

Programme Specification (UG)

Awarding body / institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Teaching institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Name of final award and programme title:	Masters of Engineering (MEng) Electronic Engineering and Telecommunications with Year Abroad
Name of interim award(s):	Cert HE, Dip HE, BSc(Eng), BEng
Duration of study / period of registration:	5 years FT
QMUL programme code / UCAS code(s):	H69Z
QAA Benchmark Group:	Engineering
FHEQ Level of Award :	Level 7
Programme accredited by:	Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)
Date Programme Specification approved:	
Responsible School / Institute:	School of Electronic Engineering & Computer Science

Schools / Institutes which will also be involved in teaching part of the programme:

N/A

Institution(s) other than QMUL that will provide some teaching for the programme:

N/A

Programme outline

This programme covers the most rapidly growing areas of electronic engineering and all aspects of communications. You will learn about microwave and optical systems as well as the design, operation, and management of large-scale communication networks for computers and voice and video signals. A range of technical and business modules provides a strong engineering foundation to this specialised degree.

This programme is accredited by the Institution of Engineering and Technology on behalf of the Engineering Council for the purposes of fully meeting the academic requirement for registration as a Chartered Engineer.

Aims of the programme

This is one of our MEng programmes, which are integrated masters programmes that include both technical content beyond normal first degree level and additional content on economic, social and environmental issues. In addition, MEng programmes provide enhanced experience of project management in a group activity.

The accredited degrees form a group of programmes with the same broad aims and objectives; the difference being that they address different technical flavours of the broad spectrum that is now Electronic Engineering.

Skill-based aims and objectives are, therefore, common across the family, but the instantiation of these objectives may make use of different technical aspects within the family.

Context-based aims and objectives describe the differences between the programmes and Level-based aims and objectives between the BEng and MEng degrees.

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What will you be expected to achieve?

Skill-based aims and objectives:

At the end of his/her degree, each student should be able to demonstrate the following abilities:

- the ability to recall factual knowledge and the ability to apply it in familiar and unfamiliar situations;
- the ability to apply scientific, mathematical and software 'tools' to a familiar or unfamiliar situation;
- the ability to use Information Technology as a key tool pervading all aspects of Electronic Engineering;
- the ability to understand practical issues concerning real systems (whether hardware or software);
- the ability to recognise insufficient existing knowledge and the ability to search for the necessary scientific, mathematical and software 'tools' relevant to that particular issue;
- the ability to work as part of a team;
- the ability to manage time effectively;
- the ability to appreciate the financial background against which decisions are made in industry;
- the ability to show a certain level of reflection on the role of engineering in society;

and the following skills:

- the perceptive skills needed to understand information presented in the form of technical circuit-diagrams, flow-charts and high-level languages;
- the practical skills needed to implement a piece of hardware or software and to use laboratory test equipment;
- the analytical skills needed to verify the correct behaviour of a hardware or software system or component and to be able to identify faults;
- the design skills needed to synthesise a design (in hardware and/or software) from a specification (including the choice of the best option from a range of alternatives), to implement the design and to evaluate the design against the original specification;
- the written and oral communication skills needed to present information, in particular written information, effectively;
- the critical reasoning skills needed to appraise a particular topic;

Context-based aims and objectives

- To provide a wide coverage of telecommunications systems from physical layer, through network layer to applications.
- To emphasise electromagnetics as the key underlying theoretical base for wireless communications.
- To provide practical skills in electromagnetics.

Level-based aims and objectives

Additional objectives for MEng degree:

- To provide greater technical depth by including 5 modules in the final year from a cognate MSc degree within the school (level 7 modules).
- To provide greater experience of group project working.
- To provide enhanced problem-solving skills through case-study investigations.
- To provide a greater understanding of business and financial matters.

