Electronic and Computer Engineering Masters/MSc

Postgraduate degree programme Electronic and Computer Engineering Masters/MSc:

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Study here and find out why the University of Birmingham has been awarded The Times and The Sunday Times University of the Year 2013-14 (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2013/09/20-sep-Birmingham-announced-as-University-of-the-Year.aspx)

Course fact file

Type of Course: Continuing professional development, taught

Study Options: Full time, part time

Duration: 12 months full-time (can also be studied part-time)

Start date: September/October 2012

Related courses

Postgraduate degree courses - Electronic, Electrical and Computer Engineering (/schools/eece/postgraduate/index.aspx)

Electronic and Computer Engineering Masters/MSc with Industrial Studies (/postgraduate/courses/taught/eece/electronic-computer-engineering-industry.aspx)

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School of Electronic, Electrical and Systems Engineering (/schools/eece/index.aspx)

Details

Electronics is at the heart of a wide range of business and entertainment systems. 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.

These systems are vital to the growth of the global economy; reducing costs, improving quality and providing ever more sophisticated services. All aspects of business, from research and development to production, marketing and sales, benefit from rapid advances in such technology. Our social lives, entertainment and education are also enhanced by continuing advances in personal electronic systems, media compression and seamless connectivity using communications systems.

This degree programme is designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills you will need to play a leading part in the future research, development and application of these technologies.

You have a wide range of module choices in this degree programnme. The linkage between modules is minimised so that students are free to create a personalised study package. Thus topics from embedded systems, spoken language processing, image interpretation and 3D environments for virual reality and serious games, and some aspects of communications engineering can be combined in one degree programme.

An **Electronic and Computer Engineering MSc with Industrial Studies (/postgraduate/courses/taught/eece/electronic-computer-engineering-industry.aspx)** programme is also available.

Related links

- **Postgraduate degree courses - Electronic, Electrical and Computer Engineering (/schools/eece/postgraduate/index.aspx)**
- **Postgraduate degree courses FAQ (/schools/eece/postgraduate/faq.aspx)**

Modules

Compulsory modules	Semester
Introductory Module for Computing	1
Advanced Digital Design	1
Individual Project	3

Cross Programme Options (Take three of the following)	Semester
Small Embedded Systems	2

Embedded Digital Signal Processing	2
Computer and Communications Networks	2
Advanced Interactive 3D Environments for Virtual Reality and Serious Games	2
Automatic Spoken Language Processing	2
Image Analysis and Interpretation	2

Fees and funding

Tuition fees

Tuition fees for 2014/2015 are as follows:

- £5,940 for **home/EU students**
- £17,355 for **international students**

Part-time programmes

Most part-time programmes run for two years and their fees are one half of the standard full-time programme fees. A small number of part-time programmes run for three years and in these cases the annual fees are one third of the total full-time cost. Contact us for further information.

UK student visa regulations mean that students classed as overseas for fees purposes may normally only register on a full-time basis.

For further information please view the **fees for international students (/International/students/finance/fees.aspx)** page.

Further funding information

Standard fees (/postgraduate/pgt-fees/fees.aspx) apply
Learn more about **fees and funding (/postgraduate/pgt-fees/index.aspx)**

Scholarships and studentships
Scholarships may be available. International students can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government.

For further information contact the School directly or email **sfo@contacts.bham.ac.uk (mailto:sfo@contacts.bham.ac.uk)**

Entry requirements

At least a lower second-class Honours degree in Electrical Engineering, Electronic Engineering or Physics from a university of high international standing. Other degrees are considered on merit.

Learn more about **entry requirements (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/pg/requirements)**

International students
We accept a range of qualifications from different countries – learn more about **international entry requirements (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/pg/requirements/international)**

Standard English language requirements (/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/international/index.aspx) apply

How to apply

When clicking on the Apply Now button you will be directed to an application specifically designed for the programme you wish to apply for where you will create an account with the University application system and submit your application and supporting documents online. Further information regarding how to apply online can be found on the **How to apply pages (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx)**

Apply now (https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/EPS059.htm)

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Electronic, Electrical and Systems Engineering MSc and MRes brochure (PDF 3.7MB) (/Documents/college-eps/eece/brochures/eese-msc-mres-brochure.pdf)

Related news and events

A class act: empathetic robot tutors in classrooms to facilitate teaching and learning (/research/our/news/items/robots.aspx)

Learning and teaching

Patterns of study

The majority of students study our taught Masters programmes full time. Our programmes are also suitable for practising engineers who wish to study part-time or take a single module to earn Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points. Many modules are completed in three-day sessions allowing you to focus one topic at a time. Following each session of lectures there is an opportunity for you to deepen your understanding through private study and in most cases there is also an assessed assignment.

