The University Scholars Program allows qualified students to earn both Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in only five years, by applying up to 12 hours of undergraduate work toward an MS degree.

Eligibility
An application to the University Scholar’s Program should be submitted at the end of the student’s junior year. You need to have completed at least 90 credit hours of work toward your bachelor’s degree, or be eligible for senior standing in the semester you are admitted into the program. In addition, your undergraduate grade point average must be at least a 3.5 within Electrical Engineering, and at least 3.2 overall.

Program Details
Both the MSEE thesis and non-thesis options are eligible for the University Scholar’s Program. The thesis option requires 24 hours of coursework and a thesis; while the non-thesis option requires 30 hours of coursework and a project. All Master’s students must select at least three of six core graduate courses with a grade of B or better. Full details are available on the ECE web page under Graduate Programs or in the UK Graduate Bulletin.

Courses that will count toward both your undergraduate and graduate program may include 500-level EE and CPE elective courses, as well as other 400G-level and 500-level technical elective courses from selected upper division engineering, mathematics, statistics, computer science, physics, or other technically-related fields.

Students in the University Scholars Program should identify a thesis or project advisor early in their program, and must carefully choose their courses to successfully finish within 5 years. You will be advised by your Electrical Engineering undergraduate program advisor, as well as the Director of Graduate Studies for EE and your own thesis or project advisor, to ensure that you meet all requirements for both the BSCPE and MSEE degree.

Interested in Applying?
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