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The field of computer engineering can be described as an amalgam of hardware and software design. Computer engineers are involved in research, design, development, production, and operation of a wide variety of digital systems, from integrated circuits through microcontrollers, multi-core processors, FPGA-based accelerators, to big-data and cloud computing platforms. Reflecting the industry trend to integrate hardware and software development, the computer engineering program is built around computer-aided design tools that can simulate and assist in the design of new digital systems, such as those found in smartphones, tablets, robots, autonomous vehicles, drones, spacecraft, computer networks, smart factories, defense systems, and the internet-of-things. Advanced languages, such as VHDL and Python, and software tools, such as those used for FPGA- and ASIC-design and simulation, can be used to model hardware and software functionality from the system and architecture level down to the gate and transistor levels. Design, optimization, verification, and testing methodology involving these tools are taught in the program. Hands-on design experiences and simulation are emphasized throughout the curriculum through labs and projects integrated into various courses. The program culminates in a year-long senior design project effort which provides each student with the opportunity to apply concepts to designing, innovating and building a functional hardware system in a team environment.

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering is staffed by 30 full-time professors and several part-time professors.

The bachelor's program in Computer Engineering is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>.

Career Opportunities

Career opportunities exist in engineering design and development such as hardware/software co-design and integration, embedded system programming, mobile system and application development, robot and drone design, and cloud and big data computing. Other opportunities include engineering management, consultancy, technical sales, and patent law. The program provides a strong preparation for graduate study.

Specializations

The curriculum provides a strong background in the fundamentals of computer engineering. A number of technical elective specializations are offered, ranging from primarily hardware-oriented to those that are more software-oriented. These include robotics, embedded systems, computer networks, internet of things, power and energy systems and hardware and system security. The curriculum includes 9 credits of senior technical electives, which may be used for specialization in one of these technical areas.

Additional Information

The requirements for the degree may be satisfied on a full-time or part-time basis. Cooperative education provides students the opportunity to integrate paid career-related work experience with classroom learning. Academic credit towards the completion of major requirements cannot be given for co-op experience. In addition to the usual financial aid available through the Office of Student Financial Aid, computer engineering majors are encouraged to apply for scholarships provided by various professional societies and industrial organizations in their field.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

For policies governing all undergraduate degrees, see AP.5 Undergraduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/>).

Writing-Intensive Requirement

Mason's writing-intensive requirement is satisfied by the following two courses: ECE 333 Linear Electronics I and ECE 491 Engineering Seminar in which faculty provide writing instruction and feedback on student technical writing assignments. Drafts and revisions are required.

Change of Major

See Change of Major (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/#requirementspoliciestext>) for more information.

Double Major and Minor Programs for Computer Engineering and Electrical Engineering

Computer Engineering majors and Electrical Engineering majors can earn degrees with double majors in a number of disciplines. Computer Engineering and Computer Science may be combined. Electrical Engineering has been combined with Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science, Physics, or Math. Details are available in the department brochures or at the Volgenau School website (<http://volgenau.gmu.edu>). There are several minors available for students in the ECE Department including the Mechanical Engineering minor (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/mechanical/mechanical-engineering-minor/>), Bioengineering minor (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/bioengineering/bioengineering-minor/>) and others as listed in the catalog.

Grade Requirements

All computer engineering students are strongly encouraged to see their major faculty advisor each semester before course registration.

Students must complete each ECE, ENGR, BENG, CS, MATH, PHYS and STAT course presented as part of the required 126 credits for the degree with a grade of C or better.

Students must also complete any course required by the program that is a prerequisite to another course applicable to the degree with a grade of C or better.

Termination from the Major

No math, science, or Volgenau School of Engineering course that is required for the major may be attempted more than three times. Those

students who do not successfully complete such a course within three attempts will be terminated from the major. Undeclared students in the Volgenau School who do not successfully complete a course required for a Volgenau School major within three attempts will also be terminated.

In addition, students in the Volgenau School with evidence of continued failure to make adequate progress toward declaring or completing a Volgenau School major will be terminated from the school. Adequate progress is determined by the major program. For more information, see AP.5.2.4 Termination from the Major (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-2-4>).

Once a student has attempted one of these courses twice unsuccessfully, the third attempt must be no later than the next semester of enrollment, excluding summers. Failure to take the course at that time will result in termination from the major. A third attempt of a Volgenau School of Engineering course requires support by the student's major department as well as permission by the department offering the course. This permission is not guaranteed. If the student is unable to take the course when required, the student may request an extension to a future semester; extensions require approval of the student's advisor, their department, and the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs. The deadline for extension requests is the add deadline for the semester in which the course is required.