Overview module

There is a shared introduction to topics from communications engineering, requirements analysis and object-oriented design, and an introduction to and recap of C programming. For the communications engineering programmes there is an introduction to key issues in the design of antennas, radio frequency circuits and link budgets. For the computing programmes there is an introduction to object-oriented programming.

Core modules

These modules cover the advanced specialist topics required for your specific degree programme, such as statistical signal processing and coding and advanced digital design. These technologies are at the heart of many current developments in modern electronic systems.

Cross-programme option modules

These options specialize in topics relevant to each degree programme and give you the opportunity to adapt the programme that you have chosen to study. The prior knowledge needed for each module is specified in the student handbook to help you make the most appropriate choice. This allows you the greatest possible freedom to customise your study package appropriately.

Individual project

This is an opportunity for you to develop specialist knowledge. 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. Typical projects include the development of hardware for automotive radar signal processing and the detection of leaks in landfill sites, wireless access systems, 3G mobile radio for light aircraft, the creation of 3D worlds for surgery simulation and wearable computing.

Assessment and awards

Assessment is by a combination of written examination and course work. There is a strong emphasis on course work to deepen understanding. The pass mark is 50%. A merit is awarded to students with an average of 60% or more and a distinction is awarded to students with an average of 70% or more, in both taught and project modules. There are prizes for students who perform especially well overall and for those who complete exceptionally good individual projects.

Employability

University Careers Network

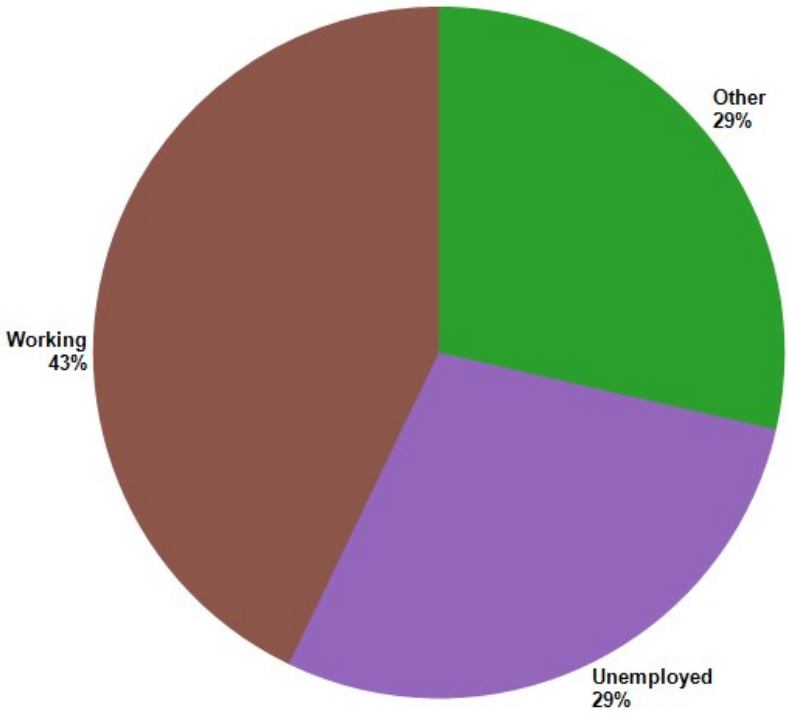
Preparation for your career should be one of the first things you think about as you start university. Whether you have a clear idea of where your future aspirations lie or want to consider the broad range of opportunities available once you have a Birmingham degree, our Careers Network can help you achieve your goal.

Our unique careers guidance service is tailored to your academic subject area, offering a specialised team (in each of the five academic colleges) who can give you expert advice. Our team source exclusive work experience opportunities to help you stand out amongst the competition, with mentoring, global internships and placements available to you. Once you have a career in your sights, one-to-one support with CVs and job applications will help give you the edge.

If you make the most of the **wide range of services (https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/employability/careers/college/eps/index.aspx)** you will be able to develop your career from the moment you arrive.

Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) 2011/12 (postgraduate taught graduates)

The DLHE survey is conducted 6 months after graduation.



Examples of employers

- Aero Engine Controls
- Jaguar Land Rover
- Ministry of Defence
- Price Waterhouse Coopers
- Ernst and Young
- Arup
- Glaxo SmithKline
- NHS
- Talk Talk
- Autologic

Examples of occupations

- Electronic Engineer
- Applications Engineer
- Communications (Electronic) Engineer - Officer
- Optimisation Consultant
- Manufacturing Engineer
- Junior Business Analyst
- Test Engineer
- Service Specialist
- IT Analyst
- Development Engineer

Further study - examples of courses

- MSc Project Management
- MSc Radio Frequency and Microwave Engineering
- MSc Electronic and Computer Engineering
- MSc Physics and Technology
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education - teaching
- AAT accountancy

Visit the **Careers section of the University website (https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/employability/careers/college/eps.aspx)** for further information.