

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, M.S.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum
Credit
Requirement 30 credits

Minimum
Residence
Credit
Requirement 16 credits

Minimum
Graduate
Coursework
Requirement 15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement Policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/>)

Overall
Graduate
GPA
Requirement 3.00 GPA required. This program follows the Graduate School's policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/>).

Other Grade Requirements Professional group of courses: Grades of B or better are required.

Elective group of courses: Grades of B or better are required.

Assessments and Examinations An M.S. candidate not planning to seek re-admission to the Ph.D. program must successfully complete an oral examination before a departmental examining committee of the advisor(s) plus two other CBE faculty members, for a total of 3–4 committee members. The candidate may defend an M.S. thesis or an independent study project that will comprise a minimum of three credits of supervised CBE 790 and may involve a lab project, theoretical work, or a critical review of an advanced engineering topic.

An M.S. candidate who is seeking re-admission to the Ph.D. program must successfully complete an oral examination before a departmental examining committee of the advisor(s) plus three other CBE faculty members, for a total of 4–5 committee members. The candidate must defend an M.S. thesis in order to petition to return to the Ph.D.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

REQUIRED COURSES

To qualify for the M.S. degree, student must complete a minimum of 30 graduate-level credits (numbered 300 and above), divided into two groups:

1. Professional group: minimum of 12 credits of chemical engineering courses. At least 6 credits must be numbered 600–899 (excluding research).
2. Elective group: minimum of 12 credits of graduate courses. At least 6 of these credits shall be in departments other than CBE and shall be chosen in consultation with the advisor(s) for their relevance to chemical and biological engineering.

Up to 6 credits will be allowed for chemical and biological engineering courses numbered between 300 and 499 in groups I and II combined, provided equivalent courses were not previously taken by the student.

The independent study project will comprise no fewer than 3 credits of supervised CBE 790 Master's Research or Thesis and may involve a lab project, theoretical work, or a critical review of an advanced engineering topic.

An M.S. candidate must successfully complete an oral examination before a departmental examining committee.

When a candidate presents a thesis, no fewer than 5 nor more than 14 credits of research (CBE 790) may be counted toward the 30-credit-total requirement. When a thesis is not presented, a maximum of 6 credits of research may be counted toward the total.

Students who enter the program without a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering may be required to take remedial coursework.