College of Engineering

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The College of Engineering offers graduate programs leading to a:

• Master of Science (MS) in:
  • aerospace engineering,
  • biomedical engineering,
  • computer networking,
  • computer science,
  • electrical and computer engineering,
  • industrial engineering, and
  • mechanical engineering.

• Master of Engineering Management (MEM)

• Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in:
  • aerospace engineering,
  • electrical engineering and computer science,
  • industrial engineering, and
  • mechanical engineering.

Areas of specialization can be found in the individual departmental sections. The graduate programs are enhanced by the presence of the industrial complex in Wichita and of the National Institute for Aviation Research on the Wichita State campus.

Certificate programs are also offered through the College of Engineering, including four certificates offered through the industrial and manufacturing engineering department, an interdisciplinary certificate in advanced composite materials, an information assurance and cybersecurity certificate offered by the electrical engineering and computer science department, a nano engineering certificate offered through the mechanical engineering department, and an engineering education certificate offered jointly with the College of Education.

Only students admitted to the College of Engineering or the Graduate School will be allowed to enroll in engineering courses. The academic dean will consider petitions for exceptions to the preceding statement because of legitimate reasons for qualified nonengineering students enrolling in engineering courses.

Professional & Scholarly Integrity Training
Graduate students in the College of Engineering must complete the following four modules provided by Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) as part of their graduation requirements:

1. Research misconduct;
2. Responsible authorship in engineering;
3. Conflicts of interest in engineering research;
4. Ethical issues in management of data in engineering research.

It is the student’s responsibility to show evidence of the completion of the above four modules at the time of filing the plan of study.

Graduation Requirements

Master of Science

Admission Requirements
To be admitted to the MS program, students must have completed the equivalent of an undergraduate degree in an engineering or related field. Students with deficiencies in certain areas may be required to take additional courses. Master’s engineering programs require a minimum GPA of 3.000/4.000 for admission to full standing, 2.750/4.000 for admission on probation, and 2.500/4.000 for admission to nondegree, Category B. For some programs, GPAs are based on the last two years or approximately 60 credit hours of coursework. Other programs consider cumulative GPAs. These standards may be waived at the discretion of the individual department based on an applicant’s other qualifications. Scores for the general test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) are recommended for all students applying from non-U.S. institutions.

Also consult departmental admission sections of this catalog for additional admission requirements.

Program Requirements
The MS degree requires the completion of a plan of study approved by the student’s advisor and the department graduate coordinator, which must be filed within the first 12 credit hours of graduate coursework.

Three options are available:

1. The thesis option:
   Select a minimum of 24 credit hours of coursework 24
   Select a minimum of 6 credit hours of thesis 6
   Total Credit Hours 30

2. The directed project option:
   Select a minimum of 30 credit hours of coursework 30
   Select a minimum of 3 credit hours of directed project 3
   Total Credit Hours 33

3. The coursework option:
   Select a minimum of 33 credit hours of coursework (36 credit hours in the department of electrical engineering and computer science) 33
   Total Credit Hours 33

At least 60 percent of the credit hours in the plan of study must be 700-level or above. Additional details of the MS degree may be obtained from the department graduate coordinator.

Examination
Before the MS degree is granted, candidates in the thesis option must pass an oral examination over the thesis. Candidates in the directed
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**Course Breadth Requirements**

To ensure proper breadth of coursework, the plan of study must include:

- Select at least 15 credit hours in the student’s major field 15
- Select 18 credit hours outside the major area which must include the following:
  - a minimum of 6 credit hours in a minor area (defined by the advisory committee) 6
  - a minimum of 6 credit hours of mathematics/statistics 6
- Select 24 credit hours in dissertation 24

Total Credit Hours 57

A plan of study normally contains 60 credit hours of coursework, including courses from the master’s degree, and should have a minimum of 60 percent of the credit hours (24 dissertation credit hours included) beyond the master’s work at the 800–900 level or equivalent.

**Doctor of Philosophy**

PhD programs are offered by four of the departments of engineering at WSU. A grade point average of at least 3.250 in all graduate-level coursework is required for admission. Typical fields of specialization can be found in the individual departmental sections. These fields will be used in determining testing areas for the comprehensive examination in the major and minor fields.