QMUL Model

The QMUL Model is an innovative teaching and learning initiative that will broaden opportunities for Queen Mary undergraduates within and beyond higher education, supporting them to plan and manage their ongoing professional development. The Model is firmly grounded in the core QMUL values of respect for, and engagement with, the local area and communities, with a distinctive focus on enabling students to make a positive societal impact through leadership in their chosen field. The Model is organised around the key themes of:

- networking
- multi- and inter-disciplinarity
- international perspectives
- enterprising perspectives.

Students are required to study QMUL Model modules to the value of at least 10 credits at each year of undergraduate study. Model modules may be 5, 10 or 15 credits. Model modules are indicated within this programme specification.

In your first year of study, the Model module will be core or compulsory and will be situated within your home School or Institute. In subsequent years, students will be strongly encouraged to study at least one Model module beyond their home discipline(s), which could, for example, be in another School / Institute or area of QMUL or undertaken as a module outside of QMUL.

If Model module information is not provided on this programme specification for all subsequent years of study, this will be identified as your studies continue.

Where a Model module elective can be selected from an approved group of Model modules, no guarantee can be provided that your first choice of Model module will be available.

Academic Content:

A 1	Theory, principles, concepts and methodologies fundamental to electronic and telecommunications engineering.
A 2	Role of business processes in engineering, including the commercial, societal and legal processes; moral and ethical issues including professional conduct and intellectual property.

Disciplinary Skills - able to:

B 1	Demonstrate the comprehension and higher level cognitive skills necessary to solve practical problems of constrained complexity using the fundamental concepts and physical principles that underpin electronic and telecommunications engineering in the key areas of circuits, systems, networks and algorithms.
B 2	Demonstrate a level of software engineering and programming skills that are appropriate to electronic and telecommunications engineering.
B 3	Demonstrate the ability to analyse and evaluate using the appropriate mathematical principles and techniques that underpin the analysis of electronic and telecommunications engineering systems.

Attributes:	
C 1	Engage critically with knowledge, taking responsibility for own learning and personal and professional development.
C 2	Demonstrate an appropriate level of expertise in the use of information technology.
C 3	Manage time and prioritize tasks by working to strict deadlines while achieving clarity of communication, both with peers and with academic staff.

QMUL Model Learning Outcomes - Level 4:	
D 1	(Networking) Identify and discuss their own career aspirations or relevant skills and knowledge and how they i
D 2	(Networking) Identify and discuss what their own role in their programme and/or subject discipline might mea
D 3	(International Perspectives) Consider the role of their discipline in diverse cultural and global contexts

QMUL Model Learning Outcomes - Level 5:	
E 1	(Enterprising Perspectives) Demonstrate and evaluate how they have enhanced their own learning through engaging
E 2	(Networking) Evaluate and demonstrate their own attitudes, values and skills in the workplace and/or in the wider wo
E 3	(Networking) Evaluate and demonstrate evidence of their skills to support networking and how these have influenced

QMUL Model Learning Outcomes - Level 6:	
F 1	
F 2	
F 3	

QMUL Model Learning Outcomes - Level 7:	
G 1	
G 2	
G 3	

How will you learn?

Each non-project-based module involves lectures, problem solving coursework and practical sessions. Lectures are used to introduce principles and methods and also to illustrate how they can be applied in practice. Coursework allows students to develop their skills in problem solving and to gain practical experience. Practical sessions take the form of problem-solving exercise classes, or programming or hands-on laboratory sessions that use instruments and hardware and software tools. They allow the students to learn-by-doing, and thus complement the lectures. Practical sessions provide students with guidance and help while solving a problem.

Individual projects are undertaken throughout the year under the supervision of an academic member of staff with whom there are weekly consultancy meetings. These are used for students to report on their progress, discuss research and design issues and plan their future work. This develops and reinforces students' ability to communicate technical ideas clearly and effectively. The Projects Coordinator also runs a thread of taught sessions to support the project module.

How will you be assessed?

The assessment of the taught course units takes place through a written examination and coursework.

The final year project is examined on the basis of a written report, a formal oral presentation, and a demonstration of the piece of software or hardware developed by the student. In addition to the final year project, other modules introduce project and group working skills.

How is the programme structured?

