POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN ELECTRONIC, ELECTRICAL AND SYSTEMS ENGINEERING
Introduction

WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH AND CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH INDUSTRY, GUIDING YOU FURTHER ALONG YOUR CHOSEN CAREER PATH.

'I am delighted that you are considering postgraduate study at Birmingham. We are a research-led university and postgraduate students are central to our learning community. Our wide portfolio of research makes us one of the most popular universities for postgraduate study in the UK. We value our postgraduate community and constantly strive to develop and enhance the services, facilities and opportunities available to you. We offer a comprehensive range of taught, research and combined programmes, and are eager to receive applications from highly motivated and well-qualified graduates.'

Professor Peter Gardner
Head of Department
Electronic, Electrical and Systems Engineering

Why choose Birmingham?
- All courses with the School are accredited by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)
- Gain the opportunity to take the next step towards Chartered Engineer status
- The School is recognised by the Research Excellence Framework (REF) for 100% of research impact ranked as world leading or internationally excellent
- Enjoy one of the broadest portfolios and most successful track records of collaborations with industry in the country, giving you real working knowledge and valuable experience for future employment

Postgraduate study at the University of Birmingham is a chance to learn from world leaders in their fields. This guarantees you a first-class learning experience, leading to a qualification that is respected the world over and making you an attractive prospect in a very competitive job market.
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Communications Engineering and Networks
MSc

Equipping you for a rewarding career in a dynamic field that’s vital to global economic growth. Giving you Masters-level specialist knowledge of the underlying principles and advanced applications of communication systems, this programme equips you perfectly for a career in the industry.

FACT FILE

Start Date: September
Duration: 1 year full-time or 3-4 years part-time
Entry requirements: 2:2 Honours degree in electrical engineering, electronic engineering, computing or physics

Covering a wide range of topics, you will complement your specialist skills and technical knowledge with a range of supporting skills, such as interpreting requirements, making decisions, giving technical presentations and working in a team. The course is designed for students with good mathematical skills.

Course content
This course consists of 180 credits. As well as your core modules, you will choose one optional module.

Core modules
- Introductory Module for Communications – 30 credits
- Principles of Communication Systems – 30 credits
- Satellite, Cellular and Optical Fibre Communications – 20 credits
- Computer and Communication Networks – 20 credits
- Individual Project – 60 credits

Cross-programme options (choose one)
- Small Embedded Systems – 20 credits
- Embedded Digital Signal Processing – 20 credits

More about the course
You will study core modules covering advanced specialist topics, plus a cross-programme module allowing you to specialise in your chosen area, along with an individual research project – which is sometimes undertaken in collaboration with industry.

The programme covers a wide range of topics in communication engineering and provides options from outside the core specialism. As well as acquiring specialist technical knowledge, you will develop generic skills such as: interpreting requirements and specifications to produce effective design solutions; making decisions on the basis of incomplete information; giving technical presentations, and working in a team. These are achieved through a combination of group and individual exercises.

Enhance your professional prospects
This course will equip you for a rewarding career in this dynamic field. Companies in both mature and rapidly growing economics are keen to secure professionals with specialist knowledge of the underlying principles and advanced applications of communications systems, meaning that upon graduation your career prospects will be excellent.

World-class learning and teaching
Assessment is by a combination of written examination and course work. There is a strong emphasis on course work to deepen understanding. While most students study the course full-time, it is also suitable for practising engineers wishing to study part-time or take a single module for CPD points. The modules are completed in three-day sessions allowing you to focus one topic at a time.

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Electrical Power Systems
MSc

Meeting the growing demand for engineers trained in electrical power systems and renewable energy. Also available as a two-year programme: Electrical Power Systems with Advanced Research.

FACT FILE

Start Date: September
Duration: 1 year full-time; 3-4 years part-time. Electrical Power Systems with Advanced Research: 2 years full-time; 4-6 year part-time
Entry requirements: 2:2 Honours degree in electrical engineering, electronic engineering or physics

The 3rd energy industry revolution is taking place where the key is the development of electrical power systems in the contexts of smart grids. Electrical power systems are playing a pivotal role in the development of a sustainable energy supply, enabling renewable energy generation. This programme will give you the skills and specialist knowledge you need to significantly enhance your career prospects in the electrical power industry, developing your power engineering skills through expert teaching and extensive research work undertaken in collaboration with power industry partners.

Course content
This course consists of 180 credits.

