MASTER OF SCIENCE ADVISEES ORIENTATION

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General Orientation Information: https://ece.osu.edu/welcome
The MS Program is designed to give you a **solid education in a specialized field**. In the first 1-2 semesters students primarily take courses to fulfill degree requirements. In the next 1-2 semesters, students focus on **advanced courses** and **project(s)/thesis**.

**Note:** The course workload is typically heavier than at undergraduate level, the courses are more demanding and much more is expected from the students.

Students **choose one of two options** depending on educational and professional goals:

- **Project path (non-thesis)**: Students collaborate with industry partners in projects, perform a research project, do an internship project or work in a relevant project. Concludes with a **Project Report** and technical discussion and or presentation.

- **Research path (thesis)**: Students work on industrial or academic research. Concludes with a **Thesis** and final oral defense.

**Different paths**  **Same diploma**
## MS Project Path (Non-Thesis): Minimum 30 credits*

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<th>Minimum 24 credits</th>
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<td>PHILOS 7080 Ethics and Professionalism</td>
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<td>Individual Studies</td>
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<td>Courses in a related field Maximum of 9 credits such as engineering, biological sciences, physics, math, chemistry, business, economics, ACCAD and statistics.</td>
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Note that before starting the Non-Thesis Exam projects, students need advisor approval. In addition, students may be required to submit a one-page project proposal to their advisor for approval.

* Submit an advisor-approved MS plan of study to the ECE Program Coordinator by the end of the first semester.

** Ohio State graduates who passed ECE 3080 are automatically exempt, and the Individual Studies maximum increases by 1 credit.
**MS Research Path Option (Thesis): Minimum 30 credits**

- **Letter-graded graduate courses**
  - Minimum 18 credits
  - ECE Graduate Courses: Minimum 9 credits
  - Advanced ECE Graduate Courses: Minimum 6 credits

- **Courses in a related field**
  - Maximum of 9 credits such as engineering, biological sciences, physics, math, chemistry, business, economics, ACCAD, statistics

- **PHILOS 7080** Ethics and Professionalism: 1 credit
  - Mandatory for those admitted Autumn 2015 and after

- **ECE 6999** Thesis Research: At least 10 credits

- **Individual Studies (ECE 6193)**
  - Maximum 1 credit

- **MS Thesis Exam**
  - Thesis requirements
  - Thesis and oral examination

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MS Check-In/Plan Submission

- **Discuss** MS Plan of Study with academic advisor and get **approval (1\textsuperscript{st} semester)**
- **Submit** the Advisor-approved MS Plan of Study through a scheduled **15-minute appointment** with Ms. Beth Bucher through **online calendar** [https://go.osu.edu/bucher_9_cal](https://go.osu.edu/bucher_9_cal) or by contacting her by email

  **Virtual Office Hours:** T until 9/7 from 7:30am-8:30am for general questions

- The plan of study can be changed multiple times, upon approval of student’s advisor (column reserved for changes);
- If a student changes advisor, either the new advisor must approve the existing plan of study or a new approved plan of study must be submitted with the change of advisor form;
- **For graduation clearance, the MS plan of study needs to be on file in the ECE office and match the courses actually taken**
## Plan of Study

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### M.S. Non-Thesis Option or Project Path Checklist

- 30 or more graduate credits with a GPA of 3.0 or better, of which:
  - At least 24 credits must be letter-graded ECE graduate courses, of which:
    - At least 15 credits must be letter-graded ECE graduate courses, one of which is ECE 6070 Project Management taken within first 2 semesters. Does not count as advanced.
    - At least 6 credits must be ECE 6080 or above (advanced level) completed at OSU.
    - ECE 6070 (Project Management) does not count as an advanced requirement.
  - A maximum of 6 credits are allowed in a related field (such as engineering, biological sciences, physics, math, chemistry, business, economics, & AGCAD).
  - ECE 7080 (Ethics & Professionalism) 1 credit. Mandatory for those admitted autumn 2015 or after. OSU students that have passed ECE 5080 are automatically exempt and the individual study maximum increases by 1 credit.
  - A maximum of 6 credits of Individual Study (ECE 8109) is permitted.
  - Satisfactory final written exam approved by faculty committee.