**Admission Requirements**

Admission to any PhD program in engineering requires that the student has completed (or nearly completed) a master’s degree in engineering or physical science. The College of Engineering also offers direct admission to some PhD programs for exceptional students with a BS degree in engineering or related areas. Direct admission to PhD program requirements vary by program. Please refer to specific engineering graduate programs for admission requirements.

In some departments, scores for the general test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) must be submitted. Some students may find it necessary to take prerequisite courses to be able to meet the course breadth requirements. The student is recommended to the graduate dean for admission by the department chairperson in consultation with the graduate coordinator of the department where the graduate student will be housed.

Also consult departmental admission sections of this catalog for additional admission requirements.

**Plan of Study and Advisory Committee**

Within the first 12 credit hours of PhD coursework, the department chairperson, in consultation with the graduate coordinator and the student, recommend to the graduate dean an advisory committee for each student. The committee will be composed of a minimum of five graduate faculty, with at least four having full membership including the chairperson who also must have authorization to chair doctoral committees. A majority of the advisory committee members must be from the major department and at least one member must be outside the student’s major department. The chairperson of the advisory committee should be the student’s dissertation advisor. The student and advisory committee chairperson will formulate a plan of study and a tentative dissertation topic for approval by the advisory committee, the department chairperson or graduate coordinator, and the graduate dean. The plan of study will include designation of major and minor fields and all graduate-level coursework which is applicable to the degree.

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**Comprehensive Examination**

After the PhD plan of study has been approved and after sufficient coursework has been completed, the student must take the comprehensive examination given by the advisory committee. The comprehensive examination will cover the major and minor fields and any course that the advisory committee deems necessary. The student’s advisory committee is responsible for ensuring that the student takes the comprehensive examination at the appropriate time. No part of the comprehensive examination may be attempted more than twice. Upon passing the comprehensive examination, a student is known as an aspirant for the PhD.

**Time Limits and Residency Requirement**

From the time the student is admitted to the program, no more than six years may elapse until requirements for the degree have been completed. However, the student may petition the advisory committee for a leave of absence to pursue full-time professional activities related to his or her doctoral program and long-range professional goals. At least two semesters shall be spent in residency on the WSU campus involved in full-time academic pursuits. This may include up to half-time teaching and research. Well-designed plans for obtaining dissertation research experience under the supervision of the student’s advisor will be considered in lieu of the residency requirement.

**Dissertation Approval Examination (DAE)**

When the PhD aspirant has completed the major portion of the coursework, the advisory committee can petition for permission to administer the DAE. The aspirant submits a written dissertation proposal to the advisory committee. After reading the proposal, the advisory committee conducts an oral examination to determine the aspirant’s ability to carry out the proposed research and whether or not this research qualifies as a PhD dissertation. Any essential change in the project requires committee approval.

After passing the DAE, the student is known as a candidate for the PhD degree. Upon notification to the graduate dean of a successful DAE, the student’s doctoral committee is officially acknowledged and recorded by the Graduate School. A candidate must be continuously enrolled in PhD Dissertation for a minimum of 6 credit hours each semester and 2 credit hours in the summer session until completion of the dissertation or 24 credit hours of PhD Dissertation have been taken. After this, 2 credit hours per semester are required. In any case, no less than 24 credit hours of enrollment for PhD Dissertation will be required. The dissertation may be performed in absentia with the approval of the advisory committee.

**Final Dissertation Examination**

The student must defend the dissertation before the advisory committee. At least five months must elapse between the DAE and the final examination. The final examination will be open to the public. Invited guests or external examiners may be invited if the committee desires.

**Courses in the College of Engineering**

- Aerospace Engineering (AE) (http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/courses/ae)
- Biomedical Engineering (BME) (http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/courses/bme)
- Computer Science (CS) (http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/courses/cs)
- Electrical Engineering (EE) (http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/courses/ee)
• Engineering Technology (ENG) (http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/courses/engt)
• Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering (IME) (http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/courses/ime)
• Mechanical Engineering (ME) (http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/courses/me)