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1 INTRODUCTION

This handbook contains information about the Professional Master's Program (PMP), ECE Technology Innovation concentration, offered by the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) at Purdue. Included is relatively detailed information about degree requirements, minimum academic standards, the advisory committee, the plan of study, and registration.

This concentration aims to develop leaders in technology innovation – the creation of innovative products and solutions enabled by new technologies. This program is designed to develop depth in one of four ECE technical areas: 1) Fields and Optics (FO), 2) Micro and Nanotechnologies (MN), 3) VLSI and Circuit Design (VC), and 4) Power and Energy Systems (PES). Students will acquire technical breadth through a unique set of 1-credit courses developed specifically for this concentration. Students’ professional skills will be honed in a yearlong science-to-systems design project that also includes professional skills development activities. On-campus residency of one calendar year is required for this program.

A strength of the academic component of the Master’s program at Purdue is that each student creates his/her own plan of study (POS), a document that defines each student’s academic program. The degree requirements, which have elements of depth and breadth, afford flexibility for developing a plan of study that best suits your needs and goals. The information in this handbook is intended to assist you in setting up your plan of study. In developing your plan of study, you should consult with three members of the Professional Master’s Program Advisory Committee.. Your plan of study requires the approval of three advisory committee members, as well as the approval of the PMP Director, ECE Graduate Coordinator and the Graduate School.

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Entries in the second column of Table 1 are the core course associated with each of the participating ECE areas. Within ECE, the Primary Area is defined as one of the above areas closest to your interests. Courses outside of your Primary Area are to be considered as part of one or more Related Areas. On your plan of study the courses are to be identified as belonging to either the ECE Primary or ECE Related Areas.

In addition to this handbook, there are other resources available in the ECE Graduate Office (located in Room 140 of the MSEE Building) and on the ECE Graduate Program website (https://engineering.purdue.edu/ECE/Graduates).
2 MASTER’S DEGREES

The School of Electrical and Computer Engineering offers a Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering (MSECE) degree with a concentration in ECE Technology Innovation.

The MSECE degree is awarded to students who satisfy the requirements of the ECE Master’s program.

Students whose undergraduate degrees are in a field of science or engineering other than Electrical and Computer Engineering may pursue graduate degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering, but they are responsible for acquiring the undergraduate material that forms the prerequisites for the specific graduate courses in their plans of study.

3 DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Course and Credit-Hour Requirements

Total and ECE Graduate-Level Credit Hours
All students must complete a total of 30 credit hours selected by the student and approved by the advisory committee. At least 15 of the credit hours must be graduate-level ECE credit hours.

Undergraduate Credit Hours

Students may be allowed to include one or two undergraduate courses from a list of approved options in their plan of study. Students wanting to refresh their knowledge of a subject which they have taken as an undergraduate may take any undergraduate course but not include that course on their plan of study to satisfy Professional Master’s Degree requirements.

With prior permission, a maximum of 6 credit hours of two pre-approved undergraduate courses are allowed on the plan of study.

Core Course Requirement
The area core courses cover introductory material essential to the respective ECE research area. Students in the PMP must successfully complete one core course; typically, but not always, this will be the core course in the area of the student’s technical focus.

Math Requirement
A minimum of 3 approved math credit hours is required. The approved mathematics, statistics, computer science, and physics courses meeting the math requirement are given in Appendix A.
Summary of Course and Credit-Hour Requirements
Table 2 summarizes the preceding course and credit-hour requirements.

Table 2: Summary of Course and Credit-Hour Requirements

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3.2 Other Requirements

Responsible Conduct of Research Course Requirement
All ECE graduate students must satisfactorily complete the Responsible Conduct of Research course. This is an online course offered through Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI). The course should be completed during the first semester of graduate studies. When the course has been completed the student should submit a copy of the certificates of completion to the ECE Graduate Office. The link to the course is: [http://www.citiprogram.org/](http://www.citiprogram.org/)

Residency Requirement
The residency requirement for the Professional MS Program is one calendar year.

English Requirement
All ECE graduate students must demonstrate acceptable proficiency in written English before admission. Methods that may be used to fulfill the English requirement are detailed in Appendix B.

