ROBOTICS, MINOR

Saint Louis University’s School of Science and Engineering offers a robotics minor that allows students to study one area related to robotics while exploring how other areas interface with each other to form a complete robot.

Students in the robotics minor at SLU gain a solid foundation through a combination of coursework and hands-on learning. This is accomplished by picking one topical area from which to take the majority of courses followed by taking several courses spread across the remaining topical areas. The topical areas include:

- Linear Systems – the study of analyzing and designing systems using math involving both response over time and response over frequency
- Embedded Systems – the study of how computing hardware is used to add functionality to larger designs
- Software Systems – the study of how software is used to add functionality to larger designs
- Mechanical Systems – the study of how rigid bodies and flexible joints add functionality to larger designs

Curriculum Overview

SLU’s robotics minor builds on the knowledge of mathematics and science that students develop in their primary program by providing coursework that exposes them to the different disciplines that intersect in the field of robotics while allowing them to gain fundamental experience in one of the disciplines. This exposure will give graduates the ability to work in one discipline while understanding how their work interacts with the other systems that form a complete robotic product.

Requirements

Students in the Robotics minor will complete 18 total credits focusing on one area related to robotics while exploring how other areas interface with each other to form a complete robot. Courses are categorized into 4 topical areas—linear systems, software systems, embedded systems, and mechanical systems. In one topical area, they will choose three courses (9 credits), one of which is denoted as a terminal course. Students will also take three additional courses (9 credits) from the remaining topical areas. Of the six courses for the minor at least three must come from courses outside the student’s primary major and cannot be required for their primary major.

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Linear Systems

ECE 3150 Linear Systems
MENG 3110 Linear Vibrations
ECE 4120 Automatic Control Systems
AENG 3410 Analysis and Control of Linear Systems
AENG 3150 Astrodynamics
ECE 4151 Digital Signal Processing
BME 4130 Medical Imaging
BME 4150 Brain Computer Interface
AENG 4400 Stability and Control *

Embedded Systems

ECE 2205 Digital Design
ECE 3225 Microprocessors
ECE 3215 Computer Systems Design
ECE 4226 Mobile Robotics *

Mechanical Systems

CVNG 2100 Statics
MENG 2150 Dynamics
MENG 3010 Machine Design
MENG 4450 Programmable Logic Controllers and Robotics *

*denotes terminal courses

Total Credits 18

Non-Course Requirements

All Science and Engineering B.A. and B.S. students must complete an exit interview/survey near the end of their bachelor’s program.

Continuation Standards

- Students must maintain a minimum 2.00 GPA.