

ECE MASTER'S EN ROUTE TO DOCTORAL DEGREE PROCEDURES

Degree Program: PhD in Electrical Engineering
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering

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The graduate school allows students enrolled in the PhD program to be awarded a Master's degree en-route to the PhD degree. The policy is available at the Graduate School's website at:
<https://catalog.ua.edu/graduate/about/academic-policies/degree-requirements/#doctoraldegreetext>

To obtain an MSEE Plan II degree en-route to PhD the student must:

1. Verify that the following requirements are satisfied:
 - The student is currently enrolled in the PhD program.
 - The student has completed 27 hours of coursework as specified in the requirements for the MSEE degree (Plan II) with a GPA ≥ 3.5 .
 - The student has completed at least one hour of ECE695 (seminar).
 - The student has completed 3 hours of non-thesis research (ECE598) or pre-dissertation research (ECE698).
 - The student has passed both the written and oral parts of the PhD comprehensive qualifying examination and was admitted to candidacy (as registered in Slate).
 - The student has submitted a journal or refereed conference publication.
2. Email the Student Services Coordinator describing the intent to receive the MSEE degree en route to a PhD. The Student Services Coordinator will run a Degree Works audit for the MSEE Plan II degree and notify the student of the result. Any discrepancies must be resolved prior to advancing with the application process.
3. Apply for the MSEE degree at the graduate school website using the regular application process. The submitted journal or conference paper must have a full reference in the CV (if published). The full text of the paper must be included with the application.
4. Email the Graduate Program Director when the graduate school application is complete. Notify about the pending application for the MSEE en-route to a PhD. The Graduate Program Director will review the application and admit the student into the MSEE program.
5. Submit an MSEE Degree Application through myBama by the deadline published on the Academic Calendar.