4 MINIMUM ACADEMIC STANDARDS

4.1 ECE Academic Standards

As a Master’s student in ECE, you are expected, throughout your academic program, to achieve the following standards:

- Maintain a POS grade point average, based on your currently approved POS, of at least 3.00 out of 4.00 over the courses on your plan of study, with no grade less than “C-;”

- Make continuous and significant progress each semester toward completion of the PMP program in one calendar year. Should a student not finish the program in one calendar year, he/she will be granted an additional semester to complete course work requirements. When extenuating conditions apply, a student may petition for a second additional semester.
Failure to satisfactorily complete the yearlong Ideas to Innovation MS project will require student to repeat the project.

You will be placed on ECE academic probation if you complete any semester or summer session with a deficiency in any of the above standards. Should you remain on ECE academic probation at the end of the succeeding semester or summer session, and at the discretion of the Graduate Coordinator, you may be prohibited from registering for further graduate study. Students concerned about their academic progress should schedule an appointment with the ECE Graduate Coordinator.

As noted above, the cumulative POS grade point average is calculated using the courses on your plan of study. However, transfer courses and graduate-level courses taken while an undergraduate student are not included in the computation. In the case of a deficiency in the cumulative POS grade point average, courses may be repeated. If a course is repeated, only the most recent grade received will be used in computing the index.

University requirements state that no grade of “D” or “F” is allowed in a course on the plan of study. Any plan of study course in which a grade of “D” or “F” is received must be repeated and completed successfully; it cannot be dropped from the plan of study.

4.2 University Academic Standards

Academic Probation and Deficiency

A. Academic Probation

• A student at Purdue University shall be placed on academic probation if his/her fall or spring semester or cumulative GPA at the end of any fall or spring semester is less than 2.0.
• A student on academic probation shall be removed from that standing at the end of the first subsequent fall or spring semester in which he/she achieves semester and cumulative GPAs equal to or greater than 2.0.
• Any grade change due to a reporting error will result in a recalculation of the GPA and determination of probation standing.
• Academic standing will not be assessed in summer sessions.

B. Dropping of Students for Academic Deficiency

• A student on academic probation shall be dropped from the University at the close of any fall or spring semester in which his/her semester and cumulative GPA is less than 2.0.
• Any grade change due to a reporting error will result in a recalculation of the GPA and determination of drop status.

C. Readmission

• A student who is academically dropped from the University for the first time is not eligible to enroll for at least one fall or spring semester. A student who is academically dropped for the second time is not eligible to enroll for at least one year.
• A student dropped by this rule must apply to the appropriate office or readmission committee for the Purdue campus of choice. A fee is assessed for processing the readmission application (Board of Trustees Minutes, June 5-6, 1970). Readmission is not guaranteed, but any student who gains
readmission is readmitted on probation and is subject to stipulations in effect as a condition of readmission.

5 MASTER’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Your Professional Master’s Program Advisory Committee will consist of three faculty who are members of the PMP Student Advisory Committee. The duties of this committee are to advise you in the preparation of your plan of study.

6 MASTER’S PLAN OF STUDY

All Master’s students must file a plan of study (POS) before the end of their first semester. This helps to ensure a logical curriculum early in the program, sets a clear pathway toward completion of the student’s degree, and helps the school plan and monitor the overall ECE graduate program. For this reason, registration for subsequent semesters is not permitted until the plan of study has been filed. If necessary, changes can be made to the plan of study at a later date, subject to the restrictions cited in Subsection 6.2. The plan must be appropriate to meet the needs of the student’s chosen field as determined by the advisory committee, and must be approved by the ECE Graduate Coordinator and the Graduate School.

6.1 Preparing Your Plan of Study

Suggested steps in preparing your plan of study are as follows:

a) Review the
   • PMP coursework requirements in this handbook; (Also see Subsection 6.3 if undergraduate, transfer, or excess course credit is to be included on the plan of study.)
   • Course information that is available online to determine which courses are of most interest to you and will enable you to meet your degree requirements;
   • ECE Course Advanced Planning List and the University Schedule of Classes to determine the semester(s) in which the chosen courses will be offered;
   • Graduate Areas and Faculty Interests supplement to learn the specific interest areas of faculty members and to determine suitable candidates for your Major Professor, the person who will chair your advisory committee.

b) Consult with at least three ECE faculty members serving on the PMP Student Advisory Committee. Two of the faculty members you select should be knowledgeable about your technical focus and one should provide a broader perspective.

c) Employ the online Electronic Plan of Study program (accessed through myPurdue) to compose a draft of your plan of study. Hardcopy instructions for using the online program are available from the ECE Graduate Office. Additional helpful information for filling out the plan of study can be found in Appendix C. Ensure that you have included courses that satisfy all requirements. You should print out a copy of your draft for use in discussions with members of your advisory committee.
d) Returning to the online Plan of Study program, enter all changes that resulted from your discussions with members of your advisory committee. Submit your final plan electronically. Your plan of study will be automatically routed to the ECE Graduate Office for initial screening before being sent to your advisory committee, the ECE Graduate Coordinator, and the Graduate School for their approvals. If your plan fails to gain any of the required approvals, the reason for the rejection will be explained in an e-mail message. You can then make any required changes and submit the revised plan for approval.