Core modules
- Introductory Module for Electrical Power Systems – 30 credits
- Power System Economics – 20 credits
- Power Systems Operation and Control – 20 credits
- HVDC and FACTS – 20 credits
- Individual Project – 60 credits
- Renewable Energy Systems Integration – 20 credits
- Power System Stability and Control – 10 credits

More about the course
The course is designed to fill in the gap between theory and practice and help you understand how to use the advanced methods to solve the real challenges the energy industry is facing. You will also develop your ability to critically evaluate methodologies, analytical procedures and research methods in:
- Control concepts and methods
- Advanced energy conversion systems and power electronic applications
- Advanced power electronic technologies for electrical power networks – HVDC and FACTS
- Electrical power system engineering – using state-of-the-art computational tools and methods, and design of sustainable electrical power systems and networks
- Economic analysis of electrical power systems and electricity markets

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Enhance your professional prospects
This course meets the industrial demand for the training and education of both existing and future engineers in the advanced concepts of electrical power systems and renewable energy. It aims to produce graduates of the highest calibre who will be much in demand due to their skills, knowledge and ability to lead in teams involved in the operation, control, design, and economic analysis of the electrical power systems and networks of the future – smart grids.

World-class learning and teaching
This programme will develop your power engineering skills through expert teaching and extensive research work undertaken in collaboration with power industry partners. Some modules are taught by leading industry experts, offering exciting opportunities to understand the real challenges that the power industry and how to develop innovative solutions.

While most students study the course full-time, it is also suitable for practising engineers wishing to study part-time or take a single module to gain CPD points. The modules are completed in three-day sessions allowing you to focus on one topic at a time.

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Electronic and Computer Engineering

MSc

Develop your skills and understanding in a field that affects all aspects of business and is crucial to economic growth. Electronics is at the heart of a wide range of business and entertainment systems and is vital to the growth of the global economy.

Optional modules:
- Small Embedded Systems – 20 credits
- Embedded Digital Signal Processing – 20 credits
- Computer and Communications Networks – 20 credits
- Advanced Interactive 3D Design for Virtual Environments and Serious Games – 20 credits
- Automatic Spoken Language Processing – 20 credits
- Image Analysis and Interpretation – 20 credits

More about the course
The wide range of modules allows you to create a personalised study package and your individual project is an opportunity for you to develop your specialist knowledge even further. Some projects are undertaken in collaboration with companies and, in some cases, you may work on company premises investigating issues of direct concern to future product development. Example projects include wireless access systems, 3G mobile radio for light aircraft, the creation of 3D worlds for surgery simulation and wearable computing.

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The integration of computing and communications with interactive digital media is evident in many modern innovations that are creating a revolution in business and the life of individuals. This programme is designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to play a leading part in the future research, development and application of these technologies.

Course content
This course consists of 180 credits. As well as your core modules, you will choose three optional modules.

Core modules
- Introductory Module for Computing – 30 credits
- Advanced Digital Design – 30 credits
- Individual Project – 60 credits

World-class learning and teaching
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This course will equip you for a rewarding career in a dynamic field. Students with this degree have readily found work in the past. Companies in both mature and rapidly growing economies are keen to secure professionals with specialist knowledge in the topics covered throughout this course, meaning that upon graduation your career prospects will be excellent.
RF and Microwave Engineering
MSc

Develop your knowledge and skills to explore a career with innovative technology companies. Radio frequency, microwave and millimetre wave engineering are at the heart of radio systems used for TV, satellite, mobile communications and radar.

Course content
This course consists of 180 credits. As well as your core modules, you will choose one optional module.

Core modules
- Introductory Module for Communications – 30 credits
- Principles of Communication Systems – 30 credits
- Electromagnetics, Antennas and Propagation – 20 credits
- RF and Microwave Circuits – 20 credits
- Individual Project – 60 credits

Optional modules:
- Computer and Communication Networks – 20 credits
- RF Sensors and Systems – 20 credits
- Satellite, Mobile and Optical Communications – 20 credits

More about the course
The course provides a theoretical basis from which design, construction and operation of satellite and mobile radio communications can be understood. You will learn how to design antennas and radio frequency, microwave millimetric components and subsystems. This will include acquiring skills in the application of theoretical concepts to practical aims and an appreciation of fundamental and practical limits and possibilities.

Example projects include the development of hardware for automotive radar signal processing, the design and development of RF amplifiers and tunable filters, detection of leaks in landfill sites, 3G mobile radio for light aircraft and wireless access systems.

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Enhance your professional prospects
Graduates from this course are held in high regard by industry and have readily found work in the past. Our Careers Network offers a range of events and support services designed to help you maximise your employability: from networking opportunities and career coaching workshops, to our effective-careers-strategy toolkit and one-to-one guidance. We also offer subject-specific careers consultants and advisers for each college and a dedicated careers website for international students.

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This leaflet was written several months in advance of the start of the academic year. It is intended to provide prospective students with a general picture of the programmes and courses offered by the School. Please note that not all programmes or all courses are offered every year. Also, because our research is constantly exploring new areas and directions of study some courses may be dropped and new ones offered in their place.