

**STANDARD MS PROGRAM, THESIS OPTION**  
**ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING**  
**University of Oklahoma**  
**Degree Code: M350-Q211**

**SUMMARY OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

- The program of study must be approved by the thesis committee.
- The program of study must show 24 hours of course work and 6 hours of thesis research for a total of 30 credit hours.
- All course work must be at the 4000, 5000, or 6000 level or be from a select list of allowable non-ECE 3000-level courses. The list is maintained by the ECE Graduate Office. In addition, all courses must carry graduate credit for ECE majors (ECE daggered courses [+G] are not allowed).
- At least 12 hours of course work must be in ECE at the 5000-level or higher, not including thesis hours.
- After initial enrollment in Thesis Research, ECE 5980, continuous enrollment in 5980 is required during all fall and spring semesters until completion of the degree. Summer graduates must enroll in 5980 during the final semester.
- You must enroll in the ECE section for any cross-listed course.
- You must enroll in the graduate section for any slash-listed course.
- The program of study may show a maximum of 12 hours below the 5000-level, out of which no more than 9 hours may be ECE.
- 6 hours maximum credit allowed for special studies (total for all 5990's taken).
- Up to 12 hours allowed separately for each category: ECE 5973's and ECE 5283's.
- You must form a thesis committee, perform research, and report the research in a written thesis. You must successfully defend the thesis in a Final Oral Examination (thesis defense) – see details below.

**STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE**

- You must maintain a GPA of 3.00 or better, both overall and cumulatively in all graduate work attempted.

**TIME LIMIT**

- All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of five years.

**SUMMARY OF PROGRAM PROCEDURES**

- ❖ Before completing the second semester of studies: 1) Select a major thesis advisor and two other thesis committee members; 2) prepare a program of study and file the ECE MS Program Approval Form. The form is available in the ECE Graduate Office or online at <http://ece.ou.edu/current/> and must be approved by your thesis committee.
- ❖ In the semester prior to graduation: File the Graduate College Admission to Candidacy and Thesis Title/Committee Approval forms by the deadlines published in the OU academic calendar; [http://www.ou.edu/admissions/home/academic\\_calendar.html](http://www.ou.edu/admissions/home/academic_calendar.html). The appropriate forms may be downloaded at <http://gradweb.ou.edu/Current/Forms/masters/index.asp>. Check the Graduate College's graduation packet for critical information.
- ❖ Should a change in the approved program of study become necessary, complete an ECE petition form available in the ECE Graduate Office. The form must be approved no later than the first week of the semester.
- ❖ The thesis defense is held during the semester of intended graduation and requires written authority from the Graduate College. 1) You must allow adequate time for the committee to read the thesis. At least two weeks are required by the university, but your committee may require longer. 2) You must schedule the defense and notify the ECE Graduate Office of the date at least one week in advance. You must submit a reading copy of the thesis to the ECE Graduate Office at this time. 3) At least one week prior to the defense, you must also submit a reading copy to the Graduate College with the Request for Authorization for Thesis Defense Form. The Graduate College will check your thesis for formatting at this time and issue the authority form. 4) After the defense, your ECE exit survey forms must be filed with the ECE Graduate Office, the examination report must be submitted to the Graduate College within 72 hours, and the final copies of your thesis must be deposited in the main library. All of these must be completed by the deadlines published in the OU academic calendar.

*Check all general university policies and other helpful information for Master's degree students in the Graduate College Bulletin at <http://gradweb.ou.edu/Current/gcBulletin/index.asp>. Some ECE requirements and restrictions are in addition to those of the Graduate College.*