Students who have been terminated from a Volgenau School of Engineering major may not register for a Volgenau School course without permission of the department offering the course. This applies to all undergraduate courses offered by the Volgenau School except IT 104 Introduction to Computing (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) and STAT 250 Introductory Statistics I (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>).

A student may not declare any major in the Volgenau School of Engineering if the student has previously met the termination criteria for that major at any time, regardless of what the student's major was at the time the courses were taken.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: 126

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Code	Title	Credits
ECE 101	Introduction to Electrical and Computer Engineering	3
ECE 201	Introduction to Signals and Systems	3
ECE 231	Digital System Design	3
ECE 232	Digital Electronics and Logic Design Lab	1
ECE 285	Electric Circuit Analysis I	3
ECE 286	Electric Circuit Analysis II	3
ECE 321	Continuous-Time Signals and Systems	3
ECE 333	Linear Electronics I	3
ECE 334	Linear Electronics Lab I	1
ECE 350	Embedded Systems and Hardware Interfaces	3
ECE 445	Computer Organization	3
ECE 447	Single-Chip Microcomputers	4

ECE 448	FPGA and ASIC Design with VHDL	4
ECE 465	Computer Networking Protocols	3
ECE 491	Engineering Seminar	1
ECE 492	Senior Advanced Design Project I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) ¹	1
ECE 493	RS: Senior Advanced Design Project II (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	2
Total Credits		44

¹ Students who would like to complete a more challenging senior design project have the option of enrolling in ECE 392 Engineering Design Studio to gain a semester head start in the design process.

Technical Electives

Three technical electives totaling 9 credit hours must be selected from the list below. Some graduate courses listed below and courses outside the ECE department may be taken to fulfill the technical elective requirement with the permission of the department. The decision to approve non-ECE courses as well as graduate courses as technical electives is at the discretion of the department based on a review of the course content and the student's academic record.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 9 credits from the following:		9
ECE 370	Robot Design	
ECE 410	Applications of Discrete-Time Signal Processing	
ECE 415	Power System Analysis	
ECE 416	Electric Machines and Drives	
ECE 417	Smart Grid and Cyber Security	
ECE 421	Classical Systems and Control Theory	
ECE 422	Digital Control Systems	
ECE 424	Modern Control Systems Design	
ECE 425	Secure RF Communications	
ECE 431	Digital Circuit Design	
ECE 433	Linear Electronics II	
ECE 446	Device Driver Development	
ECE 450	Mobile Robots	
ECE 460	Communication and Information Theory	
ECE 462	Data and Computer Communications	
ECE 463	Digital Communications Systems	
ECE 470	Introduction to Humanoid Robotics	
ECE 476	Cryptography Fundamentals	
ECE 499	Special Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering	
CYSE 462	Mobile Devices and Network Security	
The following 500-level courses may also be taken (with prior approval of the department):		
ECE 505	Hardware Security	
ECE 508	Internet of Things	
ECE 510	Real-Time Concepts	
ECE 511	Computer Architecture	
ECE 516	Mobile Systems and Applications	

ECE 521	Linear Systems and Control	
ECE 527	Learning From Data	
ECE 528	Introduction to Random Processes in Electrical and Computer Engineering	
ECE 530	Sensor Engineering	
ECE 531	Introduction to Wireless Communications and Networks	
ECE 535	Digital Signal Processing	
ECE 542	Computer Network Architectures and Protocols	
ECE 567	Optical Fiber Communications	
ECE 580	Small Spacecraft Engineering	
ECE 590	Selected Topics in Engineering	
Total Credits		9

Computer Science

Code	Title	Credits
CS 112	Introduction to Computer Programming	4
CS 211	Object-Oriented Programming	3
CS 222	Computer Programming for Engineers	3
CS 310	Data Structures	3
CS 471	Operating Systems	3
Total Credits		16

Mathematics and Statistics

Code	Title	Credits
MATH 113	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	4
MATH 114	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	4
MATH 125	Discrete Mathematics I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
MATH 203	Linear Algebra	3
MATH 213	Analytic Geometry and Calculus III	3
MATH 214	Elementary Differential Equations	3
STAT 346	Probability for Engineers	3
Total Credits		23

Physics

Code	Title	Credits
PHYS 160	University Physics I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
PHYS 161	University Physics I Laboratory (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	1
PHYS 260	University Physics II (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
PHYS 261	University Physics II Laboratory (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	1
Total Credits		8

Engineering

Code	Title	Credits
ENGR 107	Introduction to Engineering (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	2
Total Credits		2

Concentrations

Concentrations are available in the computer engineering baccalaureate program. Completion of specific courses leads to one of these designations on the student's transcript on graduation. Concentration requirements may also meet some or all of the Technical Elective requirements.

