal Processing. 3 Credits.
Covers principles and methods for digital signal processing. The analysis and design of discrete-time systems as signal processing devices is provided in the context of filter design and topics on image processing. Topics covered: quantization, reconstruction of signals, z-transform, FIR/IIR, intro to images, pixel and region-based classification and segmentation, among others. Prerequisite: EE 171.

EE 278. Wireless Communication. 3 Credits.
Modern wireless systems, including cellular design, propagation modeling, multiple access and equalization techniques. Pre/co-requisites: EE 174, STAT 151.

EE 279. Wireless Sensor Networks. 3 Credits.
Applications of and technologies behind wireless sensor networks. A systems-level perspective that integrates wireless networking, antennas, radio frequency circuitry, sensors, digital signal processing, embedded systems, and energy. Term project. Prerequisite: EE 171 or Instructor permission.

EE 301. System Theory. 3 Credits.
Linear vector spaces. State equations and solution. Diagonalization and Jordan canonical form. Orthogonal and biorthogonal projections. Quadratic forms. Spectral resolution. Principal component analysis, singular value decomposition and Karhunen-Loeve transform. Compressive sensing. Prerequisites: MATH 230 or MATH 271, MATH 124, EE 171 or ME 111.

EE 302. Stochastic Processes. 3 Credits.
Probability theory, random variables and stochastic processes. Response of linear systems to random inputs. Applications in engineering. Prerequisites: EE 171 or ME 111; and STAT 151 or STAT 143.

EE 303. Convex Optimization. 3 Credits.
Provides advanced mathematical tools to recognize optimization problems from applications, presents rigorous theory of convex optimization with an emphasis on results that are helpful for implementation/computation/modeling, providing student with the experience and understanding necessary to use the tools in their own research work or applications. Prerequisites: Linear Algebra, Multi-variable calculus, Graduate student standing.

EE 314. Nonlinear System Theory. 3 Credits.
Basic nonlinear methods including computational and geometrical techniques for analysis of nonlinear systems. Describing function methods and bifurcation and catastrophe theory. Sensitivity and stability considerations. Prerequisite: MATH 230 or MATH 271. Pre/Co-requisites: EE 301 recommended.

EE 371. Estimation Theory. 3 Credits.
Foundations of linear and nonlinear least squares estimation, smoothing and prediction, computational aspects, Kalman filtering, nonlinear filtering, parameter identification, and adaptive filtering. Applications to students' research. Pre/co-requisite: STAT 151.

EE 390. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

EE 391. Master's Thesis Research. 1-18 Credits.

EE 392. Master's Project. 1-3 Credits.
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EE 393. Graduate Seminar. 1 Credit.
Presentation and discussion of advanced problems, research, and current topics in Electrical Engineering by faculty, graduate students, and outside guest speakers.

EE 394. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

EE 395. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Advanced topics of current interest in electrical engineering. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

EE 398. Independent Graduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Graduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

EE 490. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

EE 491. Doctoral Dissertation Research. 1-18 Credits.

EE 496. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

EE 498. Independent Graduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Graduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.