Energy Engineering

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The demand for energy engineers continues to grow. The energy industry, from creating energy efficient buildings to storage to power production, is covered in the master’s program. Whether students are concerned with HVAC design, energy efficiency, management of engineering projects as well as power from production to storage to delivery, upon graduation they will have knowledge that can be immediately applied on the job. Students will expand their career opportunities when they increase their energy engineering knowledge with a Master of Energy Engineering degree.

Admission and Degree Requirements

- Master of Energy Engineering

CHP systems construction, operation, economics, and includes a student design project. Also, builds on previous courses in power plants, engines, HVAC, a stress on economic and software analysis, utility rates, and regulations. Course Information: Credit is not given in ENER 420 if the student has credit in ME 420. Prerequisite(s): Open only to Master of Energy Engineering students.

ENER 422. Building Heating, Ventilating, and Air-Conditioning. 4 hours.
Establishes the basic knowledge needed to understand heating and cooling systems, mass transfer in humidification, solar heat transfer in buildings, and psychrometrics. A computer design project will be completed. Course Information: Credit is not given for ENER 422 if the student has credit in ME 422. Prerequisite(s): Open only to Master of Energy Engineering students.

Beginning course in energy analysis and auditing, and builds upon the critical background established in the HVAC course. An overview of the energy industry, billing, economic analysis, deregulated markets and energy purchasing. Course Information: Credit is not given for ENER 424 if the student has credit in ME 424. Prerequisite(s): Open only to Master of Energy Engineering students.

ENER 429. Internal Combustion Engines. 4 hours.
Introduction to engine types, characteristics and performance. Combustion processes in spark and compression ignition engines; combustion abnormalities. Course Information: Credit is not given for ENER 429 if the student has credit in ME 429. Prerequisite(s): Open only to Master of Energy Engineering students.

ENER 450. Air Pollution Engineering. 4 hours.
Establishes the basic knowledge needed to understand and design air pollution reduction equipment, particularly from large industrial and power generation plants. Course Information: Credit is not given for ENER 450 if the student has credit in ME 450. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor. Recommended background: ENER 451 Power Generation.

ENER 451. Electric Power Generation. 4 hours.
Thermodynamics and practical aspects of central fossil fuel fired electric generating plants. Focus on large steam cycle generating plants, with discussion of geothermal and hydroelectric plants. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Open only to Master of Energy Engineering students.

ENER 494. Special Topics in Energy Engineering. 4 hours.
Particular topics vary from term to term depending on the interests of the students and the specialties of the instructor.

ENER 501. Engineering Project Coordination and Management. 4 hours.
Theory, strategy, and tactics of the use of project management including project planning, matrix management concept, and team meetings. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Open only to Master of Energy Engineering students.

ENER 552. Design of Energy Efficient Buildings. 4 hours.
Emerging technologies in designing energy efficient buildings, including new code issues. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Open only to Master of Energy Engineering students.

ENER 553. Sustainable Energy Engineering and Renewable Energy. 4 hours.
A view of the energy industries future from the perspective of emerging and alternative technologies. Examples include fuel cells, distributed energy, micro-grids, hydrogen energy systems, and renewables. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Open only to Master of Energy Engineering students.

ENER 554. Nuclear Power Generation. 4 hours.
Theoretical and practical aspects of nuclear power generation, operations, reactor design, power train design, licensing, regulation, health, safety, maintenance on new and existing plants. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): ENER 451 and ME 205; or consent of the instructor.

ENER 555. Energy Markets and Contracting. 4 hours.
Focuses on how energy markets work, how energy prices are determined, how financial markets operate through options and futures markets, and how consumers can use new technologies with appropriate contracting terms to minimize energy costs. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing; or consent of the instructor.

ENER 559. Current Topics in Energy Engineering. 4 hours.
Particular topics vary from term to term depending on the interests of the students and the specialties of the instructor.