The department offers graduate study and research leading to the Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, the Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering option. Fields in which the student may specialize include communication systems, computer systems, energy and materials, Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS), optical systems and photonics, and sensors and systems. Information regarding active research programs is available at http://ece.montana.edu/research/.

Admission
Admission to our graduate program requires a bachelor’s degree in electrical or computer engineering or a closely related field (for example, physics, computer science, mathematics, etc.). Students with bachelor’s degrees in fields other than electrical and computer engineering (ECE) complete several additional courses to gain proficiency in key undergraduate ECE areas.

All applicants are required to submit scores from the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) along with other application materials. A minimum quantitative GRE score of 153 is required, and most students in our program score significantly higher. A minimum verbal GRE score of 152 is recommended.

International students must have a minimum TOEFL score of 600 on the paper-based test, or 250 on the computer-based test, or 100 on the internet-based test, or a minimum IELTS score of 7.0, to be considered for admission with full standing.

Details of the admission requirements and application procedures are available at http://ece.montana.edu/research/applying.htm.

Degree Requirements
Students may pursue the Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) degree, Electrical Engineering option; the Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Electrical Engineering under either Plan A (thesis) or Plan B (professional paper); and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering option. Please refer to the Program information tab for degree requirement details.

Research Experience
Research experience is required of all Master’s of Science and Doctoral students. This requirement is met by students in the Doctoral program and the MS Plan A program through their thesis work; whereas students in the MS Plan B program must fulfill this requirement through satisfactory participation in an acceptable research or practice-oriented project approved by the student’s adviser. Each student in MS Plan B must register for EELE 575 Research/Prof Paper/Project for three credits.

Research
Faculty and graduate students participate in research in many important fields, including:

- Communication Systems: wireless communication systems, ad-hoc networks, fiber optic communication components and systems, micro-machined mm-wave components, antennas, and atmospheric propagation.
- Energy and Materials: fuel cells, fuel cell materials, fuel cell modeling and control; renewable resource and fuel cell distributed generation systems; fuzzy logic and neural network applications to power system control; load management; reduced-component power electronic design and motor drives.
- Optical Systems and Photonics: Micro-Optical-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MOEMS), micro-machined mirrors and applications in confocal microscopes, spectrometers, and sensors; optics of nanostructures and near-field optical interactions; optical remote sensing systems and applications; lidar development and applications to measuring atmospheric aerosols, clouds, and gases; radiometric and polarimetric imaging system development and calibration; optical sensors for detecting explosives and biological species; optical communication components, systems, and networks.
- Sensors and Systems: MEMS sensors and components; micro-machined sensors; lidars, laser sensors, radiometric and polarimetric imagers (see Optics section above); electronic sensors and systems for data acquisition and optical system control; acoustic and audio sensing of environmental noise and wildlife.

Research facilities in the department include: state-of-the-art electronics laboratories; optics laboratories with a variety of lasers, imagers, and electro-optical measurement tools; the Montana Microfabrication Facility with class 100, 1000, and 10,000 capabilities; a machine shop; a microwave and millimeter-wave electronics laboratory; a power and power electronics research laboratory, fuel cell characterization facilities; an audio and acoustics laboratory; and roof-port and roof-top facilities for optical remote sensing. Students have access to all the leading electronics, electromagnetic, and optical design and analysis software resources.

Financial Assistance
A number of research and teaching assistantships are available for qualified graduate students. All applicants are considered automatically for financial support and do not need to apply separately.

Degrees Offered
- M.Eng in Engineering, Electrical Engineering option (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/engineering/electrical-computer-engineering/meng-electrical-engineering-option)
- M.S. in Electrical Engineering Plan A (thesis) (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/engineering/electrical-computer-engineering/ms-electrical-engineering-plan-a)
- M.S. in Electrical Engineering Plan B (professional paper) (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/engineering/electrical-computer-engineering/ms-electrical-engineering-plan-b)
- M.S. in Optics Plan A (thesis) (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/engineering/electrical-computer-engineering/ms-optics-plan-a)
• M.S. in Optics Plan B (professional paper) (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/engineering/electrical-computer-engineering/ms-optics-plan-b)
• Ph.D. in Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering option (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/engineering/electrical-computer-engineering/phd-electrical-computer-engineering-option)
• Ph.D. in Materials Science (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/letters-science/chemistry-biochemistry/phd-materials-science)

Additional information is available in the Electrical & Computer Engineering Department’s Graduate Student Handbook (http://www.coe.montana.edu/ee/gradbook.pdf).