You may check on the status of the approval process at any stage. You will be sent an e-mail message when approval has been obtained from the Graduate School. The required approvals usually take several weeks.

6.2 Changing Your Plan of Study

It is recognized that as a student’s program progresses there may arise conditions that make it desirable to change the plan of study. Indeed, such changes, when based upon sound academic reasons, are encouraged. However, some regulations have been found necessary in order to prevent this privilege from being abused. Specifically:

- A course may not be removed from the plan of study once a grade of “D” or lower has been received in a course.
- The deadline for submitting a request to the ECE Graduate Office to remove a course in which you are currently enrolled from your plan of study is the end of the ninth week of the semester, or the end of four and a half weeks in a summer session.
- Use the Electronic Plan of Study program to submit a request to change your plan of study. Since any change in the courses or advisory committee membership on your current plan of study will require the approval of your advisory committee and the ECE Graduate Coordinator, you should first discuss the desired changes with your advisory committee and provide a reason for each change.

If the ECE requirements for the Professional Master’s degree program are modified, there is no need for students to revise their previously approved plans of study to conform to the new rules. All approved plans of study remain valid. Students have the option to change their plan of study to conform to the new rules, but are not required to do so.
6.3 Undergraduate, Transfer, and Excess Course Credits

Undergraduate Credits
As noted in Subsection 3.1, a maximum of 6 credit hours of pre-approved undergraduate courses may be allowed on the plan of study. Refer to Subsection 3.1 for other restrictions applying to such credit.

Transfer Credits
A maximum of six graduate-level credit hours earned at regional campuses of Purdue University or at an ABET-accredited university may be applied toward the Master’s degree and entered on the Master’s plan of study. However, regional campus courses or transfer courses may not be used to satisfy the core course requirement. All courses transferred must be graduate-level courses, must not have been used to meet the requirements for another degree, and must have been completed with a grade of “B” or better. Grades from transfer courses are not included in computing the grade point average.

Excess Course Credits
Up to twelve credit hours of graduate-level courses taken at the West Lafayette campus of Purdue before a student was admitted to the ECE Master’s program may be applied toward the Master’s degree and entered on the Master’s plan of study. Allowed courses include those taken:

a) as excess undergraduate-degree credit;
b) in non-degree status;
c) while seeking a degree in another Purdue department or school, if you subsequently request to transfer to ECE;
d) while seeking a degree in another Purdue department or school, if you subsequently request dual-degree status in ECE. For dual-degree students seeking a PhD in another Purdue department or school and a Master’s degree in ECE, the ECE Master’s degree plan of study may not contain any courses offered by or dual-listed with the student’s other department or school.

Special Approval Requirements
Without exception, all undergraduate, transfer, and excess course credits used on the Master’s plan of study must be specially approved by your advisory committee and by the ECE Graduate Coordinator. The steps to follow in requesting approval to include such credits on the Master’s plan of study are:

a) Add the course to your plan of study.
b) Provide the Graduate office with a short written academic justification for including an undergraduate course on the plan of study.
c) If a transfer course or a non-ECE course taken at Purdue, show a copy of the catalog description of the course to your advisory committee members and bring the catalog description to the ECE Graduate Office.
d) If you are transferring a course from another university, the ECE Graduate Office will also require an original transcript showing the grade earned and a statement from an official at the university where the course was taken certifying that the course was not used to fulfill requirements for any other degree.
7 REGISTRATION

7.1 First Semester Registration

After consulting with your advisory committee, prepare a tentative list of classes for the first semester, then report to the ECE Graduate Office, Room MSEE 140. Make sure to check the official Schedule of Classes for the coming semester to verify that your selected courses are being offered and that their meeting times do not conflict.