### M.S. Thesis Option or Research Path Checklist

- 30 or more graduate credits with a GPA of 3.0 or better, of which:
  - At least 10 credits of thesis research credit (ECE 5808).
  - At least 20 credits of graduate course work, of which:
    - At least 10 credits are letter-graded graduate level courses (no S/U), of which:
      - At least 6 credits are ECE core courses, of which:
        - At least 6 credits are ECE 6080 or above (advanced level) completed at OSU.
    - Maximum of 6 credits are allowed in a related field (such as engineering, biological sciences, physics, math, chemistry, business, economics, & AGCAD).
    - ECE 7080 (Ethics & Professionalism) 1 credit. Mandatory for those admitted autumn 2015 or after. OSU students that have passed ECE 5080 are automatically exempt and the individual study maximum increases by 1 credit.
  - A maximum of 6 credits of Individual Study (ECE 8109) is permitted.
  - Satisfactory final oral exam and thesis approval by faculty committee.
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Project Management Course (ECE 6070) is mandatory for all students in MS Project Path

Course Goals
- Learn principles of project management
- Apply project management tools and processes to Electrical and Computer Engineering problems
- Integrate technical aspects of Electrical and Computer Engineering with management tools to successfully complete projects in the Industry framework

Course Topics
- General principles of Project Management
- Project Management process and tools
- Team Culture and project communications
- Strategic Issues in Project Management, risk and crisis management
- Practical considerations/best practices in implementing PM in the Industry
- Case studies in Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Application of Project Management to Electrical and Computer Engineering Projects
- Project Documentation and reporting
Students in the MS Project Path have to work on a project

OBJECTIVES

• Apply technical concepts learned in class
• Encourage independent thinking and strengthen problem solving capabilities

TYPES OF PROJECTS

• Project in research areas in the department
• Work done during an internship
• Any relevant project in the student curriculum area
• Extending project from course

• Students must submit a 1-page project proposal to their advisor and get approval
• Students may get credit for work done in projects through independent study credit (up to 5 hours depending on amount/relevance of work, development of skills, outcomes)
• For their final exam, students are required to:
  - Select at least a 2-faculty examination committee (advisor must be included)
  - Write a project report and discuss it with advisor (mandatory)
  - Deliver a presentation/demo (optional – to the committee’s discretion)
Integrated Project-Based Learning Experience

• Balance technical and non-technical aspects of Project Management, Implementation, and Reporting, in line with industry standards

• Sequential/complementary approach with minimal overlapping, but flexible according to specific cases
**PROJECT PATH (NON-THESIS)**

- **COMMITTEE**: at least two Graduate Faculty members (including the student’s advisor); you can add Prof. Fiorentini or Prof. Irem Eryilmaz or ask other faculty to be your second committee member.

- **REQUIREMENT**: project report (mandatory) and presentation/demo (advisor’s discretion).

- **DEADLINES**: Before starting your project, you have to submit a 1-page project proposal to your advisor to get your project approved. Reports (and/or slides) should be turned in to the committee members AT LEAST 10 days before the graduate school exam deadline. After having revised your report, the committee members might ask you to apply changes to your report for it to be considered acceptable.

- **REPORT**: is private, nobody without permission, but the committee members, will see it.

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https://gradsch.osu.edu/calendar/graduation
RESEARCH PATH (THESIS)

- **COMMITTEE**: at least two Graduate Faculty members (including the student’s advisor); you can add Prof. Irem Eryilmaz or Fiorentini, or ask other faculty to be your second committee member.

- **REQUIREMENT**: thesis and oral exam.

- **DEADLINES**: The first complete draft of the thesis has to be turned in to the committee members AT LEAST two weeks before the oral exam; The oral exam has to be schedule before the graduate school exam deadline. The final version of the thesis (which takes into account the committee members’ suggestions) has to be turned in to the graduate school by the deadline.

- **THESIS**: is public (uploaded on the OhioLINK).

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Other Critical Deadlines

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<th>Autumn Full Term 14 Weeks (08/22-12/6)</th>
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<td>Tuesday, Aug 22, 2023</td>
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<td>Late Registration Fee ($500) and Late Course Add Fee ($100 per course added) Assessed</td>
<td>Saturday, Sep 02, 2023</td>
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<td>Saturday, Oct 28, 2023</td>
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**NOTE:** International students have until the 2nd Friday of the first semester to submit payment without incurring in late fees.

