# Curriculum Worksheet for the Computer Engineering Class of 2021

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The abbreviations “ECE” and “E&C-ENG” are equivalent. They are both abbreviations of “Electrical and Computer Engineering”. “ECE” tends to be used in departmental publications and “E&C-ENG” is used on SPIRE and on official schedules and transcripts.

It is important that the Undergraduate Catalog posted on SPIRE (https://spire.umass.edu) be consulted for course descriptions and course requisites. It is the student’s responsibility to drop any course for which she or he does not have all of the published requisites.

**Note 1 • ENGIN 112, Intro. to ECE**

In the Fall semester, choose one of the following:

- ENGIN 100: Intro. to Engineering
- ENGIN 110: Intro. to Chemical Engineering
- ENGIN 111: Intro. to Civil & Environmental Engineering

**Note 2 • Social World Electives / Diversity Requirements**

Choose four Social World Electives (four credits each) consisting of:

1. One Literature or Arts elective: AL or AT
2. One Historical Studies elective: HS
3. One Social and Behavioral elective: SB
4. One more elective: AL, AT, SB, I or SI

Also, choose two courses to meet the Social & Cultural Diversity requirement: one course focusing on United States diversity (U, ALU, ATU, HSU, IU, SBG, or SIU) and one course focusing on Global diversity (G, ALG, ATG, HSG, IG, SBG, or SIG). Most students satisfy the Diversity requirement with two of their four Social World electives. In other words, with careful planning, four courses may be used to satisfy all six graduation requirements.

**Note 3 • Freshman Seminar**

All engineering students are required to enroll in a 1-credit Freshman Seminar in their first semester.

**Note 4 • Life Sciences Elective**

The Life Sciences Elective can be fulfilled with any of the following five approved courses. All are 4 credits.

- BIO 109: Evolution Explained (2nd sem)
- BIO 110: Intro. Biology for Science Majors (2nd sem)
- BIO 151: Intro. Biology I (both sem)
- ENVRSCI 101: Intro to Environmental Science (1st sem)
- MICROBIO 160: Biology of Cancer and AIDS (both sem)

You may choose to take your Life Sciences Elective in the fall and take ENGIN 351 in the spring. To use BIO 110, you will need to either move this elective earlier or ask for an override. (Officially, BIO 110 is open only to first and second year students.)

**Note 5 • Alternative Electives**

To propose a different course to satisfy either the Life Science Elective or CompE Elective, fill out the Alternative Elective Request Form, and take it to the Undergraduate Programs Office. The form is online at: [http://ece.umass.edu/undergraduate-students/forms-documents](http://ece.umass.edu/undergraduate-students/forms-documents).

**Note 6 • CompE Electives**

Choose seven CompE Electives. The electives must include at least two 500-level courses (or above) that may not be used to satisfy the requirements for any other major. Each is 3 credits unless otherwise indicated.

- ECE 244: Modern Physics and Materials for EE (2nd sem) 4 cr
- ECE 310: Circuits & Electronics II (1st sem) 4 cr
- ECE 315: Signal Processing Methods (1st sem) 4 cr
- ECE 333: Fields and Waves I (1st sem) 4 cr
- ECE 344: Semiconductor Devices & Materials (1st sem) 4 cr
- ECE 544: Trustworthy Computing (1st sem) 4 cr
- ECE 547: Security Engineering 4 cr
- ECE 556: Intro. to Cryptography 4 cr
- ECE 558: Intro. to VLSI Design (1st sem) 4 cr
- ECE 559: VLSI Design Project (2nd sem) 4 cr
- ECE 563: Intro. to Comm. & Signal Processing (1st sem) 4 cr
- ECE 564: Communication Systems (2nd sem) 4 cr
- ECE 565: Digital Signal Processing (2nd sem) 4 cr
- ECE 568: Introduction to Computer Architecture (1st sem) 4 cr
- ECE 570: System Software Design (2nd sem) 4 cr
- ECE 571: Microelectronic Fabrication (2nd sem) 4 cr
- ECE 572: Optoelectronics (1st sem) 4 cr
- ECE 575: Intro. to Analog IC Design (1st sem) 4 cr
- ECE 580: Feedback Control Systems (1st sem) 4 cr
- ECE 584: Microwave Engineering I (1st sem) 4 cr
- ECE 585: Microwave Engineering II (2nd sem) 4 cr

You may also take any ECE 300-level course not listed and not required for the CSE major. All ECE 597 Special Topics courses and all 600-level ECE courses (except ECE 696) are allowed as well. Note that instructor permission is required to enroll in any 600-level course.

The following courses are approved as CompE electives, but enrollment in them is not guaranteed. Priority is given to COMPSCI majors and minors. To request an override into one of these courses, follow the posted instructions at [https://www.cs.umass.edu/ugrad-education/overrides](https://www.cs.umass.edu/ugrad-education/overrides). This page includes a link to the appropriate online Override Request Form, which changes each semester.

- COMPSCI 311: Introduction to Algorithms (both sem) 4 cr
- COMPSCI 377: Operating Systems (1st sem) 4 cr
- COMPSCI 383: Artificial Intelligence (1st sem) 4 cr
- COMPSCI 403: Introduction to Robotics (1st sem) 4 cr
- COMPSCI 410: Compiler Techniques (1st sem) 4 cr
- COMPSCI 445: Information Systems (2nd sem) 4 cr
- COMPSCI 446: Search Engines (2nd sem) 4 cr
- COMPSCI 474: Image Synthesis (2nd sem) 4 cr
- COMPSCI 501: Formal Language Theory (2nd sem) 4 cr
- COMPSCI 513: Logic in Computer Science (2nd sem) 4 cr
- COMPSCI 520: Software Engin: Synthesis and Develompnt (1st sem) 4 cr
- COMPSCI 521: Software Engin: Analysis and Evaluation (2nd sem) 4 cr
- COMPSCI 529: Software Engin: Project Management (both sem) 4 cr
- COMPSCI 585: Introduction to Natural Language Processing (1st sem)

Consult SPIRE to check course offerings and availability.

**Note 7 • Five-Year B.S. / M.S. in ECE**

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering offers a five-year program through which students can obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical or Computer Engineering as well as a Master of Science degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering within a five-year time frame. During the senior year, two graduate-level courses are taken that are later transferred into the M.S. program. More information is posted at [http://ece.umass.edu/ece/five-year-program](http://ece.umass.edu/ece/five-year-program).