

# Rutgers ECE Combined BS/MS Information Session

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**NO!** A BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering alone will continue to serve many of the students rather well.

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There are several reasons for why a student might consider pursuing an MS degree in  
Electrical and Computer Engineering

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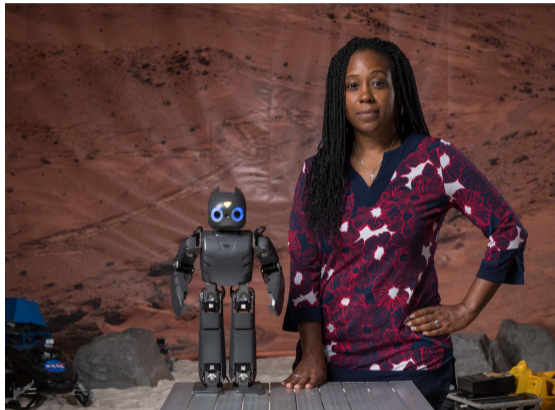


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