

CompE 2021-24

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Curriculum Worksheet for the Computer Engineering Classes of 2021 through 2024

FIRST YEAR		SECOND YEAR		THIRD YEAR		FOURTH YEAR	
Fall [16 or 19cr]	Spring [16 or 19cr]	Fall [18cr]	Spring [16cr]	Fall [14cr]	Spring [15-18cr]	Fall [13-15cr]	Spring [13-15cr]
ENGIN 112 Intro. to ECE [3 cr] [Note 1]	ECE 122 Intro. Programming for ECE [4 cr]	ECE 201* Analytical Tools for ECE [4 cr] [Note 4]	ECE 213 Continuous-Time Signals & Systems [4 cr][Note 4]	ECE 322 Systems Programming [3 cr]	CompE Elective [3 or 4 cr] [Notes 6 & 7]	ECE 415 Senior Design Project I [3 cr] (GenEd-IE)	ECE 416 Senior Design Project II [3 cr]
PHYSICS 151 Gen. Physics I – Mechanics [4 cr]	PHYSICS 152 Gen. Physics II – Thermo., E&M [4 cr]	ECE 202 Computational Tools for ECE [3 cr]	ECE 214 Probability & Statistics [4 cr] [Note 4]	ECE 371 Intro. to Security Engineering [4 cr]	CompE Elective [3 or 4 cr] [Notes 6 & 7]	CompE Elective [3 or 4 cr] [Notes 6 & 7]	CompE Elective [3 or 4 cr] [Notes 6 & 7]
MATH 131 Calculus I [4 cr]	MATH 132 Calculus II [4 cr]	ECE 210 Circuits & Electronics I [4 cr]	ECE 231 Intro. to Embedded Systems [4 cr]	ECE 331 Hardware Organization & Digital Design [3 cr]	CompE Elective [3 or 4 cr] [Notes 6 & 7]	CompE Elective [3 or 4 cr] [Notes 6 & 7]	CompE Elective [3 or 4 cr] [Notes 6 & 7]
Social World Elective [4 cr] [Note 2]	ECE 124 Intro. Digital & Computer Systems [4 cr]	ECE 241 Advanced Programming [3 cr]	COMPSCI 250 Intro. to Computation [4 cr]	ECE 303 Junior Seminar [1 cr]	ECE 304 Junior Design Project [2 cr]	Social World Elective [4 cr] [Note 2]	Social World Elective [4 cr] [Note 2]
ENGLWRIT 112 College Writing [3 cr] [take Fall or Spring of 1st year]		Social World Elective [4 cr] [Note 2]		ENGIN 351 Writing in Engineering [3 cr] [Note 5]	Life Sciences Elective [4 cr] [Note 5]		
ENGIN 191 Freshman Seminar [1 cr] [Note 3]	* Substitute three courses for ECE 201 (e.g., for math minor): 1. MATH 235 Linear Algebra [4 cr]	2. MATH 331 Differential Equations [3 cr] 3. ECE 296C Complex Numbers [1 cr]	All three courses must be completed before attempting either ECE 213 or ECE 214 (or both).			5-yr B.S. / M.S. Graduate Course [3 or 4 cr] (Cannot be used for B.S. degree) [Note 8]	5-yr B.S. / M.S. Graduate Course [3 or 4 cr] (Cannot be used for B.S. degree) [Note 8]

The curriculum notes can be found on the reverse side of this worksheet.

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— Notes for the Computer Engineering Curriculum for those entering the CompE major in Summer 2018 or later —

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.

Consult SPIRE (<https://spire.umass.edu>) for course descriptions and course requisites. It is the student’s responsibility to drop any course for which they do 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
- >> ENGIN 112: Intro. to Electrical & Computer Engineering
- ENGIN 113: Intro. to Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
- ENGIN 114: Intro. to Biomedical Engineering

A grade of C or better in one of the ENGIN 1xx courses is required for all engineering majors. ENGIN 112 is strongly recommended for CompE and EE majors.

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 • ECE 201, Analytical Tools for ECE

Students may substitute MATH 235, Linear Algebra, and MATH 331, Differential Equations, for ECE 201. A 1-credit Independent Study (ECE 296C) covering Complex Numbers is needed to fulfill the graduation requirement for ECE 201. All three courses need to be completed before taking ECE 213 and/or ECE 214.

Note 5 • 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)
- ENVIRSCI 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. Departmental Honors students should take ENGIN 351H in the spring. To use BIO 110, you will need to either move this elective earlier or ask for an override, as only first-year and second-year students may self-enroll on SPIRE.

Note 6 • Alternative Electives

To propose a different course to satisfy your Life Sciences or one of your CompE electives, 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>.

Note 7 • CompE Electives

Choose seven CompE Electives, including 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 311: Intermediate Electronics (2nd sem)
- ECE 315: Signal Processing Methods (1st sem)
- ECE 325: Computer Networking (2nd sem)
- ECE 332: Embedded Systems Lab (2nd sem)
- ECE 333: Fields and Waves I (1st sem)
- ECE 334: Fields and Waves II (2nd sem)
- ECE 344: Fundamentals of Semiconductor Devices (1st sem)
- ECE 341: Algorithms for Computer Engineering (2nd sem) †
- ECE 544: Trustworthy Computing (1st sem)
- ECE 547: Security Engineering (2nd sem)
- ECE 558: Intro. to VLSI Design (1st sem) 4 cr
- ECE 559: VLSI Design Project (2nd sem)
- ECE 565: Digital Signal Processing (1st sem)
- ECE 568: Introduction to Computer Architecture (1st sem)
- ECE 570: System Software Design (2nd sem)
- ECE 571: Microelectronic Fabrication (2nd sem) 4 cr
- ECE 572: Optoelectronics (2nd sem)
- ECE 580: Feedback Control Systems (1st sem)

You may also take any ECE 300-level course not listed and not required for the CompE major. All ECE 597 Special Topics courses and all 600-level ECE courses (except ECE 696) are allowed as well. (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. To request an override into a COMPSCI course, follow the posted instructions at <https://www.cics.umass.edu/ugrad-education/overrides>. Note that the online Override Request Form changes each semester.

- COMPSCI 311: Intro to Algorithms (both sem) 4 cr †
- COMPSCI 348: Principles of Data Science (2nd sem)
- COMPSCI 383: Artificial Intelligence (both sem)
- COMPSCI 403: Introduction to Robotics (1st sem)
- COMPSCI 445: Information Systems (1st sem)
- COMPSCI 446: Search Engines (2nd sem)
- COMPSCI 501: Formal Language Theory (2nd sem)
- COMPSCI 503: Embedded Computing Systems (1st sem)
- COMPSCI 513: Logic in Computer Science (2nd sem)
- COMPSCI 514: Algorithms for Data Science (both sem)
- COMPSCI 520: Theory and Practice of Software Engineering (both sem)
- COMPSCI 529: Software Engineering Project Management (both sem)
- COMPSCI 532: Systems for Data Science (1st sem)
- COMPSCI 585: Intro to Natural Language Processing (1st sem)
- COMPSCI 589: Machine Learning (both sem)

Consult SPIRE to check course offerings and availability.

† You may use either ECE 341 or COMPSCI 311 as a CompE elective.

Note 8 • 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 (or more) 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>.