

MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING: MATERIALS ENGINEERING, M.S.

This is a non-thesis named option within the Materials Science and Engineering M.S. (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/materials-science-engineering/materials-science-engineering-ms/>)

IS THIS PROGRAM RIGHT FOR YOU?

As a student in the UW–Madison accelerated master’s in materials engineering, you can choose from three focus areas. Taking the Nanomaterials and Nanoengineering path, you can develop a unique understanding of innovative applications such as nanomaterial synthesis, thin film deposition, polymeric materials, and crystallography. The Engineering Materials and Processes path offers in–depth knowledge of phase transformation, deformation, corrosion and heat treatment, among others. The Semiconductor Materials and Manufacturing for Microelectronics path offers in depth education on the microstructure, fabrication, and properties of electronic, optical, and magnetic materials and semiconductors. It aims to prepare students to make an impact in the semiconductor sector as it develops new materials and fabrication methods needed to create future generations of advanced computation, communications, quantum, and sensing devices. All focus areas include techniques for X-ray scattering, atomistic modeling, molecular dynamics and more.

If you have questions, please contact Materials Science and Engineering Graduate Admissions at msaegradadmission@engr.wisc.edu. Please see *admission requirements on the Admissions tab*.

ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program’s admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program’s website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet** the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) **of the Graduate School as well as the program(s)**. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 15
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	December 15
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.

English Proficiency Test Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency>).

Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT) n/a

Letters of Recommendation Required 2

Applicants normally are expected to have a B.S. in the physical sciences or engineering. Undergraduate studies normally would include mathematics through differential equations, at least one year each of general physics and chemistry, a course in physical chemistry or modern physics, and an elementary course in properties of materials. Applicants may be admitted with deficiencies. These must be made up as soon as possible after entering the program.

IMPORTANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

Required Application Materials:

- Academic transcripts
- English proficiency scores (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency>), if applicable
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/prepare/>)
- Resume

Admission to the University of Wisconsin–Madison Graduate School (<http://grad.wisc.edu/>) is a prerequisite for admission to study materials science. A minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0 is required. Admission is highly selective. Most admitted students have an undergraduate GPA above 3.5. However, full consideration will be given to all students meeting the UW–Madison graduate school requirements.

International students must submit satisfactory results on the TOEFL (<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>) or another acceptable English Language Test. Please use institution code: 1846; no department code is necessary. Information about these exams can be obtained from the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 or Berkeley, California 94704.

Please use the online application (<https://apply.grad.wisc.edu/Account/Login/?ReturnUrl=%2f>) to begin your application. If you have questions about the application or admissions process, please do not hesitate to e-mail msaegradadmission@engr.wisc.edu.

The graduate school offers a limited number of application fee grants (waivers of all or part of the application fee) that are available in a few specific circumstances. Further information is available here. (<https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/feegrants/>)

#Submit only the documents requested.

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT SEND DOCUMENTS TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL. ALL DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE UPLOADED WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

QUESTIONS?

Contact us at mсаegradadmission@engr.wisc.edu.

FUNDING

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (<https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/>) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Students enrolled in this program are not eligible to receive tuition remission from graduate assistantship appointments at this institution.

Financial assistance from the University or the Department is not available for the Master of Science named option program in Materials Engineering.

If you would like to pursue funding on your own, the following sites could be helpful:

- Graduate School Funding Resources (<https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/prospective/>)
- Graduate School Costs and Funding (<https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/currentstudents/>)

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.

NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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

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 (50% of 30 credits) must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's 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	n/a
Assessments and Examinations	No formal examination is required.
Language Requirements	None.

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
General Requirements		
2 semesters of M S & E 900		2
M S & E 350	Introduction to Materials Science	3
	or M S & E 550 Materials Fundamentals	
M S & E 530	Thermodynamics of Solids	3
Courses within focus area (see below)		22
Total Credits		30

Students choose one of the following focus areas.

NANOMATERIALS AND NANOENGINEERING¹

Code	Title	Credits
Required course:		
M S & E 553	Nanomaterials & Nanotechnology	3
Electives:		
M S & E 401	Special Topics in Materials Science and Engineering (Energy Storage Materials)	3
M S & E 401	Special Topics in Materials Science and Engineering (Inorganic Organic Hybrid Materials)	3

M S & E/CHEM 421	Polymeric Materials	3
M S & E 434	Introduction to Thin-Film Deposition Processes	3
M S & E 448	Crystallography and X-Ray Diffraction	3
M S & E 456	Electronic, Optical, and Magnetic Properties of Materials	3
M S & E 460	Introduction to Computational Materials Science and Engineering	3
M S & E 521	Advanced Polymeric Materials	3
M S & E 551	Structure of Materials	3
M S & E 570	Properties of Solid Surfaces	3
M S & E 648	Advanced X-ray Scattering Methods in Materials Science and Engineering	3
M S & E 660	Mesoscale Modeling of Materials	3
M S & E 748	Structural Analysis of Materials	3
M S & E 752	Advanced Materials Science: Phase Transformations	3
M S & E 760	Molecular Modeling of Materials	3
M S & E 699	Independent Study ²	1-4
M S & E 803	Special Topics in Materials Science (with advisor approval)	1-3

