

# **Electrical and Computer Engineering**

Graduates of the Electrical and Computer Engineering programs invent the future. From hands on learning experiences in the classroom, to co-curricular clubs, and experiences outside of the classroom, students are prepared to better the world through technology and service to others.

## **THE PROGRAM**

**Electrical Engineering** applies scientific discoveries to the design and creation of electrical systems, devices, and components that are safe, reliable, and practical.

Computer Engineering focuses on systems and computer hardware.

Whichever program a student chooses, they will combine a rigorous blend of mathematics, engineering and science with the Gonzaga humanities core. Students learn to imagine and develop the technology that improves everyday life and solves complex problems.

#### **Electrical Engineering**

- **Electrical energy/power:** Create solutions for sustainable power generation, power system security, energy storage, and battery development.
- Wireless communications: Search for the best way to transmit and receive information signals through wireless technologies like cell phones, Bluetooth, and NASA communications.
- **Electronics:** Design circuits to help develop the next-generation of smart phones, televisions, automobiles, navigation systems, audio players, video games, and much more.

#### **Computer Engineering**

- **Embedded systems:** Plan small, special-purpose and high-performance computers built into devices such as vehicles, wearables, and smartphones.
- **Computer networks:** Connect devices efficiently to share information quickly using hardware, software, and protocols.
- Robotics: Explore the design, construction, operation, and use of robots.

# **DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Gonzaga's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering offers two degree programs for students wanting to be at the forefront of technology:

- B.S. Computer Engineering
- B.S. Electrical Engineering

All SEAS engineering programs combine a rigorous blend of mathematics, engineering, and science with the Gonzaga humanities core.

### **SENIOR DESIGN**

Engineering seniors team with faculty advisors and industry professionals on a senior design project to practice the skills needed for successful careers.



# FACILITIES

Labs, classrooms, and resources are located in three buildings of Gonzaga's STEM complex. Here are some of the Electrical & Computer Engineering labs:

# **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

#### Avista T&D Power Lab – PACCAR Center for Applied Science

New power system simulation equipment provides students a unique opportunity to model and study power system behavior.

#### Controls Lab – Herak Engineering Center

Students model physical systems typical of control systems.

#### Communications Lab – *Herak Engineering Center*

Oscilloscopes, signal generators, and spectrum analyzers in this lab enhances student understanding of analog and digital communications systems.

# **COMPUTER ENGINEERING**

#### Embedded Computer Systems Lab – Herak Engineering Center

Students gain practical, "hands on", and design experience incorporating microcomputer devices with software polling routines and interrupts to build simple calculators, clocks, and other embedded system applications.

#### Cyber-Physical Systems Lab – Herak Engineering Center

Students study, design, and build the interaction between the physical world and (embedded) processors via sensors, keypads, LCDs, motors, communication devices, amplifiers, and more.

#### Robotics Lab – Herak Engineering Center

The lab is well equipped with the latest electronic gadgets and software required for designing, controlling, and implementing robotic systems.

#### Digital Systems Design Lab – Herak Engineering Center

Students use Verilog hardware design language and state-of-the-art Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGA) for digital system description, simulation, and implementation.

#### Linux Servers – PACCAR Center for Applied Science

A cluster of high-performance Linux servers supports research and courses in parallel and cloud computing as well as VLSI circuits systems.

# **BOTH DEGREE PROGRAMS**

#### Electric Circuits Lab – Bollier Center for Integrated Science and Engineering

Students learn the fundamental concepts of electric circuit measurements, understand the main features of power supply sources, analog, and digital multimeters.

#### Electronic Students Lab – Bollier Center for Integrated Science and Engineering

Various measuring and development tools are specifically available for electrical and computer engineering senior design projects.

# GRADUATE FROM AN ABET-ACCREDITED PROGRAM

The BS programs in Computer Engineering and Electrical Engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, **www.abet.org.** 

> Computing & Engineering Accreditation Commissions

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# CAREER OUTCOMES

Companies that have hired recent Electrical Engineering or Computer Engineering graduates include:

- Boeing
- F5
- Intel
- Microsoft
- SpaceX

# CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Clubs and professional organizations offer support and hands-on projects that reinforce classroom learning. These include:

- Gonzaga Sustainable Energy
- GU Robotics
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- Women in Computing

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Sophomores in Electrical and Computer Engineering study circuits in the Bollier Center for Integrated Science and Engineering.