

A degree plan is a course of study. It outlines both number and specific core courses to complete; and includes guidelines regarding elective courses students can take.

MS in Electrical Engineering students who were admitted starting Fall 2017 must submit their degree plans twice: (1) by the end of the first semester (1st Semester DP); and (2) on their [graduating semester](#) (Final Degree Plan).

A. Students choose an MSEE concentration area. Fill out a degree plan and indicate if it is a first semester or final degree plan (by clicking the applicable button which is located above the student signature pane):

- [Circuits](#) 
- [Computing Systems](#) 
- [Devices](#) 
- [Power Electronics and Energy Systems](#) 
- [Signals and Systems](#) 

B. For MSEE Non-Thesis degree plan review and approval, make a next-day appointment with [Drs. Diana Cogan, Matthew Heins, Randy Lehmann, Raja Rajasekaran or Marco Tacca](#).

C. For MSEE thesis degree plan review and approval, contact your respective MS Thesis Advisors. The degree plan must include nine credit hours of research (of which three or six must be thesis semester credit hours); (*e.g.* 6 research and 3 thesis hours).

D. If opting for digital signatures, please use a UTD computer and make sure that the UTD email address is visible on the signature panes.

E. After getting your degree plan approved, make a duplicate and submit the original to the ECE Graduate Program Office (ECSN 4.524) or email the form to ecegradprogram@utdallas.edu.

F. Change in concentration area is allowed.

- If your overall GPA is 3.0 or better, students need two forms signed: a new degree plan and a [Graduate Change of Program Request/Sub-Plan Change form*](#)
- If your overall GPA is below 3.0 and if you are not yet on Drop Status or Dismissed, the student needs to email Dr. Dinesh Bhatia, dinesh@utdallas.edu, for approval to switch concentration area; include [unofficial transcripts](#), a new degree plan and a [Graduate Change of Program Request/Sub-Plan Change form*](#)
- On the email: Indicate your current concentration area, reasons for wanting to switch concentration area, why your GPA dropped to below 3.0; and new classes to take/repeat plus grades to make to improve GPA to 3.0 or better. On the degree plan: List all completed courses with grades and semester/year taken; and new classes to take/repeat plus grades to make. Students must sign the form.

G. Email ecegradprogram@utdallas.edu to request a copy. Student completes and signs the form digitally. Forward to Dr. Dinesh Bhatia as Advisor & Dr. Poras Balsara as Associate Dean for digital signatures. All digital signatures must be procured using a UTD computer and the UTD email address should be visible on the signature panes. After getting the approvals, email the form to ecegradprogram@utdallas.edu.