

Your Degree What Next: *Electronic Engineering*

What can I do with my Electronic Engineering degree?

As an electronic engineering graduate, you could work on designing and developing components, systems, devices or equipment relating to a variety of areas such as acoustics, medical devices, mobile phones and robotics. Electronic engineers are in demand, and you can find opportunities across a broad range of sectors including telecommunications companies, network infrastructure companies, automotive and aerospace companies, radio and television broadcasters and developers, electronic component manufacturers, electrical power facilities, and within the civil service as well as research and educational centres. You could opt to do a Masters or PhD in areas such as nanotechnology, microelectronics, signal processing or telecommunications.

Typical job titles and employers of electronic engineering graduates include:

| Roles | Employers |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Electronic engineer | Accenture |
| Application engineer | Analog Devices |
| Market data engineer | Google |
| Software engineer | IIBM |
| Quality Control Engineer | Intel |
| | Siemens |

In addition to roles directly related to your course, many graduate roles are open to graduates of any discipline, and you will be highly employable in a wide range of jobs including finance and consulting due to your strong analytical and problem solving abilities. If you're not sure what you'd like to do, check out the career planning resources on the Careers Service website and book an appointment with your careers consultant.

Useful Resources

The organisations and professional bodies listed below are useful resources for career / sector specific information:

| Professional Bodies and Useful Sites | Resources |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Engineers Ireland | gradireland (IE) |
| Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers | Targetjobs (UK) |
| Association of Consulting Engineers Ireland | Prospects (UK) |
| Telecommunications and Internet Federation | Sciencemag (Global) |
| Silicon Republic | Vault Career Insider (Global) |

Graduate attributes and transferrable skills you can develop at Trinity

You gain a wide range of skills and attributes while at College, through academic study, clubs and societies, voluntary work, student politics, work and other commitments. These are important to recognize as they inform your career decisions and are a critical ingredient in your applications for postgraduate study and jobs. Here are some skills you can gain :

1. Critical Thinking - The most fundamental part of a university education is learning to work on your own and to make independent judgments. You have to discover the information that you need to analyse complex questions and develop your ideas about them and to present your arguments clearly and persuasively.

2. **Teamwork** - Learning to work as part of a team is an important skill; sharing the workload, agreeing roles and working as a team to develop ideas, analyse information and present a coherent group argument.

3. Independent Research - You will have learnt how to use the library and other complex information resources and coordinate information from a wide variety of sources.

4. Logical argumentation - You will know how to bring together facts and arguments in order to answer a specific ques**5. Time and project management** - By working on assignments and studying for exams you will have developed the ability to revise and consolidate your work and know how to extract the essential points from a mass of information. You will also have learned how to manage your own time and to work under pressure of deadlines.

6. Verbal communication - You will know how to present your ideas orally and to contribute constructively to discussions.

7. Written communication - You will have had the opportunity to present your ideas in writing accurately and concisely, using convincing arguments which are based on solid evidence; responding flexibly to different types of questions and ex-pressing your thoughts concisely; carrying out in-depth research on a specialised topic and develop the sustained writing skills needed.

8. Digital Skills - You will have the opportunity of developing your computer skills both from typing up your own essays and papers and from undertaking searches on the web & using databases.

9. Personal Development – You are managing the learning required for a degree and recognising the gaps in your understanding and ensuring that these are addressed in ways that best suit your learning style.

How can the Careers Service help me?

The Careers Advisory Service supports students in exploring their career options and connects students with employers. You can book an appointment with your careers consultant to help you deciding your next step in your career.

Login to MyCareer at www.tcd.ie/careers and book your appointment today.

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