Master of Control Engineering (MCEng)

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Either a thesis option or a course option may be selected. The special requirements for these options are as follows:

Course Option

The Master of Control Engineering is an academic master's degree designed mainly for both full-time and part-time students interested in proceeding to the departmental full-time doctoral program and/or an industrial career. Under the course option, students may not take ESE 599 Master's Research. With faculty permission, they may take up to 3 units of graduate-level independent study.

Thesis Option

This option is intended for those pursuing full-time study and engaged in research projects. Candidates for this degree must complete a minimum of 24 unit hours of course instruction and 6 unit hours of thesis research (ESE 599). 3 of these unit hours of thesis research may be applied toward the 15 core electrical engineering unit hours required for the MSEE program. Any of the 6 hours of thesis research may be applied as electives for the MSEE, MSSSM, MSDAS, MCEng and MEngR programs. The student must write a master's thesis and defend it in an oral examination.

Degree Requirements

The Master of Control Engineering (MCEng) degree is a terminal professional degree designed for students interested in an industrial career.

• Required courses (15 units) for the MCEng degree include the following:

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<td>ESE 441</td>
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and at least two of the following five courses:

- ESE 415 Optimization
- or ESE 425 Random Processes and Kalman Filtering
- or ESE 552 Linear Dynamic Systems II
- or ESE 553 Nonlinear Dynamic Systems
- or ESE 547 Robust and Adaptive Control

• The remaining courses in the program may be selected from senior or graduate-level courses in ESE or elsewhere in the university that are approved by the department. Please consult the ESE departmental website (https://ese.wustl.edu/graduate/degreeprograms/Pages/master-control-engineering.aspx) for a list of allowable electives.

• A maximum of 6 units may be transferred from another school as electives, provided that the courses were not needed for the student's bachelor's degree.

• ESE 590 Electrical & Systems Engineering Graduate Seminar must be taken each semester.

• The degree program must be consistent with the residency and other applicable requirements of Washington University and the McKelvey School of Engineering.

• Students must obtain a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.2 out of a possible 4.0 overall for courses applied toward the degree. Courses that apply toward the degree must be taken with the credit/letter grade option.