Online Master of Science in Electrical Engineering
Electric Power and Control Systems Specializations with Engineering Management
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville

The online Master of Science in Electrical Engineering provides a structured environment for students to continue their education in a manner to gain proficiency in advanced analysis and design methods without the disruptions of returning to being a full-time student. As examples, the online MSEE program is accessible to those on active duty in the military, engineers who are working part-time or seeking to re-enter the workforce after time-off or being away in other activities, those working in a position that requires extensive travel, or working professionals who want to advance to the next stage of their career.

The MSEE online degree presently emphasizes two areas of specialization: (1) electric power and (2) control systems. Within both of these specialization areas students may elect to either pursue a research topic that leads to thesis, or alternatively may choose a non-thesis option that emphasizes coursework. In each of these degree paths, the MSEE student can take a variety of subjects that includes coursework in engineering management.

Admission Requirements
- A BSEE completed with a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA, or 3.0 minimum GPA on last 60 hours.
- GRE verbal and quantitative combined minimum score of 302.

An exemption from the GRE may be granted for applicants who meet the following three criteria:

1. Have earned a Bachelor of Science in engineering from a program accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, or have already completed a graduate degree in an engineering related field, and
2. Have passed an equivalent exam, such as the Fundamentals of Engineering exam, and
3. Have one or more years of professional engineering practice after completing the baccalaureate degree;

Degree Requirements
The online MSEE requires 30 credit-hours satisfying either of the following:

1. Thesis Option
   - 6 hours of thesis/research hours
   - 24 hours of coursework
     - 15 hours must be Electrical Engineering.
     - 12 hours must be Electrical Engineering 5000/6000-level courses.
2. Non-Thesis Option
   - 30 hours of coursework
     - 21 hours must be Electrical Engineering.
     - 12 hours must be Electrical Engineering 5000/6000-level courses.
Online MSEE Thesis Option

The thesis option involves performing research in close collaboration with a faculty adviser. Although not required, the results of MSEE research are often published in the proceedings of a professional conference or possibly in a research journal. The thesis option is encouraged for those seeking positions in developing new electrical and electronic products and systems where advanced analysis and design methods are needed. Students who also might consider working towards a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering are also encouraged to pursue an MSEE thesis.

Online MSEE Non-Thesis

The non-thesis option provides a strong background in analysis and design of electrical circuits and systems using the software tools presently used in industry. Most courses include a design project that allows a student to gain proficiency in advanced circuit and systems design. In addition, the online MSEE degree program provides for students to select courses in engineering management. This provides increased skills and knowledge to be effective in bringing to successful completion the advanced engineering projects studied in the coursework.

Specializations in the Online MSEE Program

Electric Power Specialization

The MSEE degree with an emphasis in electric power engineering provides those students who have earned a bachelor of science in electrical engineering with the opportunity to learn about future electric energy systems. Specific topics include design of advanced distribution systems, power system control, optimal and nonlinear control, electric power quality, and power electronics. A total of 15 credit hours of course work is required for the specialization in Electric Power Engineering. Course work must be selected from the following list:

Courses in Electric Power Engineering (select 15 credit hours)
ELEG 5403 – Control Systems
ELEG 5473 – Power System Operation and Control
ELEG 5503 – Design of Advanced Electric Power Distribution Systems
ELEG 5513 – Power System Analysis
ELEG 5523 – Electric Power Quality
ELEG 5533 – Power Electronics and Motor Drives

Control Systems Specialization

The MSEE degree with a focus in control systems develops the skills and knowledge for analyzing, simulating and evaluating complex systems that incorporate feedback controls. Applications areas include aerospace and aircraft; automotive and ground vehicles; robotics and industrial systems; biomedical and physiological processes. A total of 15 credit hours of course work is required for the specialization in Control Systems. Course work must be selected from the following list:

Courses in Control Systems (select 15 credit hours)
CSCE 4753 – Computer Networks
ELEG 5403 – Control Systems
ELEG 5413 – Modern Control Systems
ELEG 5423 – Optimal Control Systems
ELEG 5443 – Nonlinear Systems Analysis and Control
ELEG 5693 – Wireless Communications
Combined Studies in Power, Control and Engineering Management

The online MSEE program also recognizes the increasing use of computer networks, sensors, real-time data analysis and feedback control in the operation of the electric utility grid. Thus, courses in engineering management and operations provide breadth to the MSEE degree program. Students may also in consultation with their faculty adviser select a mixed degree plan of courses from both the power and control areas along with engineering management and operations courses. The purpose is to equip students with the skills needed to be successful in conceiving, planning and executing large complex engineering projects. Relevant courses are:

WCOB 5023 – Sustainability in Business
BENG 5623 – Life Cycle Assessment
INEG 5323 – Reliability
INEG 5433 – Cost Estimation Models
INEG 5443 – Decision Models
INEG 5613 – Introduction to Optimization Theory
MEPH 5383 – Research Commercialization and Product Development
OMGT 5003 – Introduction to Operations Management
OMGT 5123 – Finance
OMGT 5373 – Quality Management
OMGT 5433 – Cost Estimation Models
OMGT 5463 – Economic Decision Making
OMGT 5783 – Project Management for Operations Managers

The overall degree requirements for the online MSEE program would be in accordance with requirements defined in the Degree Requirements section. For example, a combined online MSEE non-thesis option with emphasis in Power, Control and Engineering Management could be the following:

3 credits in Power & Control area
ELEG 5403 – Control Systems

9 credits in Control Systems
CSCE 4753 – Computer Networks
ELEG 5413 – Modern Control Systems
ELEG 5693 – Wireless Communications

9 credits in Electric Power
ELEG 5503 – Design of Advanced Electric Power Distribution Systems
ELEG 5513 – Power System Analysis
ELEG 5523 – Electric Power Quality

9 credits in Engineering Management
WCOB 5023 – Sustainability in Business
OMGT 5123 – Finance
INEG 5443 – Decision Models