Available Concentrations:

- Computer Networks (CNWK)
- Embedded Systems (EMSY)
- Hardware and System Security (HSYS)
- Internet of Things (INOT)
- Robotics (ROB)
- Power and Energy Systems (PES)

Computer Networks (CNWK)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Course:		
ECE 465	Computer Networking Protocols	3
Select three from the following:		
ECE 460	Communication and Information Theory	
ECE 462	Data and Computer Communications	
ECE 463	Digital Communications Systems	
ECE 476	Cryptography Fundamentals	
ECE 531	Introduction to Wireless Communications and Networks	
ECE 542	Computer Network Architectures and Protocols	
ECE 567	Optical Fiber Communications	
Total Credits		12

Embedded Systems (EMSY)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Course:		
ECE 447	Single-Chip Microcomputers	4
Select three from the following:		
ECE 421	Classical Systems and Control Theory	
ECE 446	Device Driver Development	
ECE 510	Real-Time Concepts	
ECE 516	Mobile Systems and Applications	
ECE 530	Sensor Engineering	
ECE 580	Small Spacecraft Engineering	
Total Credits		13

Hardware and System Security (HSYS)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses:		
ECE 465	Computer Networking Protocols	3
ECE 505	Hardware Security	3
Select two from the following:		6

ECE 425	Secure RF Communications	
ECE 462	Data and Computer Communications	
ECE 476	Cryptography Fundamentals	
Total Credits		12

Internet of Things (INOT)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses:		
ECE 465	Computer Networking Protocols	3
ECE 508	Internet of Things	3
Select two from the following:		6
ECE 462	Data and Computer Communications	
ECE 476	Cryptography Fundamentals	
ECE 510	Real-Time Concepts	
ECE 530	Sensor Engineering	
Total Credits		12

Robotics (ROB)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses:		
ECE 370	Robot Design	3
ECE 447	Single-Chip Microcomputers	4
Select two from the following:		6
ECE 421	Classical Systems and Control Theory	
ECE 424	Modern Control Systems Design	
ECE 450	Mobile Robots	
ECE 470	Introduction to Humanoid Robotics	
ECE 510	Real-Time Concepts	
ECE 521	Linear Systems and Control	
ECE 530	Sensor Engineering	
Total Credits		13

Power and Energy Systems (PES)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses:		
ECE 305	Electromagnetic Theory	3
ECE 415	Power System Analysis	3
Select one from the following:		3
ECE 416	Electric Machines and Drives	
or ECE 417	Smart Grid and Cyber Security	
Select one from the following:		3
ECE 416	Electric Machines and Drives	
ECE 417	Smart Grid and Cyber Security	
ECE 424	Modern Control Systems Design	
ECE 425	Secure RF Communications	
ECE 462	Data and Computer Communications	
ECE 463	Digital Communications Systems	
ECE 465	Computer Networking Protocols	
ECE 476	Cryptography Fundamentals	
ECE 505	Hardware Security	
ECE 508	Internet of Things	
ECE 513	Applied Electromagnetic Theory	
ECE 527	Learning From Data	

ECE 531	Introduction to Wireless Communications and Networks	
Total Credits		12

English, Communication, and Economics

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 302	Advanced Composition (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (Natural Sciences and Technology section)	3
COMM 100	Public Speaking (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
or COMM 101	Fundamentals of Communication (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 103	Contemporary Microeconomic Principles (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
Total Credits		9

Additional Mason Core

Students must complete all Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements not fulfilled by major requirements. Mason Core courses should be selected from the department's list of approved courses. The Synthesis Mason Core requirement is satisfied by ECE 492 Senior Advanced Design Project I (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) plus ECE 493 RS: Senior Advanced Design Project II (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>). All students must submit at least 24 credits of social science and humanities coursework, which is normally satisfied by the 24 credits of Mason Core social science and humanities courses listed here and in previous sections.

