Engineer's Degree in Electrical Engineering

The program leading to the engineer’s degree is particularly designed for the education of the practicing engineer. The degree is granted on completion of an approved academic program and a record of acceptable technical achievement in the candidate's field of engineering. The academic program consists of a minimum of 45 units beyond the master’s degree. Courses are selected to advance competence in specific areas relating to the engineering professional's work. Evidence of technical achievement must include a paper principally written by the candidate and accepted for publication by a recognized engineering journal prior to the granting of the degree.

Unique Program Features

Faculty from Industry. Seventy-five graduate engineering faculty members work in Silicon Valley and maintain a strong industry connection. In addition to their business perspective, they are also instrumental in helping students connect with Bay Area engineering companies for internship and job opportunities.

Teaching Methodology. SCU faculty members use a wide variety of teaching methods to maximize students’ learning experience, including discussion sessions, small-group coaching, problem-driven seminars, individual and “just-in-time” instruction in the form of online materials, learning guides, and short tutorials.

Project-Based Curriculum. The program features a heavy reliance on project-based learning, case analyses, and industrial practices, so coursework is immediately applicable to responsibilities at work.

Team Orientation. Teamwork is fundamental to the program, just as it is in the workplace. Collaborative learning equips students with the technical, managerial, and communication skills necessary to succeed in any career path.

Student Services for Working Professionals. SCU recognizes the pressures that part-time students experience in balancing competing demands on their time. We are dedicated to streamlining the administrative processes by providing students with the highest level of student services.

Engineering Graduate Programs

Founded in 1912, the School of Engineering educates tomorrow’s technical leaders in small, rigorous classes taught by expert faculty members. Our outstanding graduate programs offer master’s, engineer’s, and Ph.D. degrees, as well as open university, and professional certificate programs.

Education Fitting Your Work Schedule, at Your Own Pace

Santa Clara University provides full-time students and busy working professionals in Silicon Valley with various education options to match their personal needs and work schedules, including:

- Degree Programs—full-time and part-time
- Certificate Programs—full-time and part-time
- Open University—take only the courses that interest you

To accommodate our students’ busy work and internship schedules, all of our graduate engineering classes are held outside of normal business hours, with early morning classes from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., evening classes starting at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., and weekend classes. Our flexibility allows you to complete the program at your own pace.

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Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

The doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degree is conferred by the School of Engineering primarily in recognition of competence in the subject field and the ability to investigate engineering problems independently, resulting in new and original contributions to knowledge in the field. The work for the degree consists of engineering research, the preparation of a thesis based on that research, and a program of advanced study in engineering, mathematics, and related physical sciences. As evidence of original research in the field, all or part of the thesis must be published or accepted for publication in at least one recognized top-tier engineering or scientific journal prior to the granting of the degree.

Certificate Programs

Certificate programs are designed to provide intensive background in a focused area at the graduate level. With 16 units required for completion, each certificate may be completed in a short period of time. These certificate programs are appropriate for students working in industry who wish to enhance their skills or for those interested in changing their career path. All SCU courses applied to the completion of a certificate program earn graduate credit that may also be applied toward a graduate degree. The department offers certificates in the following:

- ASIC design and test
- Analog circuit design
- Digital signal processing application
- Digital signal processing theory
- Microwave and antennas

In addition, a Fundamentals of Engineering certificate requiring 16–24 units is offered for students who do not have an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering, but do have degrees in a related field or have related professional experience.