The ECE Graduate Office staff will review and approve your course registration. You will add courses through myPurdue. You will receive a fee statement from the Bursar through myPurdue. Payment of this fee statement completes the registration process. Your registration will be cancelled if payment is not made by the deadline determined by the Registrar’s office. This deadline is posted in several locations, including the bulletin board outside the ECE Graduate Office.

7.2 Subsequent Semester Registrations

We encourage you to select your courses and to register as early as possible, since school decisions to cancel low-enrollment courses may affect your course options. Advanced registration for the Fall semester and Summer session begins around March 15 and ends respectively on the second Monday of Fall classes and the Friday before summer session begins. Registration for the Spring semester begins around October 15 and ends on the second Monday of Spring classes. Look for the announcement of specific registration dates as the cited dates approach.

All current ECE graduate students must register and pay their tuition and fees during the registration period. Note that late registration incurs a substantial penalty fee. If this is your final semester, complete the Candidate Survey so that the Graduate Office will register you as a candidate for graduation. If you are not certain that you will finish your degree requirements, you are still advised to register as a candidate. If you are not on the candidates list, you will not graduate, even if you have completed all requirements. After you have registered, check myPurdue to verify that your registration is correct. Report any errors to the ECE Graduate Office.
7.3 Academic Loads
To qualify for full-time student status in a Fall or Spring semester, you must be registered for a minimum of 8 credit hours (fall and spring) or 6 credit hours (summer). To complete the PMP in one calendar year as expected, you should plan on registering for 12 credit hours (fall and spring) and 6 credit hours (summer).

All international students must be full-time in order to maintain their visa status.

As previously noted, the residency requirement for the Master’s degree is 30 academic credit hours. Students are encouraged to register for the maximum allowable number of credit hours of courses and/or research each session to satisfy this requirement.

7.4 Dropping and Adding Courses
To drop or add a course, use myPurdue. Changes in variable credit courses will require the Graduate Office to enter the changes. Subsequently, be sure to confirm that a dropped or added course has been officially recorded by checking myPurdue.

Courses dropped during the first two weeks of classes will not appear on your permanent record. Courses dropped during weeks 3 and 4 will be recorded as a “W” grade on your permanent record. Courses dropped during weeks 5 through 9 require the signature of both the instructor and the ECE Graduate Coordinator, the instructor must assign a grade of “W,” “WF,” or “WN.” The end of this period is the final deadline for withdrawing from a class. A “W” simply records the fact that the student withdrew after the second week of the semester. A “WF” records that the student was failing a graded course. “WF” grades are not included in computing the GPA. A “WN” records failing status in a course being taken Pass/No Pass. “W,” “WF,” and “WN” grades are recorded on your permanent record.

Courses added during weeks 2 through 4 require the approval and signature of the instructor and personnel in the ECE Graduate Office. Courses may be added during weeks 5 through 9, but only under extraordinary circumstances. Courses added after the 4th week require the approval and signature of the instructor and the ECE Graduate Coordinator, the head of the department where the course is offered for non-ECE courses.

8 CONTINUATION FOR THE PH.D. DEGREE
The Professional Masters Program is designed to prepare students for careers in industry, but some students may elect to pursue a Ph.D. In order to continue graduate work toward the PhD degree after completion of the Professional Master’s degree, a student must submit a new application for admission to the PhD program. Admission is based on evaluation of the student’s potential for success at the PhD level. The GPA of a typical successful applicant is 3.6 or higher. At a minimum, the student must have a GPA of 3.3 and a positive recommendation from his/her advisory committee. Application forms for admission to the PhD program are available in the ECE Graduate Office, and should be filed at the beginning of the final semester of the student’s Master’s program.

9 PETITIONS TO THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE
All graduate students have the right to petition for exceptions to any existing rules if they feel that the circumstances are sufficiently unusual to warrant special consideration. The first step is to request an appointment with the ECE Associate Head for Education to see if a resolution can be found at that level. If not, the student may file a petition with the ECE Graduate Committee. The petition is to be delivered in writing to the Chair of the Graduate Committee and is to contain the approval (or disapproval) of each member of the student’s advisory committee.
Appendix A: MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENT

The following lists of courses have been approved for meeting the mathematics requirement.

Mathematics Courses
Courses numbered MA 51100 and above are acceptable with the exceptions listed below:

1. MA 51900 (Stat 51900) is not acceptable.
2. Only the AC and CS areas accept MA 50400.
3. Only the BE and ES areas accept MA 51000.
4. The CS area does not allow MA 52700.
5. Only the CE area accepts STAT 51400.
6. Math Teacher related courses are not acceptable.

