**ECS Policy on Undergraduate Change of Majors**

(From 2018 catalog – <https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2018/undergraduate/programs/ecs#ecs-policy-ugrd-change-of-majors> )

Change of Major Application Minimum requirements:

All students wishing to change majors to ECS after enrollment should carefully consider the consequences of excessive hours and time to degree completion.

**All of the following:**

* 24 or more UT Dallas credit hours; AND
* have completed at least 15 hours of major preparatory, major classes (3+ credit hours each) for the requested ECS major with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in them;

Applications submitted up to 3 weeks before the end of the semester will be processed within the semester. Late applications will be processed after semester grades are posted.

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 Clarifications:

1. Prerequisites that do not count for credit in ECS (e.g. Algebra, Trigonometry, Pre-calculus, and Computer Fundamentals) are not used (Must be taken to satisfy prerequisites for other classes).
2. All major preparatory, major required classes in the student’s record are used in the second criterion; the evaluation is not based on the “best 15 hours”.
3. An example of the “3+ credit hours” in the second criterion: Of the credit hours listed under Major Preparatory Courses for the BS-CS in the 2018 catalog, 5 hours (ECS 1100, CS 1200, PHYS 2125, PHYS 2126) are not used.
4. Standard rules apply to GPA calculations; e.g. for repeated attempts at a class, the grade on the second attempt replaces the first, additional attempts are averaged in.
5. The second bullet above refers to UTD hours and GPA (transfer/test/etc. credit does not count in UTD GPA).
6. Access to classes may be limited to the declared majors that need them; students interested in changing major to ECS can satisfy the requirements above through classes like MATH 2413, MATH 2414, MATH 2415, MATH 2417, MATH 2419, MATH 2418, MATH 2420, PHYS 2325, PHYS 2326, CHEM 1311 that are available for enrollment to all students that have the prerequisites for them (These – and more - are listed as major preparatory classes in ECS degree requirements). Students can enroll in CS 1336/1136 (Programming Fundamentals); good grades there (B or better) will allow enrollment in the next programming class (e.g. CS 1337).
7. Adding a minor in CS, SE, Information Assurance: same requirements as Changing major to CS, SE.