ENGINEERING MATERIALS AND PROCESSES¹

Code	Title	Credits
Required Course:		
M S & E 752	Advanced Materials Science: Phase Transformations	3
Electives:		
M S & E/N E 433	Principles of Corrosion	3
M S & E 441	Deformation of Solids	3
M S & E 461	Advanced Metal Casting	3
M S & E/M E 462	Welding Metallurgy	3
M S & E 463	Materials for Elevated Temperature Service	3
M S & E 465	Fundamentals of Heat Treatment	3
M S & E 551	Structure of Materials	3
M S & E 560	Fundamentals of Atomistic Modeling	3
M S & E 648	Advanced X-ray Scattering Methods in Materials Science and Engineering	3
M S & E 660	Mesoscale Modeling of Materials	3
M S & E 699	Independent Study ²	1-4
M S & E 748	Structural Analysis of Materials	3
M S & E 760	Molecular Modeling of Materials	3
E P D 701	Writing for Professionals	1
E P D 702	Professional Presentations	1
E P D 704	Organizational Communication and Problem Solving	1
E P D 706	Change Management	1
E P D 708	Creating Breakthrough Innovations	1
E P D 712	Ethics for Professionals	1
E P D/GEN BUS/ MARKETNG 782	Marketing for Non-Marketing Professionals	1

E P D/GEN BUS/ M H R 783	Leading Teams	1
E P D/GEN BUS/ OTM 784	Project Management Essentials	1

SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURING FOR MICROELECTRONICS¹

Code	Title	Credits
Required courses:		
M S & E 434	Introduction to Thin-Film Deposition Processes	3
M S & E 570	Properties of Solid Surfaces	3
At least one course from the following three: ³		
M S & E 456	Electronic, Optical, and Magnetic Properties of Materials	3
M S & E 756	Structure and Properties of Advanced Electronic Materials	3
M S & E 760	Molecular Modeling of Materials	3
Electives:		
M S & E 401	Special Topics in Materials Science and Engineering (Quantum Materials)	3
M S & E 448	Crystallography and X-Ray Diffraction	3
M S & E 456	Electronic, Optical, and Magnetic Properties of Materials ³	3
M S & E 551	Structure of Materials	3
M S & E 648	Advanced X-ray Scattering Methods in Materials Science and Engineering	3
M S & E 660	Mesoscale Modeling of Materials	3
M S & E 748	Structural Analysis of Materials	3
M S & E 756	Structure and Properties of Advanced Electronic Materials ³	3
M S & E 760	Molecular Modeling of Materials ³	3
M S & E 699	Independent Study ²	1-4
E C E 549	Integrated Circuit Fabrication Laboratory	3

Footnotes

1

These pathways are internal to the program and represent different curricular paths a student can follow to earn this degree. Pathway names do not appear in the Graduate School admissions application, and they will not appear on the transcript.

2

Students in this program may apply a maximum of 4 credits of M S & E 699 Independent Study to the degree, with advisor approval.

3

The same course may not satisfy more than one requirement. For example, if M S & E 456 Electronic, Optical, and Magnetic Properties of Materials is taken as a required course, it cannot also be used as an elective course.

Students in this program may not take courses outside the prescribed curriculum without faculty advisor and program director approval.

Students in this program cannot enroll concurrently in other undergraduate or graduate degree programs.

POLICIES

GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES

The Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures (<https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/>) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

NAMED OPTION-SPECIFIC POLICIES

PRIOR COURSEWORK

Graduate Work from Other Institutions

Typically, no graduate work from other institutions may count toward graduate program requirements.

UW–Madison Undergraduate

Typically, no credits from undergraduate coursework may be counted toward graduate program requirements. However, with program approval, students who received a Materials Science and Engineering B.S. at UW–Madison are allowed to count up to 7 credits from the Department of Materials Science and Engineering numbered 300 or above toward the minimum graduate degree credit requirement. If that coursework is numbered 700 or above it may be used to satisfy the minimum graduate coursework (50%) requirement. No credits can be counted toward the minimum graduate residence credit requirement.

UW–Madison University Special

Typically, no UW–Madison University Special student credits may be counted toward graduate program requirements. However, with program approval, students are allowed to count up to 15 credits of coursework numbered 300 or above taken as a UW–Madison Special student toward the minimum graduate residence credit requirement, and the minimum graduate degree credit requirement. If that coursework is numbered 700 or above it may satisfy the minimum graduate coursework (50%) requirement.