Computer Science Courses
CS 51400       Numerical Analysis
CS 51500       Numerical Analysis of Linear Systems
CS 52000       Computational Methods in Analysis
CS 61400       Numerical Solution of Ordinary Differential Equations
CS 61500       Numerical Solution of Partial Differential Equations

Statistics Courses
Stat 52800      Introduction to Mathematical Statistics
Stat 52900      Applied Decision Theory and Bayesian Statistics
Stat 53200 (MA 53200)   Elements of Stochastic Processes
Stat 53800 (MA 53800)   Probability Theory I
Stat 53900 (MA 53900)   Probability Theory II
Stat 55300      Theory of Linear Models and Experimental Designs
Stat 55400      Multivariate Test Statistics
Stat 55500      Non-Parametric Statistics
Stat 57600      Introduction to Statistical Decision Theory
Stat 63800 (MA 63800)   Stochastic Processes I
Stat 63900 (MA 63900)   Stochastic Processes II
Stat 65700      Theory of Tests, Estimation and Decisions I
Stat 65800      Theory of Tests, Estimation and Decisions II
Stat 66700      Measure-Theoretic Statistics: Decision Theoretic and Classical
Stat 66800      Asymptotic Distribution Theory

Physics Courses
Phys 60000      Methods of Theoretical Physics I
Phys 60100      Methods of Theoretical Physics II

Please Note: Faculty-initiated requests for changes or exceptions to the above will be considered by the Graduate Committee after approval by the appropriate area. Student-initiated requests must follow the same procedure, with the additional first step of approval by the student's Major Professor.
Appendix B: ENGLISH REQUIREMENT

Any one of the following methods may be used to fulfill the English requirement:

- Score a four or higher on the GRE Writing Assessment.
- Score 22 or higher on the Writing section of the Internet Based TOEFL
- Score 6 or higher on the Writing section of the IELTS
- Pass English 62100 offered at Purdue University with a grade of Satisfactory ("S").
- Successfully completed a one-semester-long composition course equivalent to English 62100 or English 10600 or 10800 from an English-medium university with a grade of B or better. The ECE Graduate Coordinator may require you to provide a course description or additional information about the course.
Appendix C: FILLING OUT THE MASTER’S PLAN OF STUDY

The information provided below may be helpful when filling out your plan of study in myPurdue.

a) The space for indicating the Research Area should be one of the participating research areas. This is optional, and you may choose to leave it blank.

b) The Concentration should be Technology Innovation.

c) Indicate each of the courses on your plan of study as Primary Area or Related Area courses. The Primary Area must be one of the areas of the ECE graduate program listed in Table 1 found in Section 1.

d) The Technology Innovation Master’s degree requires three credit hours of acceptable mathematics courses. Indicate these as Related Area Courses on your plan of study. For a list of approved courses, refer to Appendix A.

e) Be sure that course titles on the Plan of Study match those on your transcripts, especially on experimental courses (ECE 59500 and ECE 69500).

f) Courses transferred from other schools should be listed on the plan of study with the same title and number as on the transcript from the school at which they were taken. Do not use the equivalent number from a Purdue course.

g) Courses that are offered by more than one department must appear with the number and title under which they were taken.

h) You will use a drop-down box to indicate, for each course, the registration type—regular, transfer, non-degree registration, or undergraduate excess. Undergraduate courses taken during the first year of a student’s Master’s program and courses taken while enrolled in another graduate program at Purdue before entering the ECE Graduate Program are considered “regular” registration. Transfer, non-degree, and excess undergraduate-degree courses should obviously be identified using the corresponding registration type. (These latter types of courses are described under Excess Course Credits in Subsection 6.3.)

i) Do not mark that a “B” or better is required for any course on your plan of study. This is not a requirement for you for any course.

j) Pass/No pass grades are not permitted for courses on the plan of study.

k) Courses used to fulfill the departmental English requirement should not be included on the plan of study.

l) The plan of study program will query you for the area of each of the members of your Advisory Committee (“Advisor in Area Of”). Even though the program tells you this is optional, ECE requires that you fill this in and abbreviate (e.g. AC, CE, etc.). You will find a listing of the ECE faculty, including the primary research area or areas for each, on the ECE Graduate Program web page, http://www.purdue.edu/ECE/Graduates.