Please specify the full time and part time programme diets (if applicable). Please also outline the QMUL Model arrangements for each year of study. The description should be sufficiently detailed to fully define the structure of the diet.

Year 1 Modules

Semester 1

ECS401U Procedural Programming (15 credits)
ECS408U Electronic Engineering Mathematics I (15 credits)
ECS412U Digital Circuit Design (15 credits)
ECS427U Professional and Research Practice (15 credits)

Semester 2

ECS403U Communications and Networks (15 credits)
ECS409U Analogue Electronic Systems (15 credits)
ECS411U Signals and Information (15 credits)
ECS423U Electronic Engineering Mathematics 2 (15 credits)

Semester 1 and 2

ECS428U Skills for Electronic Engineering (non-credit bearing module)

Year 2 Modules

Semester 3

ECS501U C Programming (15 credits)
ECS502U Microprocessor Systems Design (15 credits)
ECS517U Electronic Devices and Applications (15 credits)
ECS528U Communications Systems (15 credits)

Semester 4

ECS504U Electric and Magnetic Fields (15 credits)
ECS514U Design and Build Project in Electronic Engineering (15 credits)
ECS515U Signals and Systems Theory (15 credits)
ECS527U Digital Systems Design (15 credits) (pre-requisite for ECS617U)

Year 3 Modules

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<p>Semester 5 and 6 ECS556U Year Abroad (120 credits)</p> <p>Year 4 Modules Semester 7 ECS626U Team Project (30 credits) ECS644U Microwave and Millimetrewave Electronics (15 credits) Plus two modules from: ECS601U Control Systems (15 credits) (pre requisite for ECS654U) ECS602U Digital Signal Processing (15 credits) ECS607U Data Mining (15 credits) ECS639U Web Programming (15 credits) (pre requisite ECS414U) ECS642U Embedded Systems (15 credits) ECS643U Power Electronics (15 credits)</p> <p>Semester 7 ECS626U Team Project (cont) (30 credits) ECS619U Network Planning, Finance and Management 15 credits) Plus two modules from: ECS617U Integrated Circuit Design (15 credits) (pre-requisite ECS527U) ECS622U Product Development (15 credits) ECS637U Digital Media and Social Networks (15 credits) ECS645U Microwave and Millimetrewave Communications Systems (15 credits) ECS649U Electrical Machines and Systems (15 credits) ECS654U Advanced Control Systems (15 credits) (pre requisite ECS601U)</p> <p>Final Year Modules Semester 9 ECS770U Project (30 credits) Plus at least one module from: ECS702U Mobile and WLAN Technologies (15 credits) ECS703U 21st Century Networks (15 credits) Plus one or two modules from: ECS701U Communication Theory (15 credits) ECS707U Fundamentals of DSP (15 credits) (If not taken as ECS602U in Semester 5) ECS708U Machine Learning (15 credits) ECS709U Introduction to Computer Vision (15 credits) ECS783U Enabling Communication Technologies for IOT (15 credits) IPLM701U Introduction to Law for Science and Engineering (15 credits) (pre req for IPLM702U)</p> <p>Semester 10 ECS770U Project (30 credits) Plus three modules from: ECS721U Next Generation Mobile (15 credits) ECS7008U Modelling and Performance (15 credits) (replacing ECS724U Network Modelling and Performance) ECS726U Security and Authentication (15 credits) ECS728U Business Technology Strategy (15 credits) ECS797U Machine Learning for Visual Data Analytics (15 credits) IPLM702U Foundations of Intellectual Property Law and Management (15 credits) (must have taken IPLM701U)</p>

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 1

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester	QMUL Model
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Professional and Research Practice	ECS427U	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Procedural Programming	ECS401U	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic Engineering Mathematics I	ECS408U	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Digital Circuit Design	ECS412U	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications and Networks	ECS403U	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Analogue Electronic Systems	ECS409U	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signals and Information	ECS411U	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic Engineering Mathematics 2	ECS423U	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 2

