Master of Science in Systems Science & Mathematics (MSSSM)

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 Science in Systems Science & Mathematics (MSSSM) is an academic master’s degree that requires 30 unit hours. It is designed 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 (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/search/?P=E35%20ESE%20599)); 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 these 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

- Required courses (15 units) for the MS degree include the following:

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and one chosen from the following courses:

- ESE 524 | Detection and Estimation Theory | 3
- or ESE 544 | Optimization and Optimal Control |
- or ESE 545 | Stochastic Control |
- or ESE 557 | Hybrid Dynamic Systems |

Total Units: 15

$^1$ ESE 516 may be substituted for ESE 415 (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/search/?P=E35%20ESE%20415).

- 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/degiregions/Pages/ms-systems-science-mathematics.aspx) for a list of allowable electives.
- A maximum of 6 units may be transferred from another institution and applied toward the master’s degree.
- ESE 590 Electrical & Systems Engineering Graduate Seminar must be taken by full-time graduate students each semester. Master’s students must attend at least three seminars per 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.