

# Electrical Engineering & Physics

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## Department Information

- **Department Location:**  
Electrical and Computer Engineering or South Engineering
- **Department Phone:**  
701-231-7019
- **Department Web Site:**  
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- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.E.E.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:**  
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## Major Requirements

### Double Major: Electrical Engineering & Physics

**Degree Type:** B.S.E.E.

**Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate:** 136

### University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
  - a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU resident credits as defined in #7.
  - b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2021-22/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section of this Bulletin.

### University General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication (C)</b>		<b>12</b>
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning (R) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Wellness (W) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) <sup>**†</sup></b>		
<b>Global Perspectives (G) <sup>**†</sup></b>		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>

\* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2021-22/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

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Code	Title	Credits
<b>Electrical Engineering Core Requirements</b>		
ECE 111	Introduction to Electrical and Computer Engineering	3
ECE 173	Introduction to Computing *	4
ECE 275	Digital Design *	4
ECE 311	Circuit Analysis II	4
ECE 320	Electronics I	3
ECE 321	Electronics II	2
ECE 331	Energy Conversion	4
ECE 341	Random Processes	3
ECE 343	Signals & Systems	4
ECE 351	Applied Electromagnetics	4
ECE 376	Embedded Systems	4
ECE 401	Design I	1
ECE 403	Design II	2
ECE 405	Design III	3
<b>ECE Electives</b>		
Select 6 credits of ECE 400 level electives (excluding 494 & 496).		6
<b>Physics Core Requirements</b>		
PHYS 171	Introductory Projects in Physics *	1
PHYS 251	University Physics I *	4
PHYS 251L	University Physics I Laboratory *	1
PHYS 251R	University Physics I Recitation *	1
PHYS 252	University Physics II *	4
PHYS 252L	University Physics II Laboratory *	1
PHYS 252R	University Physics II Recitation *	1
PHYS 350	Modern Physics *	3
PHYS 355	Classical Mechanics *	3
PHYS 360	Modern Physics II *	3
PHYS 370	Introduction to Computational Physics *	3
PHYS 462	Thermal and Statistical Physics *	3
PHYS 485	Quantum Mechanics I *	3
Select one from the following: *		3-4
PHYS 411 & 411L	Optics for Scientists & Engineers and Optics for Scientists and Engineers Lab (or ECE 411 & ECE 411L))	
PHYS 413	Lasers for Scientists and Engineers	
PHYS 415	Elements of Photonics	
Physics Electives: Select one from the following *		3
PHYS 215	Research For Undergraduates (2 credit minimum)	
PHYS 481	Condensed Matter Physics	
PHYS 486	Quantum Mechanics II	
PHYS 489	Senior Project II	
MSUM Astronomy Courses (AST 300-400 level - with dept. permission)		
<b>Mathematics Courses Required</b>		

MATH 129	Basic Linear Algebra *	3
MATH 165	Calculus I *	4
MATH 166	Calculus II *	4
MATH 265	Calculus III *	4
MATH 266	Introduction to Differential Equations *	3
<b>Other Required Courses</b>		
EE 206	Circuit Analysis I *	4
ENGR 402	Engineering Ethics and Social Responsibility	1
<b>Select one upper division writing course from the following:</b>		<b>3</b>
ENGL 320	Business and Professional Writing	
ENGL 321	Writing in the Technical Professions	
ENGL 324	Writing in the Sciences	
ENGL 459	Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	

**Total Credits****114-115**

\* No grade less than a 'C' accepted in these courses and before enrolling in ECE 300 level courses, excluding ECE 311.

### Degree Requirements and Notes:

- In order to graduate, an EE/PHYS student must have at least a 2.00 GPA in all required EE, ECE, and PHYS courses taken at NDSU. Elective ECE and PHYS courses are not included in this GPA requirement.
- Transfer Students: Transfer courses with grades less than a 'C' in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, and any type of engineering class will not be accepted as a major in this program.
- All Students: See footnote regarding a grade of 'C' required in identified courses.