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester	QMUL Model
C Programming	ECS501U	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Microprocessor Systems Design	ECS502U	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic Devices and Applications	ECS517U	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications Systems	ECS528U	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric and Magnetic Fields	ECS504U	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Design and Build Project in Electronic Engineering	ECS514U	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Signals and Systems Theory	ECS515U	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Digital Systems Design	ECS527U	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester	QMUL Model
Team Project	ECS626U	30	6	Compulsory	4	Semesters 1 & 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Microwave and Millimetrewave Electronics	ECS644U	15	6	Compulsory	4	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Control Systems	ECS601U	15	6	Elective	4	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Digital Signal Processing	ECS602U	15	6	Elective	4	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Data Mining	ECS607U	15	6	Elective	4	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Web Programming	ECS639U	15	6	Elective	4	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Embedded Systems	ECS642U	15	6	Elective	4	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Power Electronics	ECS643U	15	6	Elective	4	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Network Planning, Finance and Management	ECS619U	15	6	Compulsory	4	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrated Circuit Design	ECS617U	15	6	Elective	4	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product Development	ECS622U	15	6	Elective	4	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Digital Media and Social Networks	ECS637U	15	6	Elective	4	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Microwave and Millimetrewave Communications Systems	ECS645U	15	6	Elective	4	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electrical Machines and Systems	ECS649U	15	6	Elective	4	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Advanced Control Systems	ECS654U	15	6	Elective	4	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 5

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester	QMUL Model
Project	ECS770U	30	7	Core	5	Semesters 1 & 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile and WLAN Technologies	ECS702U	15	7	Elective	5	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
21st Century Networks	ECS703U	15	7	Elective	5	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication Theory	ECS701U	15	7	Elective	5	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fundamentals of DSP	ECS707U	15	7	Elective	5	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Machine Learning	ECS708U	15	7	Elective	5	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introduction to Computer Vision	ECS709U	15	7	Elective	5	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enabling Communication Technologies for IOT	ECS783U	15	7	Elective	5	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introduction to Law for Science and Engineering	IPLM701U	15	7	Elective	5	Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Next General Mobile	ECS721U	15	7	Elective	5	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Modelling and Performance	ECS7008U	15	7	Elective	5	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Security and Authentication	ECS726U	15	7	Elective	5	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Technology Strategy	ECS728U	15	7	Elective	5	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Machine Learning for Visual Data Analytics	ECS797U	15	7	Elective	5	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester	QMUL Model
Foundations of Intellectual Property Law and Management	IPLM702U	15	7	Elective	5	Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 3

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester	QMUL Model
Year Abroad	ECS556U	120	5	Compulsory	3	Semesters 1 & 2	<input type="checkbox"/>

What are the entry requirements?

Further information about the entry requirements for this programme can be found at:
<http://www.eecs.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduates/entry-requirements/>

How will the quality of the programme be managed and enhanced?

EECS has a Student Experience Teaching Learning and Assessment (SELTA) structure which enables programmes to be both managed and enhanced.

The Structure allows for subject level teaching groups and programme coordinators to regularly evaluate the content and delivery of each programme. Feedback from module evaluations and SSLC meetings are fed into these groups and this provides an opportunity for student feedback to be incorporated into the programmes.

Additionally, programme coordinators work with the Director of Taught Programmes to ensure each programme is current and can be delivered effectively.

How do we listen to and act on your feedback?

The Student-Staff Liaison Committee provides a formal means of communication and discussion between the School and its students. The committee consists of student representatives from each cohort, together with appropriate representation from School staff. It is designed to respond to the needs of students, as well as act as a forum for discussing programme and module developments. Student-Staff Liaison Committees meet four times a year, twice in each teaching semester.

Each semester, students are invited to complete a web-based module questionnaire for each of their taught modules, and the results are fed back through the SSLC meetings. The results are also made available on the student intranet, as are the minutes of the SSLC meetings. Any actions necessary are taken forward by the relevant Senior Tutor, who chairs the SSLC, and general issues are discussed and actioned through the School's Student Experience Learning Teaching And Assessment (SETLA) Committee.

