

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the accelerated 5 year BS/MS Program?

The accelerated 5 year BSEE/MSEE program (or simply “5 year program”) allows you to transition seamlessly from our Bachelor’s program to our Master’s program. It is designed so that you can finish the MSEE degree program one year after the BSEE program.

What are the advantages of this program?

The advantages of the 5 year program are that students can take up to six graduate classroom credits and count them towards both (BSEE and MSEE) degrees, the GRE is waived, and students can confer their Bachelor's Degrees while continuing on with their Master's degrees with no interruption.

When can I apply?

You can apply during your mid-to late junior year (after 90 credit hours). From the course work perspective, you should apply after you have completed the following courses:

EGN-3373 Electrical Systems I
EEL-2161 EE Computing Methods
EEL-3100 Network Analysis
ELR-3301 L Lab I
EEL-3302 Electronics I
EEE-3394 Electronic Materials
EEL-4705 Logic Design
EEL-4705 L Logic Lab
EEL-4471 Electromagnetics

What are the admission criteria?

You must have at least 3.3 overall GPA and a major (Electrical) GPA of 3.5, with at least 15 credit hours of course work in the EE major.

When will I get my degrees?

You can apply to receive your BSEE when you complete your undergraduate work, and your MSEE when you complete your Master’s work.

After getting admitted into the program, what if I want to drop from the program? Can I get my BSEE?

Yes. As long as you have satisfied the BSEE degree requirements, you can stop any time and confer your BSEE degree.

After dropping from the program, can I later resume the 5 year program?

No. Once you drop from the 5 year program, you are no longer eligible to apply for the 5 year program. You would have to reapply to the graduate program.

Can I get financial support as a 5 year student?

Most financial aid covers all or part of the tuition in the 5 year program, but you should talk to your financial aid representative to be sure as all awards are set up differently. There are also Research Assistantships available for students through the Electrical Engineering Department.

I am not sure whether I am eligible or not. Who should I talk to?

You can talk to Cherie Dilley, our Academic Services Administrator or Dr. Paris Wiley, Undergraduate Program Advisor.

What is the application procedure?

1. Meet with Dr. Wiley or Cherie Dilley to confirm your eligibility for the program
2. Meet with your financial aid officer and have them sign off on the top portion of the [5 year accelerated program application](#).
3. Complete the [5 year accelerated program application](#).
4. Attach a list of fellowships and scholarships that you are currently receiving (if applicable)
5. If you are an international student, also attach a copy of your I-20.
6. Submit the application to Cherie in ENB 379E

When will my status change to graduate student status?

After you are admitted into 5 year program, your status will not immediately change to graduate student status. After you have met the BSEE requirements, you can start taking graduate classes. At this point, your status will change to graduate status.

Will it affect my Bright Futures Scholarship?

No. Bright Futures will cover the graduate courses as long as they are required for your BS degree.

Can I take both undergraduate and graduate courses at the same time?

Yes, but it is recommended that you complete all your undergraduate course requirements before starting graduate classes.

Do I need to maintain my GPA at certain level?

Yes, once you status changes to graduate status, you are required to maintain 3.0 GPA.

What are the requirements for the MSEE degree?

They are the same as the regular MSEE program i.e., 30 graduate credit hours.

Can I apply to 5 year program after I have graduated with BSEE degree?

No. Once you graduate with BSEE degree, you no longer qualify for the 5 year program.