



**1. Programme Title(s):**

MSc/PGDip\*/PGCert\* in Information and Communications Engineering

\* Exit awards only

**2. Awarding body or institution:**

University of Leicester

**3. a) Mode of study**

Full time or part-time

**b) Type of study**

Campus-based

**4. Registration periods:**

The normal period of registration is 1 year full-time, and 2 years for part-time students.

The maximum period of registration is 2 years full-time, and 4 years for part-time students.

**5. Typical entry requirements:**

Candidates should have at least a good second-class honours degree in a relevant subject from a British University or its equivalent; or a qualification recognised by the University as equivalent.

Candidates whose first language is not English will be required to provide evidence of appropriate language skills.

**6. Accreditation of Prior Learning:**

No accreditation of Prior Learning is normally considered.

**7. Programme aims:**

The course aims to introduce and develop the techniques and knowledge relevant to the design of modern integrated communication systems. The course covers the design of embedded systems, digital signal processing techniques, methods of digital communication, together with the study of a variety of radio systems.

**8. Reference points used to inform the programme specification:**

- [The Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(Qualifications Frameworks\)](#)
- QAA [Master's Degree Characteristics](#)
- QAA Benchmarking Statement [Engineering \(2015\)](#)
- PDR report (May 2008)
- [University Learning Strategy](#)
- University Employability Strategy
- Graduate Survey (2014)
- First Destination Survey
- External Examiner's Reports

## 9. Programme Outcomes:

Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
<b>(a) Subject and Professional skills</b>		
<b>Knowledge</b>		
Core knowledge of radio systems, digital communications, digital signal processing and embedded systems.	Lectures, Specified reading, Laboratory classes, Design exercises, Tutorials	Module examinations, Laboratory, design exercise and literature review reports, oral presentations, tutorial performance
<b>Concepts</b>		
Design of modern radio, Digital signal processing, and embedded systems	Lectures, Practical classes, Tutorials	Module examinations, Laboratory, design exercise and literature review reports, oral presentations, tutorial
<b>Techniques</b>		
Practical demonstration of experimental methods. Competent use of a variety of engineering design tools.	Laboratory classes, Individual Project and module design exercise supervision, Practical demonstrations, Lectures	Laboratory and design exercise reports, module design exercise assessment, Individual Project progress and report, Module examinations
<b>Critical analysis</b>		
Critical appraisal of results. Critical review of literature	Laboratory, design exercise and project supervision	Laboratory, module design exercise and literature review reports, Project progress and report
<b>Presentation</b>		
Presentation of scientific results, Participation in scientific discussion	Tutorials, Module seminars, Laboratory classes, module design exercise supervision, Project supervision	Module presentations, Laboratory, module design exercise and Individual project report
<b>Appraisal of evidence</b>		
Experimental methods, Project design	Lectures, Laboratory classes, Project supervision	Written examinations, laboratory and design exercise reports, Project reports
<b>(b) Transferable skills</b>		
<b>Research skills</b>		
Literature review, Experimental design, Laboratory skills, Data analysis	Tutorials, lectures, Laboratory classes, module design exercise work, Project supervision meetings	Module design exercise reports and oral presentations, Course work, Individual project report
<b>Communication skills</b>		
Report writing, Scientific Communication	Project supervision meetings, laboratory and design exercise classes, Tutorials	Laboratory, design exercise and literature review reports, Individual project report
<b>Data presentation</b>		
IT, Analytical and graphical methods, CAD drawings, Statistics	Project supervision meetings, course work (laboratories, module design exercises)	Seminars, Course work reports, Project reports, Module examinations
<b>Working relationships</b>		
Project management, Organization skills, Time management, Working in groups	Project supervision meetings, Group working in modules (laboratories and design exercises)	Module design exercise assessment, Seminar performance

Managing learning		
Study skills, Information management, Developing specialization and interests, Project management	Tutorials and seminars, Library and IT skills sessions, project supervision meetings	Course work, module design exercise assessment, project assessment

**10. Special features:**

This course has been accredited by IET for 5 years from the 2014 intake.

**11. Indications of programme quality:**

The existing MSc programmes run in the Department have constantly received excellent reports from the external examiners.

**12. Scheme of Assessment**

This programme follows the Scheme of Assessment for Master degree programmes with a structure of 120 credits of taught modules and a project of 60 credits. See: Senate Regulations 6 governing taught postgraduate programmes

<http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/sas2/regulations/general-regulations-for-taught-programmes>

**13. Progression points**

Students who fail to progress to the MSc in Information and Communications Engineering project or fail the MSc in Information and Communications Engineering Project will be considered for an interim award based on the taught component of the programme. See: Senate Regulations 6 governing taught postgraduate programmes

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**14. Rules relating to re-sits or re-submissions:**

Re-assessment rules for taught postgraduate programmes apply. See Senate Regulations 6 governing taught postgraduate programmes:

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**15. Additional information [e.g. timetable for admissions]**

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**16. External Examiners**

The details of the External Examiner(s) for this programme and the most recent External Examiners' reports can be found [here](#).

**Appendix 1: Programme structure (programme regulations)**

	Credits	Dates
Induction	0	Week 1 / Semester 1
EG7012 MATLAB and CAD	15	Semester 1
EG7013 Modelling and Classification of Data	15	Semester 1
EG7014 High Reliability Embedded Systems	15	Semester 1
EG7021 Radio Systems	15	Semester 1
EG7016 Design of Discrete Systems	15	Semester 2
EG7017 Real-Time Signal Processing	15	Semester 2
EG7022 Digital Communications	15	Semester 2
EG7023 Radio Communications	15	Semester 2
EG7020 Individual Project	60	Semester 2 / Summer

**Appendix 2: Module Specifications**

See module specification database: <http://www.le.ac.uk/sas/courses/documentation>