The School's SETLA Committee advises the Director of Taught Programmes on all matters relating to the delivery of taught programmes at school level including monitoring the application of relevant QM policies and reviewing all proposals for module

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and programme approval and amendment before submission to Taught Programmes Board. Student views are incorporated in this Committee's work in a number of ways, including through student membership and consideration of student surveys and module questionnaires.

The School participates in the College's Annual Programme Review process, which supports strategic planning and operational issues for all undergraduate and taught postgraduate programmes. The APR includes consideration of the School's Taught Programmes Action Plan, which records progress on learning and teaching related actions on a rolling basis. Students' views are considered in the APR process through analysis of the NSS and module questionnaires, among other data.

What academic support is available?

All students are assigned an academic adviser during induction week. The adviser's role is to guide advisees in their academic development including module selection and to provide first-line pastoral support.

In addition, the School has a Senior Tutor for undergraduate students who provides second-line guidance and pastoral support as well as advising staff on related matters.

The School also has a Student Support Officer who is the first point of contact regarding all matters.

Every member of Teaching Staff holds 2 open office hours per week during term time.

Programme-specific rules and facts

Further information on the Academic Regulations can be found at <http://www.arcs.qmul.ac.uk/media/arcs/policyzone/academic/Academic-Regulations-2017-18.pdf>

In addition to this the programme does have special regulations (further details are available in the Academic Regulations):

1. There is a requirement for students to achieve a minimum mark of 30.0 in every module, and to pass the project outright (in addition to the standard award rules) in order to achieve the intended, accredited, award.
2. The exit award and the field of study of the exit award will be dictated by the specific modules passed and failed by a student.

Specific support for disabled students

Queen Mary has a central Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) that offers support for all students with disabilities, specific learning difficulties and mental health issues. The DDS supports all Queen Mary students: full-time, part-time, undergraduate, postgraduate, UK and international at all campuses and all sites.

Students can access advice, guidance and support in the following areas:

- Finding out if you have a specific learning difficulty like dyslexia
- Applying for funding through the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)
- Arranging DSA assessments of need
- Special arrangements in examinations
- Accessing loaned equipment (e.g. digital recorders)
- Specialist one-to-one "study skills" tuition
- Ensuring access to course materials in alternative formats (e.g. Braille)
- Providing educational support workers (e.g. note-takers, readers, library assistants)
- Mentoring support for students with mental health issues and conditions on the autistic spectrum.

Links with employers, placement opportunities and transferable skills

The School has a wide range of industrial contacts secured through research projects and consultancy, our Industrial Experience programme and our Industrial Advisory Panel.

The Industrial Advisory Panel works to ensure that our programmes are state-of-the-art and match the changing requirements of this fast-moving industry. The Panel includes representatives from a variety of Computer Science oriented companies ranging

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from SMEs to major blue-chips. These include: Microsoft Research, IBM, The National Physical Laboratory, National Instruments, PA Consulting, Rohde and Schwarz, O2, Cisco Systems, ARM, Selex and BAE Systems.

Recent graduates have found employment as IT consultants, specialist engineers, web developers, systems analysts, software designers and network engineers in a wide variety of industries and sectors. A number of students also go on to undertake PhDs in electronic engineering and computer science. Merrill Lynch, Microsoft, Nokia, Barclays Capital, Logica,, Credit Suisse, KPMG, Transport for London, Sky and Selex ES are among the organizations that have recently employed graduates of EECS programmes.

Transferable skills are developed through a variety of means, including embedding of QM Graduate Attributes in taught modules and the project, together with the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities, e.g. the School's E++ Society, the School's Annual Programming Competition and external competitions with support from the School.

Programme Specification Approval

Person completing Programme Specification:

Person responsible for management of programme:

Date Programme Specification produced / amended by School / Institute Learning and Teaching Committee:

Date Programme Specification approved by Taught Programmes Board: