

## Rutgers ECE Combined BS/Master's Degree

If you are an ECE undergraduate at Rutgers you have the opportunity to earn a Master of Science (M.S.) degree with just one more year of classes. There are several reasons you might want to pursue an M.S. option:

- It's an opportunity to get in another year of classes and get some exposure to more advanced topics.
- Entry-level positions for students with an M.S. degree generally pay more and involve more interesting work.

### Eligibility and Application Process

There are four parts to the graduate application process. Compared to applying to graduate school outside of Rutgers, the application process and transition to the graduate program within Rutgers ECE is greatly simplified: you don't need to take the GRE or write application essays.

- **Credits and coursework:** You must complete the 123 credits required for the BS degree. The M.S. degree requires 30 credits. Any graduate course taken during the undergraduate study beyond 120 credits will be double counted for both degrees. If you plan things, you can finish the M.S. degree within one additional year.
- **Basic Application:** All applicants should complete the first 3 page of the Graduate School application (<https://admissionservices.rutgers.edu/graduate/newApplicant.app>), print it, and bring it to the office of the ECE Graduate Program Director.
- **Transcript:** Submit an original transcript with these three pages (or order one from ASB to be mailed to the ECE Graduate Program Director).
- **Letters of Recommendation:**
  - If your GPA is > 3.7, you can become eligible for TA/GA/Fellowship support by getting two (2) letters of recommendation.
  - If your GPA is between 3.2 and 3.7, you do not need recommendation letters but will not be considered for TA/GA support.
  - If your GPA is between 3.0 and 3.2 you will need two (2) *strong* recommendations to be admitted to the M.S. program.
  - If your GPA is lower than 3.0 it is unlikely that you will be admitted to the M.S. program.

### Important Dates and Deadlines

- **Middle of November:** start of the application process
- **End of November:** initial decisions are made.
- **December-August:** continuous review based on grades earned.

Once you are admitted to the graduate program we will promote you to graduate student status. We review our students until August 31st since until that time we have an access to their undergraduate records. Your *entire* academic record will be included in your file as a graduate student.