Code	Title	Credits
	Written Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written) ¹	3
	Literature (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature)	3
	Arts (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#arts)	3
	Western Civilization/World History (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#western-civilization-world-history)	3
	Global Understanding (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global)	3
Total Credits		15

¹ Lower-level.

4-Year Plan**Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering Sample Plan of Study**

Detailed four year plans and degree planning checklists can be found at <https://advising.gmu.edu/current-student/majors-at-mason/>.

Accelerated Master's

BS (selected)/Statistical Science, Accelerated MS

Overview

Highly-qualified students in BS programs have the option of applying to the accelerated Statistical Science, MS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/statistics/statistical-science-ms/>) program.

For more detailed information, see AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>). For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Admission Requirements

No specific undergraduate BS degree is required. Students enrolled in any BS degree may apply to the accelerated Statistical Science, MS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/statistics/statistical-science-ms/>) program **if such an accelerated Statistical Science, MS pathway is allowable from the student's BS program, which will be determined by the academic advisors of both the BS and MS programs**; and if they have earned 90 undergraduate credits with an overall GPA of 3.00. Students must have successfully completed the following Mason courses each with a grade of C or better prior to admission to the accelerated program:

Code	Title	Credits
MATH 213	Analytic Geometry and Calculus III	3
MATH 203 or MATH 321	Linear Algebra Abstract Algebra	3
STAT 250 or STAT 344	Introductory Statistics I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) Probability and Statistics for Engineers and Scientists I	3
STAT 346 or MATH 351	Probability for Engineers Probability	3
STAT 362	Introduction to Computer Statistical Packages	3

Accelerated Option Requirements

Students must complete all credits satisfying degree requirements for the BS and MS programs, with 6 credits overlap chosen from the following courses: STAT 515 Applied Statistics and Visualization for Analytics, STAT 544 Applied Probability, STAT 554 Applied Statistics I, STAT 560 Biostatistical Methods, and STAT 574 Survey Sampling I. (Credit may not be received for both STAT 474 and STAT 574; nor for both STAT 460 and STAT 560.) The graduate courses selected for overlap must be approved by the academic advisors of both the BS and MS programs. All graduate course prerequisites must be completed prior to enrollment. Each graduate course must be completed with a grade of B or better to apply toward the MS degree.

While still in undergraduate status, a maximum of 6 additional graduate credits may be taken as reserve graduate credit and applied to the master's program. Reserve graduate credits do not apply to the undergraduate degree.

Degree Conferral

Students must apply the semester before they expect to complete the BS requirements to have the BS degree conferred. In addition, at the beginning of the student's final undergraduate semester, students must complete a Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form that is submitted to the Office of the University Registrar and Graduate Recruitment and Enrollment Services. At the completion of MS requirements, a master's degree is conferred.

Computer Engineering, BS/Computer Engineering, Accelerated MS

Overview

The university offers highly-qualified students in the Computer Engineering, BS the option of obtaining an accelerated Computer Engineering, MS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/electrical-computer/computer-engineering-ms/>).

For more detailed information, see AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>). For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Admission Requirements

Students in the Computer Engineering, BS program may apply to this option if they have earned 75 undergraduate credits with an overall GPA of 3.00. Criteria for admission are identical to criteria for admission to the Computer Engineering, MS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/electrical-computer/computer-engineering-ms/>) program.

Accelerated Option Requirements

Students must complete all credits that satisfy the requirements for the BS and MS programs, with 6 credits overlap.

Students take 6 credits of 500-level courses as part of their technical electives or substitutes for required courses as part of their 126-credit undergraduate program. The specific courses that may be taken and applied to the accelerated program will be specified by the ECE Department.

Students may take additional graduate-level courses as part of their BS technical electives with advisor approval. These additional graduate-level courses will not count toward the MS degree.

Degree Conferral

Students must apply the semester before they expect to complete the BS requirements to have the BS degree conferred. In addition, at the beginning of the student's final undergraduate semester, students must complete a Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form that is submitted to the Office of the University Registrar and the VSE Graduate Admissions Office. At the completion of MS requirements, a master's degree is conferred.

Computer Engineering, BS/Electrical Engineering, Accelerated MS

Overview

The university offers highly-qualified students in the Computer Engineering, BS the option of obtaining an accelerated Electrical

Engineering, MS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/electrical-computer/electrical-engineering-ms/>).