### FEES

| Last day to add course using online registration and without instructor's written permission | Friday, Aug 25, 2023 | Friday, Aug 25, 2023 | Friday, Oct 20, 2023 |
| Last day to add a course without a petition | Friday, Sep 01, 2023 | Friday, Sep 01, 2023 | Friday, Oct 27, 2023 |

### ADDING / DROPPING COURSES

| Last day to drop a course using online registration and without receiving a "W" on record | Friday, Sep 15, 2023 | Friday, Sep 01, 2023 | Friday, Oct 27, 2023 |
| Last day to drop a course without petitioning | Friday, Oct 27, 2023 | Friday, Sep 22, 2023 | Friday, Nov 17, 2023 |

SAMPLE PROJECTS
Radar-Based Identification of Underground Anomalies at Closed Coal Combustion Product Disposal Sites

sponsored by the Electric Power Research Institute and American Electric Power

Team-oriented, multi-disciplinary engineering approach to build a tool to detect the presence of certain anomalies in the region between the subsurface fly ash and the terrain surface and classify, profile, locate, and visualize these anomalies.

Potential Benefits

- OSU Faculty/Industry Experts mentoring
- Prevent exposure of people, animals, plants, and environment to fly ash
- Detect presence/location, classify type/profile of anomalies, and provide a visualization map
- Integrate Ground Penetrating Radar with a vehicular platform
A multi-disciplinary engineering approach to model, simulate, design, optimize, and measure return loss and coupling measurements of a sixteen-patch antenna array to be adopted in a 24-GHz automotive radar system.

**Approach**
- Designed a two-patch antenna operating at 24.1 GHz with a 200 MHz bandwidth
- Developed an eight-patch antenna model, based on the two-patch model, using ten transformers to get an antenna $Z_{in} = 100 \, \Omega$
- Developed/optimized a model and measured a prototype of a sixteen-patch antenna, operating at 24.1 GHz, with 17 dBi gain, 250 MHz bandwidth, and antenna $Z_{in} = 50 \, \Omega$
Airborne Soil Moisture Mapping
A Lincoln-Buckeye Works MS Capstone Project

Team-oriented, multi-disciplinary engineering approach to build an airborne radiometer on fixed-wing and rotorcraft platforms, demonstrate in-flight data collection and mapping, and formulate a startup business plan.

- Conformal Antennas & Arrays
- Microwave Radiometry
- Signal Detection & A/D Conversion
- Airborne Soil Moisture Mapping
- Signal Processing & Algorithm Development
- Business & Marketing
- Microcontroller Programming & Data Handling

Top-notch mentors
- OSU ECE/MAE faculty
- MIT-LL mentors
- Agricultural Engineering experts
- UAV product development firm
- Experienced business people
- Potential users

Potential Benefits
- Identify dry/wet/flooded areas
- Reduce soil under/over-irrigation
- Improve water management
- Cost-savings
- Increase crop yield
- Foundation for 100+ applications
- Spin-off opportunities
Crop Health Monitoring and Early Disease Detection
An InFACT Discovery Theme Program

Team-oriented, multi-disciplinary engineering/agricultural/plant pathology approach for crop monitoring and early detection of diseases using airborne multi-spectral/hyper-spectral cameras, developing image/data processing algorithms for mapping and generation of action plans.

The Ohio State University
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Polarimetric MIMO Radar
A Lincoln-Buckeye Works MS Capstone Project

Team-oriented, inter-disciplinary approach to build a software-defined radio, 2-Tx/2-Rx MIMO array with simultaneous polarimetry radar system, demonstrate in dismount measurements and quantify polarimetry/MIMO tradeoffs

Top-notch mentors
- OSU ECE/ESL faculty and researchers
- MIT-LL mentors
- Potential users

Potential Benefits
- Investigate/implement new technologies
- Improve orthogonal waveforms for simultaneous polarimetry
- Reduce data acquisition time
- Locate jamming/interference sources
- Foundation for real-time beamforming and multistatic coherent measurements on mobile and aerial platforms
- Future high-tech job opportunities
Smart Wheelchair

- Environmental Sensors
- Healthcare Sensors
- Wearables
- Localization (GPS, Beacon)
- Image Processing
- Cellular Network
- Web Application
- API
- IoT

To implement in 2021:
- Wheelchair Pressure Monitoring Pad
- Wheelchair-Mounted Radar (monitor heart and respiratory rates)
Area of Focus

- Electronics
- Embedded System
- Machine Learning
- Robotics
- Image Processing
- Power Management
Patient Monitoring Systems

To implement in 2024:
Wall-/Bed-Mounted Radar/Infrared Sensor Vital Signs Monitoring

(a) Block diagram of vital signs Doppler: Basic transceiver architectures: (b) zero intermediate frequency (IF); (c) heterodyne.
QUESTIONS