

MS in Mechanical Engineering

Admission Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

- **Baccalaureate Field** Mechanical engineering. The degree must be from an American Board of Engineering Technology (ABET) accredited college or university or equivalent.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate study. A grade point average of at least 3.50 is preferred for applicants to the PhD program.
- **Tests Required** International applicants are required to take the GRE. Applicants seeking a teaching or research assistantship are strongly encouraged to take the GRE General.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
 - **TOEFL** 550 (paper-based); 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Internet-based), **OR**,
 - **IELTS** 6.5, with subscores of 6.0 for all four subscores, **OR**,
 - **PTE-Academic** 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required.
- **Personal Statement** Required.
- **Other Requirements** Admission to the PhD program is not automatic for students completing their MS degree in the department. Master's students who desire to continue on to the PhD must see the department's graduate coordinator for forms to apply to the PhD program.
- **Nondegree Applicants** Nondegree applicants may be admitted for no more than 8 semester hours.
- **Deadlines** The application deadline is the same as the Graduate College deadline; the deadline for applicants who want to be considered for funding can be found on the Graduate College website at <http://grad.uic.edu/deadlines>.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 36.
- **Student must choose one of the following two options:**

I. Thesis Option 36 hours total

Course Work (24 hours)

Select 12 hours at the 500-level

Excluding ME 596, ME 598, and ME 599

8 hours must be in the ME rubric

Remaining 12 hours at the 400- or 500-level

Up to 4 hours of ME 596 can be used

4 hours must be in the ME rubric

Additional courses

ME 598 M.S. Thesis Research (12 hours)

ME 595 Mechanical Engineering Seminar ^a

^a All students must enroll in ME 595 every fall and spring semester.

II. Course-Work-Only Option 36 hours total

Course Work (36 hours)

Select 16 hours at the 500-level

Excluding ME 596, ME 598, and ME 599

12 hours must be in the ME rubric

Remaining 20 hours at the 400- or 500-level

Up to 4 hours of ME 596 can be used

8 hours must be in the ME rubric

Additional courses

ME 595 Mechanical Engineering Seminar ^a

^a All students must enroll in ME 595 every fall and spring semester.

- No graduation credit will be given for Credit/No Credit courses.
- Students must get the director of graduate studies' approval to take online courses.
- All courses must be approved first by the student's advisor and then by the director of graduate studies.
- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Thesis or course work only. No other options are available.