For more detailed information, see AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>). For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Admission Requirements

Students in the Computer Engineering, BS program may apply to this option if they have earned 75 undergraduate credits with an overall GPA of 3.00. Criteria for admission are identical to criteria for admission to the Electrical Engineering, MS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/electrical-computer/electrical-engineering-ms/>) program.

Accelerated Option Requirements

Students must complete all credits that satisfy the requirements for the BS and MS programs, with 6 credits overlap.

Students take 6 credits of 500-level courses as part of their technical electives or substitutes for required courses as part of their 126-credit undergraduate program. The specific courses that may be taken and applied to the accelerated program will be specified by the ECE Department.

Students may take additional graduate-level courses as part of their BS technical electives with advisor approval. These additional graduate-level courses will not count toward the MS degree.

Degree Conferral

Students must apply the semester before they expect to complete the BS requirements to have the BS degree conferred. In addition, at the beginning of the student's final undergraduate semester, students must complete a Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form that is submitted to the Office of the University Registrar and the VSE Graduate Admissions Office. At the completion of MS requirements, a master's degree is conferred.

Computer Engineering, BS/Operations Research, Accelerated MS

Overview

Highly-qualified students in the Computer Engineering, BS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/civil-environmental-infrastructure/civil-infrastructure-engineering-bs/>) have the option of obtaining an accelerated Operations Research, MS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/systems-operations-research/operations-research-ms/#text>).

For more detailed information, see AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#text>). For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Admission Requirements

Mason undergraduate students majoring in Computer Engineering, BS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/civil-environmental-infrastructure/civil-infrastructure-engineering-bs/>) may apply to this option if they have earned 90 undergraduate credits with an overall GPA of at least 3.30 and completed all MATH, PHYS

160/161, and PHYS 260/261 requirements. Criteria for admission are identical to criteria for admission to the Operations Research, MS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/systems-operations-research/operations-research-ms/#text>) program.

Students must additionally complete MATH 203 Linear Algebra prior to applying for the graduate program.

Accelerated Options Requirement

Students must complete all credits that satisfy requirements for both the BS and MS programs. Up to two courses (6 credits) of approved master's level courses taken as part of the undergraduate degree may be applied to the graduate degree. At least one of the courses must be from Electrical and Computer Engineering department. The courses selected for this purpose must be approved by the academic advisors of both the BS and MS programs and by the SEOR department chair. For the BS programs that allow undergraduate electives from the department of system engineering and operations research, the students may chose the graduate version of such elective courses to replace the corresponding undergraduate courses.

Degree Conferral

Students must apply the semester before they expect to complete the BS requirements to have the BS degree conferred. In addition, at the beginning of the student's final undergraduate semester, students must complete a Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form that is submitted to the Office of the University Registrar and the VSE Graduate Admissions Office. At the completion of MS requirements, a master's degree is conferred.

Computer Engineering, BS/Systems Engineering, Accelerated MS

Overview

Highly-qualified students in the Computer Engineering, BS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/civil-environmental-infrastructure/civil-infrastructure-engineering-bs/>) have the option of obtaining an accelerated Systems Engineering, MS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/systems-operations-research/systems-engineering-ms/>).

For more detailed information, see AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#text>). For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Admission Requirements

Mason undergraduate students majoring in Computer Engineering, BS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/civil-environmental-infrastructure/civil-infrastructure-engineering-bs/>) may apply to this option if they have earned 90 undergraduate credits with an overall GPA of at least 3.30 and completed all MATH, PHYS 160/161, and PHYS 260/261 requirements. Criteria for admission are identical to criteria for admission to the Systems Engineering, MS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering/systems-operations-research/systems-engineering-ms/>) program.

Accelerated Options Requirement

Students must complete all credits that satisfy requirements for both the BS and MS programs. Up to two courses (6 credits) of approved

master's level courses taken as part of the undergraduate degree may be applied to the graduate degree. At least one of the courses must be from Electrical and Computer Engineering department. The courses selected for this purpose must be approved by the academic advisors of both the BS and MS programs and by the SEOR department chair. For the BS programs that allow undergraduate electives from the department of system engineering and operations research, the students may chose the graduate version of such elective courses to replace the corresponding undergraduate courses.

Degree Conferral

Students must apply the semester before they expect to complete the BS requirements to have the BS degree conferred. In addition, at the beginning of the student's final undergraduate semester, students must complete a Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form that is submitted to the Office of the University Registrar and the VSE Graduate Admissions Office. At the completion of MS requirements, a master's degree is conferred.