

Computer Engineering

Bachelor of Science Degree

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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 1 Biology (recommended)
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 1 Pre-Calculus
- 2 Lab Science (chemistry and physics)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- Academic electives (to equal at least 17 total credits)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Did You Know?

Since 2004, two UMaine electrical and computer engineering undergrads have been named Outstanding Electrical and Computer Engineering Students by the national Eta Kappa Nu and Tau Beta Pi honor societies: Matthew Rodrigue of Farmington, Maine, and Priyanth Chandrasekar of India. In its 44-year history, only 48 people have received the Eta Kappa Nu award, including another UMaine student, Louise Veilleaux, in 1979. UMaine, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of California Berkeley and the University of Missouri Rolla are the only institutions with three winners.

College of Engineering

Program Description

Computer Engineering involves the design and development of systems based on computers and complex digital logic devices. These systems find use in such diverse tasks as computation, communication, entertainment, information processing, artificial intelligence and control. A computer engineer must know how to select and interconnect the electronic and mechanical devices that make up a computer-based system, activities usually associated with electrical engineering. However, the computer engineer also must be capable of developing the software that makes a computer system perform its task. They might need to know, for example, which programming language is best for a particular need or the most efficient way to store or process data. This area is normally associated with computer science. Thus, a computer engineer must be proficient with computer science topics as well as electrical engineering material.

Specialized Information

At UMaine, engineering classes are small. When describing their professors and classmates, students use words like “family” and “community.” Our programs in ECE are accredited, and UMaine’s College of Engineering offers a five-year BS-MBA degree with the Maine Business School. We offer state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities, in which undergraduates have the opportunity to do meaningful research alongside faculty. Professors, not graduate students, teach classes. We have a high placement rate in top graduate programs, and UMaine’s Foster Center for Student Innovation offers courses in innovation engineering. UMaine also is home to one of the country’s oldest honors programs. Undergraduate research opportunities for ECE students include cluster supercomputing, micro- and nanofabrication technology, coding and information theory, and wireless sensor networks. During the summer and academic year, students can work with researchers in the department under the National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates program. We also offer paid summer research opportunities for junior high school students through NASA. Our students have the opportunity to work on and off campus with organizations such as National Semiconductor, Fairchild Semiconductor, IBM, Analog Devices, Kewware Technologies, General Electric and NASA research centers. An estimated 70 percent of ECE graduates participate in at least one co-op or research job — either on campus or in industry — during their time at UMaine.

Associated Honor Societies and Student Organizations

UMaine has chapters of Eta Kappa Nu and Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honor societies, and the Society for Women Engineers. Students are encouraged to join the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and given opportunities to attend scientific conferences.

Representative Courses

ECE 101	Introduction to Electrical and Computer Engineering	ECE 402	Electrical and Computer Engineering Design Project
ECE 177	Introduction to Programming for Engineers	ECE 403	Electrical and Computer Engineering Design Project
ECE 210	Electrical Networks I	ECE 414	Feedback Control Systems
ECE 211	Electrical Networks II	ECE 427	Electric Power Systems
ECE 214	Electrical Networks Laboratory	ECE 444	Analog Integrated Circuit Design
ECE 271	Microcomputer Architecture and Applications	ECE 445	Analysis and Design of Digital Integrated Circuits
ECE 275	Sequential Logic Systems	ECE 453	Microwave Engineering
ECE 211	Electrical Networks II	ECE 462	Introduction to Basic Semiconductor Devices
ECE 214	Electrical Networks Laboratory	ECE 464	Microelectronics Science and Engineering
ECE 271	Microcomputer Architecture and Applications	ECE 465	Introduction to Sensors
ECE 300	Seminar	ECE 466	Sensor Technology and Instrumentation
ECE 314	Signals and Systems	ECE 473	Computer Architecture and Organization
ECE 323	Electric Power Conversion	ECE 471	Microprocessor Applications Engineering
ECE 342	Electronics I	ECE 473	Computer Architecture and Organization
ECE 343	Electronics II	ECE 477	Hardware Applications Using C
ECE 351	Fields and Waves	ECE 484	Communications Engineering II
ECE 383	Communications Engineering	ECE 486	Digital Signal Processing
ECE 401	Electrical and Computer Engineering Design Project	ECE 498	Selected Topics in ECE with EE Focus

Career and Graduate Opportunities

We have a nearly perfect job and graduate school placement rate. Our graduates work in industries including energy, wireless communications, health care, nanotechnology and defense. Employers of our graduates include: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Bath Iron Works, National Semiconductor, Fairchild Semiconductor, Analog Devices Inc, IBM, General Electric, General Dynamics, Central Maine Power, Kepware Technologies, Alegro Systems, NASA, the Department of Defense and many other organizations.

UMaine Graduate Programs

Master of Science in Computer Engineering
Master of Science in Electrical Engineering
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Engineering
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

About UMaine

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. It currently enrolls 12,000 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. Students are offered 88 bachelor's degree programs, 64 master's degree programs, 25 doctoral programs and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, go online (umaine.edu). Equal opportunity information also is available online (umaine.edu/eo).

How do I apply?

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