

# ROBOTICS MINOR

College of Engineering

Program Website (<https://www.engineering.cornell.edu/mae/degree/robotics-minor-requirements/>)

## Program Description

The robotics minor covers the fundamentals of designing, building and programming robots, and in addition requires students to dive deeper in a specific area of robotics.

## Eligibility

All undergraduates, except those completing minors in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), Mechanical Engineering (ME), or Computer Science (CS). Pre-approval of minor plan is required.

## Academic Standards

- A grade of C or better in each course.

## Minor Requirements

1. Six distinct courses including at least three Fundamentals courses and three Specialization courses from a single category, must be completed.
2. ME majors may not count MAE 3780 Mechatronics / MAE 3783 Mechatronics if it is used to satisfy the ME circuits requirement.
3. Students may petition to use one semester of independent research (minimum 3 credits of CS 4999 Independent Reading and Research or ECE 4999 Electrical and Computer Engineering Independent Projects or INFO 4900 Independent Reading and Research or MAE 4900 Individual and Group Projects in Mechanical Engineering) in lieu of one Specialization course. Such petitions must include a short description of the project and a note from the faculty advisor commenting on the robotics aspect of the project.

## Fundamentals

Code	Title	Hours
Select three of the following:		
CS 3700	Foundations of AI Reasoning and Decision-Making	3-4
or CS 3780	Introduction to Machine Learning	
or ECE 4200	Fundamentals of Machine Learning	
or ECE 5420	Fundamentals of Machine Learning	
CS 4756	Robot Learning	4
or CS 5756	Robot Learning	
INFO 4410	Re-Designing Robots	3
or INFO 6420	Re-Designing Robots	
MAE 3780	Mechatronics	4
or MAE 3783	Mechatronics	
MAE 4180	Autonomous Mobile Robots	3
or MAE 5180	Autonomous Mobile Robots	
MAE 4190	Fast Robots	4
or MAE 5190	Fast Robots	
MAE 4760	Foundations of Robotics	4
or CS 5750	Foundations of Robotics	
MAE 4810	Robot Perception	3

or MAE 5810	Robot Perception	
MAE 5780	Feedback Control Systems	3-4

## Specialization

Choose three courses in one of the below categories

### Intelligence

Code	Title	Hours
CS 4700		
CS 4756	Robot Learning	4
or CS 5756	Robot Learning	
CS 4780		0-4
or CS 5780	Introduction to Machine Learning	
CS 6756	Learning for Robot Decision Making	3
CS 6758	Deep Learning for Robotics	4
ECE 6970	Graduate Topics in ECE (Bio-Inspired Coordination of Multi-Agent Systems)	1-4
MAE 4180	Autonomous Mobile Robots	3
or MAE 5180	Autonomous Mobile Robots	
MAE 4760	Foundations of Robotics	4
or CS 5750	Foundations of Robotics	
MAE 6730	Robot Manipulation	3
or CS 6751	Robot Manipulation	
MAE 6790	Intelligent Sensor Planning and Control	3
MAE 6710	Human-Robot Interaction: Algorithms and Experiments	3
MAE 6770	Formal Methods for Robotics	3
MAE 6790	Intelligent Sensor Planning and Control	3

### Modeling, Dynamics, and Control

Code	Title	Hours
MAE 4190	Fast Robots	4
or MAE 5190	Fast Robots	
MAE 4710		
or MAE 5710		
MAE 4730	Intermediate Dynamics	3
or MAE 5730	Intermediate Dynamics	
MAE 4760	Foundations of Robotics	4
or CS 5750	Foundations of Robotics	
MAE 4780	Feedback Control Systems	4
or MAE 5780	Feedback Control Systems	
MAE 6730	Robot Manipulation	3
or CS 6751	Robot Manipulation	
MAE 6760	Model-Based Estimation	4
MAE 6770	Formal Methods for Robotics	3
MAE 6780	Multivariable Control Theory	4
MAE 6800	Design and Control of Haptic Systems	3

### Perception

Code	Title	Hours
CS 4670	Introduction to Computer Vision	4
or CS 5670	Introduction to Computer Vision	
or CS 6670	Computer Vision	
or ECE 5470	Computer Vision	

CS 6758	Deep Learning for Robotics	4
MAE 4180	Autonomous Mobile Robots	3
or MAE 5180	Autonomous Mobile Robots	
MAE 4190	Fast Robots	4
or MAE 5190	Fast Robots	
MAE 4320	Integrated Micro Sensors and Actuators: Bridging the Physical and Digital Worlds	4
MAE 4810	Robot Perception	3
or MAE 5810	Robot Perception	
MAE 6760	Model-Based Estimation	4
MAE 6790	Intelligent Sensor Planning and Control	3

## Systems and Design

Code	Title	Hours
BEE 3900	Bio-Robotics	3
or BEE 5900	Bio-Robotics	
CS 4754	Re-Designing Robots	3
or INFO 6420	Re-Designing Robots	
CS 5755	Mobile Human Robot Interaction Design	3
or INFO 5755	Mobile Human Robot Interaction Design	
or INFO 6755	Mobile Human Robot Interaction Design	
DEA 5210	Interaction Design Studio	4
DEA 6210	Architectural Robotics	3
ECE 4760	Digital Systems Design Using Microcontrollers	4
ECE 5725	Design with Embedded Operating Systems	4
ECE 5960	Advanced Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering (Micro and Nano Robotics)	3-4
ECE 6680	Bio-inspired Coordination of Multi-Agent Systems	4
ECE 6950	Graduate Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering	3
INFO 4320	Introduction to Rapid Prototyping and Physical Computing	4
INFO 4420	Human Computer Interaction Studio	4
MAE 3780	Mechatronics	4
or MAE 3783	Mechatronics	
MAE 4190	Fast Robots	4
or MAE 5190	Fast Robots	
MAE 4320	Integrated Micro Sensors and Actuators: Bridging the Physical and Digital Worlds	4
MAE 6710	Human-Robot Interaction: Algorithms and Experiments	3
MAE 6800	Design and Control of Haptic Systems	3

An engineering minor recognizes formal study of a particular subject area in engineering normally outside the major. Students undertaking a minor are expected to complete the requirements during the time of their continuous undergraduate enrollment at Cornell. Completing the requirements for an engineering minor (along with a major) may require more than the traditional eight semesters at Cornell. However, courses that fulfill minor requirements may also satisfy other degree requirements (e.g., distribution courses, advisor-approved, or major-approved electives), and completion within eight semesters is possible.

An engineering minor requires:

- successful completion of all requirements for an undergraduate degree.
- enrollment in a major that approves participation in the minor.
- satisfactory completion of six courses (at least 18 credits) in a college-approved minor.

Students may apply for certification of a minor at any time after the required course work has been completed in accordance with published standards. An official notation of certification of a minor appears on the Cornell transcript following graduation.

## Graduation Requirements for Engineering Minor Degree Programs

### Requirements

Students may pursue minors in any department in any college that offers them, subject to limitations placed by the department offering the minor or by the students' major. Completed minors will appear on the student's transcript. Not all departments offer minors. Additional information on specific minors can be found above, in the *Engineering Undergraduate Handbook*, in the undergraduate major office of the department or school offering the minor, and in Engineering Advising.