PROBATION

This program follows the Graduate School's Probation policy. (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1217/>)

ADVISOR / COMMITTEE

This program follows the Graduate School's Advisor policy (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1232/>) and Committees policy (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1201/>).

CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED

15 credits; Suggested course credit allocation:

- Summer session: 4 credits
- Fall semester: 13 credits
- Spring semester: 13 credits

TIME LIMITS

The Master of Science in Materials Science and Engineering: Materials Engineering, which is a named option program within the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, can be completed within 12 months and must be completed within 16 months.

Master's degree students who have been absent for five or more consecutive years lose all credits that they have earned before their absence. Individual programs may count the coursework students completed prior to their absence for meeting program requirements; that coursework may not count toward Graduate School credit requirements.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

These resources may be helpful in addressing your concerns:

- Bias or Hate Reporting (<https://doso.students.wisc.edu/bias-or-hate-reporting/>)
- Graduate Assistantship Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/policies/gapp/#grievance-procedure>)
- Hostile and Intimidating Behavior Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/hib/>)
 - Office of the Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs (<https://facstaff.provost.wisc.edu/>)
- Dean of Students Office (<https://doso.students.wisc.edu/>) (for all students to seek grievance assistance and support)
- Employee Assistance (<http://www.eao.wisc.edu/>) (for personal counseling and workplace consultation around communication and conflict involving graduate assistants and other employees, post-doctoral students, faculty and staff)
- Employee Disability Resource Office (<https://employeeabilities.wisc.edu/>) (for qualified employees or applicants with disabilities to have equal employment opportunities)
- Graduate School (<https://grad.wisc.edu/>) (for informal advice at any level of review and for official appeals of program/departmental or school/college grievance decisions)
- Office of Compliance (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/>) (for class harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence)
- Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (<https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/>) (for conflicts involving students)
- Ombuds Office for Faculty and Staff (<http://www.ombuds.wisc.edu/>) (for employed graduate students and post-docs, as well as faculty and staff)
- Title IX (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/titleix/>) (for concerns about discrimination)

MS&E Grievance Procedures

Students who feel they have been unfairly treated or otherwise have a grievance related to the policies and procedures for graduate study in the Materials Science and Engineering Department may choose to submit a formal grievance to the department. Before taking this step, however, students are encouraged to discuss their grievance directly with the person or persons involved. Respectful, professional, direct communication can often reach a more satisfactory resolution to an issue more quickly than a formal grievance procedure.

To pursue a formal grievance, the student should submit a letter describing the issue in detail to the department Associate Chair of Graduate Studies within 60 days of the precipitating incident. (Should the grievance involve the Director of Graduate Studies, the letter should be submitted to the department Chair.) The Director (or Chair) will convene a

committee of not fewer than three department faculty. The committee will obtain a written response from the person or persons who are the subject of the complaint. The committee will then decide a course of action in response to the grievance. The response from the subject of the complaint and the committee course of action will be communicated in writing to the student within 15 working days of submission of the grievance. The course of action will be implemented no later than 10 working days of the communication.

If the departmental procedure does not resolve the grievance, the student may appeal to the College of Engineering or the Graduate School. The College grievance procedures are currently available at <https://engineering.wisc.edu/report-an-incident/academic-grievances-and-complaints/>, (<http://www.engr.wisc.edu/current/current-students-how-to-file-a-grievance.html>) and the Graduate School procedures are available at <http://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/>. (<http://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/>)

The Assistant Dean for Graduate Affairs (engr-dean-graduateaffairs@engr.wisc.edu) provides overall leadership for graduate education in the College of Engineering (CoE), and is a point of contact for graduate students who have concerns about education, mentoring, research, or other difficulties.

OTHER

Students are strongly discouraged to pursue positions as Project Assistants, Teaching Assistants or Research Assistants during their time in this program, as the rigor and accelerated nature of this program may not accommodate those work time commitments. Students in this program will not receive the tuition remission that is typically part of the compensation package for a graduate assistantship.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Take advantage of the Graduate School's professional development resources (<https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/>) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Find information about professional development from the College of Engineering at the following webpage: <https://interpro.wisc.edu>.

PEOPLE

Professors:

Michael Arnold, Sue Babcock, Chang-Beom Eom, Paul Evans, Padma Gopalan, Sindo Kou, Rod Lakes, Dane Morgan, John Perepezko, Kumar Sridharan, Donald Stone, Izabela Szlufarska, Dan Thoma, Paul Voyles, and Xudong Wang

Associate Professors:

Jason Kawasaki

Assistant Professors:

Dawei Feng, Jiamian Hu, Fang Liu, Hyunseok Oh, Daniel Rhodes, and Jun Xiao

Assistant Teaching Professors:

Franklin Hobbs