

Electrical and Computer Engineering, BSEE (Boston)

This Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering program requires coursework in both electrical and computer engineering along with technical electives distributed among the areas of computer engineering; fields, waves, and optics; signals and systems; power engineering; and electronic circuits and devices. Additional NUpath requirements must be fulfilled using general electives.

Visit the department website (<https://ece.northeastern.edu/academics/undergraduate-studies/ece-accreditation/>) for educational program objectives.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

NUpath requirements Interpreting Culture (IC), Understanding Societies and Institutions (SI), Engaging Differences and Diversity (DD), and Integrating Knowledge and Skills Through Experience (EX) are not explicitly satisfied by required engineering coursework. Successful completion of a cooperative education experience fulfills the EX requirement. Students are responsible for satisfying unfulfilled NUpath requirements with general elective coursework.

Engineering Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
EECE 2140	Computing Fundamentals for Engineers	4
EECE 2150	Circuits and Signals: Biomedical Applications	5
EECE 2160	Embedded Design: Enabling Robotics	4
Electrical Engineering Fundamentals		
EECE 2412 and EECE 2413	Fundamentals of Electronics and Lab for EECE 2412	5
EECE 2520	Fundamentals of Linear Systems	4
EECE 2530 and EECE 2531	Fundamentals of Electromagnetics and Lab for EECE 2530	5
Computer Engineering Fundamentals		
EECE 2322 and EECE 2323	Fundamentals of Digital Design and Computer Organization and Lab for EECE 2322	5
EECE 2540	Fundamentals of Networks	4
EECE 2560	Fundamentals of Engineering Algorithms	4
Electrical and Computer Engineering Capstone Courses		
If taking EECE 4791 in First-Half Summer, EECE 4792 should be taken in Spring. If taking EECE 4791 in Second-Half Summer EECE 4792 in Fall.		
EECE 4791	Electrical and Computer Engineering Capstone 1	1
EECE 4792	Electrical and Computer Engineering Capstone 2	4

EECE Technical Electives

Students can register for EECE 4991 / EECE 4992 more than once. For these courses combined, a maximum of 8 semester hours will be allowed to satisfy the requirement of technical electives. An additional 4 semester hours will be allowed as a general elective. At most one of these courses (4 semester hours) can be taken in a semester.

Though students may register for EECE 2750 more than once, only 4 semester hours will be allowed to satisfy the requirements of technical electives. An additional 4 semester hours will be allowed as a general elective.

EECE 2310 is not an approved course option for ECE majors to select for a Technical Elective, it is only for Khoury students.

Complete four of the following:

EECE 2750	Enabling Engineering	16
EECE 3324 to EECE 3410		

EECE 4512 to EECE 4698	
EECE 4991	Research
EECE 4992	Directed Study
EECE 5115 to EECE 5699	
EECE 5670	Sustainable Energy: Materials, Conversion, Storage, and Usage
Two CS/CY/IS courses from the following approved list may be taken toward the EECE technical elective requirement:	
CS 3200	Introduction to Databases
CS 3540 to CS 3800	
CS 4100 to CS 4770	
CS 4850	Building Game Engines
CY 2550	Foundations of Cybersecurity

Supplemental Credit

2 semester hours from the following course count toward the engineering requirement:	2
GE 1501	Cornerstone of Engineering 1 ¹
3 semester hours from the following course count toward the engineering requirement:	3
GE 1502	Cornerstone of Engineering 2 ¹
2 semester hours from the following course count toward the engineering requirement:	2
EECE 3468	Analysis of Random Phenomena in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Supporting Courses: Mathematics/Science

Complete all mathematics/science courses with a minimum of 30 semester hours.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Mathematics/Science		
CHEM 1151 and CHEM 1153	General Chemistry for Engineers and Recitation for CHEM 1151	4
CS 1800 and CS 1802	Discrete Structures and Seminar for CS 1800	5
MATH 1341	Calculus 1 for Science and Engineering	4
MATH 1342	Calculus 2 for Science and Engineering	4
MATH 2321	Calculus 3 for Science and Engineering	4
MATH 2341	Differential Equations and Linear Algebra for Engineering	4
PHYS 1151 and PHYS 1152 and PHYS 1153	Physics for Engineering 1 and Lab for PHYS 1151 and Interactive Learning Seminar for PHYS 1151	5
PHYS 1155 and PHYS 1156 and PHYS 1157	Physics for Engineering 2 and Lab for PHYS 1155 and Interactive Learning Seminar for PHYS 1155	5
Supplemental Credit		
2 semester hours from the following course count toward the mathematics/science requirement:		2
EECE 3468	Analysis of Random Phenomena in Electrical and Computer Engineering	
1 semester hour from the following course counts toward the mathematics/science requirement:		1
GE 1501	Cornerstone of Engineering 1 ¹	

Professional Development

Code	Title	Hours
Required Professional Development		
GE 1000	First-Year Seminar	1
ENCP 2000	Introduction to Engineering Co-op Education	1
ENCP 3000	Professional Issues in Engineering	1
Additional Required Courses		
1 semester hour from the following course counts toward the professional development requirement:		1
GE 1501	Cornerstone of Engineering 1 ¹	
1 semester hour from the following course counts toward the professional development requirement:		1
GE 1502	Cornerstone of Engineering 2 ¹	

Writing Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
A grade of C or higher is required:		
ENGW 1111	First-Year Writing	4
ENGW 3302 or ENGW 3315	Advanced Writing in the Technical Professions Interdisciplinary Advanced Writing in the Disciplines	4

Required General Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 16 semester hours of academic, nonremedial, nonrepetitive courses.		16

Major GPA Requirement

A 2.000 minimum GPA is required in EECE coursework.

Program Requirement

135 total semester hours required

- ¹ Students can substitute Engineering Design (GE 1110) and Engineering Problem Solving and Computation (GE 1111) for Cornerstone of Engineering 1 (GE 1501) and Cornerstone of Engineering 2 (GE 1502).

Plan of Study

Sample Plans of Study

FOUR YEARS, ONE CO-OP IN SPRING/SUMMER FIRST HALF

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
MATH 1341		4 MATH 1342		4 MATH 2341		4 Vacation	
CHEM 1151	4	PHYS 1151		3			
CHEM 1153	0	PHYS 1152		1			
GE 1000	1	PHYS 1153		1			
GE 1501	4	GE 1502		4			
ENGW 1111	4	General Elective		4			
	17		17		4		0
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
MATH 2321		4 CS 1800		4 Vacation		Vacation	
PHYS 1155	3	CS 1802		1			
PHYS 1156	1	EECE 2150 or 2160		5			
PHYS 1157	1	EE/CE Fundamental		5			
ENCP 2000	1	General Elective		4			
EECE 2150 or 2160	4						
EECE 2140	4						
	18		19		0		0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
EE/CE Fundamental	4	Co-op		0 Co-op		0 EECE 4791	1
EE/CE Fundamental	4					Technical Elective	4
EE/CE Fundamental	4					ENGW 3302 or 3315	4
General Elective	4						
	16		0		0		9
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
EECE 4792	4	EECE 3468		4			
EE/CE Fundamental	5	Technical Elective		4			
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Technical Elective	4	General Elective	4
ENCP 3000	1		
	19		16

Total Hours: 135

FOUR YEARS, ONE CO-OP IN SUMMER SECOND HALF/FALL

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CHEM 1151 (ND)		4 GE 1502 (ER)		4 MATH 2341		4 Vacation	
CHEM 1153	0	MATH 1342 (FQ)		4			
ENGW 1111 (WF)	4	PHYS 1151 (ND)	3				
GE 1000	1	PHYS 1152 (AD)	1				
GE 1501	4	PHYS 1153	1				
MATH 1341 (FQ)	4	General elective	4				
	17		17		4		0

Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
EECE 2140 ²		4 CS 1800 (FQ)		4 Vacation		Co-op	0
EECE 2150 or 2160 (AD)	5	CS 1802		1			
MATH 2321 (FQ)	4	EECE 2160 or 2150	4				
PHYS 1155 (ND)	3	ENCP 2000	1				
PHYS 1156 (AD)	1	EE or CE fundamentals	4				
PHYS 1157	1	General elective	4				
	18		18		0		0

Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	ENCP 3000		1 EECE 4791 (EI, WI, CE) ³		1 Vacation	
		EE or CE fundamentals	5	ENGW 3302 or 3315 (WD)	4		
		EE or CE fundamentals	5	EECE technical elective	4		
		EE or CE fundamentals	5				
		General elective	4				
	0		20		9		0

Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
EECE 3468	4	EECE 4792 (EI, WI, CE) ³	4				
EE or CE fundamentals	4	EECE technical elective	4				
EE or CE fundamentals	4	EECE technical elective	4				
EECE technical elective	4	General elective	4				
	16		16				

Total Hours: 135

FIVE YEARS, THREE CO-OPS IN SUMMER SECOND HALF/FALL

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CHEM 1151 (ND)		4 GE 1502 (ER)		4 Vacation		Vacation	
CHEM 1153	0	MATH 1342 (FQ)		4			
ENGW 1111 (WF)	4	PHYS 1151 (ND)	3				
GE 1000	1	PHYS 1152 (AD)	1				
GE 1501	4	PHYS 1153	1				
MATH 1341 (FQ)	4	General elective	4				
	17		17		0		0

Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
EECE 2140 ²		4 CS 1800 (FQ)		4 Vacation		Co-op	0
EECE 2150 or 2160 (AD)	5	CS 1802		1			
MATH 2341	4	EECE 2160 or 2150	4				
PHYS 1155 (ND)	3	ENCP 2000	1				
PHYS 1156 (AD)	1	MATH 2321 (FQ)	4				
PHYS 1157	1	EE or CE fundamentals	4				
	18		18		0		0

Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	EE or CE fundamentals	4	ENGW 3302 or 3315 (WD)	4	Co-op	0
		EE or CE fundamentals	4	General elective	4		
		EE or CE fundamentals	5				
		EE or CE fundamentals	5				
	0		18		8		0

Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	EECE 3468	4	EECE 4791 (EI, CE, WI) ³	1	Co-op	0
		ENCP 3000	1	EECE technical elective	4		
		EE or CE fundamentals	5				
		EECE technical elective	4				
		EECE technical elective	4				
	0		18		5		0

Year 5							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	EECE 4792 (EI, WI, CE) ³	4				
		EECE technical elective	4				
		General elective	4				
		General elective	4				
	0		16				

Total Hours: 135

FIVE YEARS, THREE CO-OPS IN SPRING/SUMMER FIRST HALF

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CHEM 1151 (ND)	4	GE 1502 (ER)	4	Vacation		Vacation	
CHEM 1153	0	MATH 1342 (FQ)	4				
ENGW 1111 (WF)	4	PHYS 1151 (ND)	3				
GE 1000	1	PHYS 1152 (AD)	1				
GE 1501	4	PHYS 1153	1				
MATH 1341 (FQ)	4	General elective	4				
	17		17		0		0

Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
EECE 2140 ²	4	Co-op	0	Co-op	0	Vacation	
EECE 2150 or 2160 (AD)	5						
ENCP 2000	1						
MATH 2341	4						
PHYS 1155 (ND)	3						
PHYS 1156 (AD)	1						

PHYS 1157	1							
	19			0			0	0
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
CS 1800 (FQ)	4	Co-op		0	Co-op	0	ENGW 3302 or 3315 (WD)	4
CS 1802	1						General elective	4
EECE 2160 or 2150	4							
MATH 2321 (FQ)	4							
EE or CE fundamentals	4							
	17			0		0		8
Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
ENCP 3000	1	Co-op		0	Co-op	0	EECE 4791 (EI, CE, WI) ³	1
EE or CE fundamentals	4						EECE technical elective	4
EE or CE fundamentals	4							
EE or CE fundamentals	5							
EE or CE fundamentals	5							
	19			0		0		5
Year 5								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours					
EECE 3468	4	EECE technical elective	4					
EECE 4792 (EI, CE, WI) ³	4	EECE technical elective	4					
EE or CE fundamentals	5	General elective	4					
EECE technical elective	4	General elective	4					
	17		16					
Total Hours: 135								

² Computing Fundamentals for Engineers (EECE 2140) can be taken in year 1 spring instead of a general elective by students who are interested in the course in preparation for co-ops involving programming and computing hardware.

³ The capstone design courses are taken as follows: Electrical and Computer Engineering Capstone 1 (EECE 4791) in summer first half and Electrical and Computer Engineering Capstone 2 (EECE 4792) in spring **or** Electrical and Computer Engineering Capstone 1 (EECE 4791) in summer second half and Electrical and Computer Engineering Capstone 2 (EECE 4792) in fall.