

EXPRESS APPLICATION TO THE M.S. PROGRAM IN ELECTRICAL OR COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Starting in the fall of 2011, the express application is open to Columbia Electrical and Computer Engineering seniors (including 3-2 students) who have a Columbia G.P.A. of at least 3.500 and are applying to an M.S. program in either Electrical or Computer Engineering (i.e., EE majors can apply to the Computer Engineering M.S. program, and Computer Engineering majors can apply to the EE M.S. program). This option offers a quick and smooth transition to the M.S. degree program, with its well-known utility in professional training.

Advantages of Continuing on to the M.S. Program at Columbia

Continuing on to an M.S. degree program in a student's home department at Columbia University offers several advantages to qualified students presently in the B.S. program:

- They can earn the M.S. degree seamlessly, knowing that the advanced courses they will be taking have been designed to have the exact prerequisites they have taken as undergraduates.
- They can take some graduate classes in their senior year (if they want), and have them count (up to 15 credits) towards their M.S. degree, provided these courses are not being counted toward their undergraduate degree.
- They may have more flexibility in MS program planning, and may be able to achieve more depth and breadth, due to the compatibility of undergraduate and graduate courses and the opportunity to spread MS courses out over more semesters.
- They do not have to move to a new place, but will instead be in an institution and city they already know.
- They can get M.S. credit for a summer project after their senior year, provided they find a suitable advisor willing to supervise, and the credits are not applied toward the B.S. degree.

Note: B.S. and M.S. requirements must be satisfied separately before the corresponding degree is awarded.

Application Process

- Columbia students currently in the B.S. program, with a Columbia G.P.A. of at least 3.500, complete and submit an application online (see below). Three faculty members from Columbia, who are willing to act as references, must be listed on the form, but do not need to be asked to write letters; the department will contact them.
- The application fee is still required.
- No official transcript is required; the department will obtain the transcript.
- No GRE is required.
- No TOEFL is required, as it is assumed that foreign students already in the B.S. degree program have satisfactory command of English.

Although the Express Application simplifies the application procedure, it does not guarantee admission. Also, Columbia University undergraduate student housing and undergraduate student financial aid packages do not carry over to an M.S. program at Columbia University. If a student later decides to apply for admission to the Ph.D. program at Columbia, he/she will have to satisfy all Ph.D. admission requirements, including the GRE.

Application Deadlines

The deadline for express application to the Electrical and Computer Engineering M.S. programs is **October 25th**. Applicants can expect to be notified of an admissions decision within one month.

Online Application

<https://portal.seas.columbia.edu/form/view.php?id=37>