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WHAT AREAS OF RESEARCH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ME?

Electrical engineering is a diverse field with plenty of opportunities for specialization. Here is a sample of what you can research under the guidance of our expert faculty.

CONTEMPORARY RESEARCH AREAS

**Micro- and Nano-scale Devices, Materials and Manufacturing and Integrated Circuit**

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Nanoscale electronic, photonic and magnetic devices with applications in energy, health care, chemical sensing, computing, communications and data storage. Advanced nano-manufacturing and nanomaterials. Integrated circuits (VLSI) and systems (MEMS).

**Electromagnetics**

High-performance electromagnetic analysis and design of circuits, antennas, and materials in very complex environment

**Computer Engineering**

Supercomputing, high performance distributed computing, embedded systems, quantum computing, novel computing

**Communications, Signal Processing and Controls**

Image and audio analysis, 3-D imaging, computational photography, cyber physical systems and security and manufacturing system control

**Electromechanics and Power**

AC machines, power electronics, power systems and renewable energy integration

WHY PURSUE GRADUATE STUDIES IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AT UK?

AVAILABLE DEGREES AND REQUIREMENTS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEGREE (MSEE)

For the MSEE degree, both the thesis and non-thesis options are available. The thesis option (Plan A) requires 24 hours of acceptable graduate level course credits plus satisfying the requirements for the thesis. The non-thesis option (Plan B) requires 30 hours of acceptable graduate course credit hours plus an additional three hours of a research course on the special problems project. All students in their first semester of regular graduate work will select an academic advisor who will assist the student in formulating a graduate plan of study. This plan contains a tentative course list and a proposed thesis area or specialized project topic.

PH.D. IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEGREE

For the Ph.D. degree, students who start with a bachelor’s degree needs to complete 42 hours of course work. Students who have a master’s degree from an accredited institution must complete 18 hours of course work (students who have a master’s degree from a non-accredited institution must complete 24 hours of course work). To obtain a Ph.D. degree in electrical engineering, in addition to meeting the general Graduate School requirements, students need to:

- Earn sufficient graduate credit hours as stated above
- Satisfy the writing requirement
- Pass the Ph.D. written qualifying examination
- Pass the Ph.D. oral qualifying examination
- Present and satisfactorily defend the dissertation