ENGINEERING MECHANICS: RESEARCH, MS

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

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

NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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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**

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<th>Minimum Credit Requirement</th>
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<td>Minimum Residence Credit Requirement</td>
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<td>Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement</td>
<td>15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244</a> (<a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/</a>).</td>
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Overall Requirement | 3.00 GPA required.
Graduate GPA Requirement | Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).
Other Grade Requirements | Students must earn a C or above in all formal coursework.
Assessments and Examinations | A thesis is not required for a master’s degree in Engineering Mechanics. Credit for master’s research (E M A 790) will be granted toward meeting the MS requirements only when a formal MS thesis is submitted and approved by the thesis committee. If submitting a MS thesis, a thesis Oral Defense is required. Candidates must pass an oral exam administered by a three-member committee, selected by the student’s advisor. At least two of the committee members must be members of the UW-Madison Graduate Faculty. (For more information, see https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/committees (https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/committees/)/.) Typically, the student presents an overview of their thesis/research, and then the examiners ask questions in closed session. See the Graduate School’s information https://grad.wisc.edu/current-students/masters-guide (https://grad.wisc.edu/current-students/masters-guide/)/ and note the requirement for an advisor approval page.

REQUIRED COURSES

**Code**

**Title**

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<td>The program requires 30 credits of technical coursework approved by the student’s advisor.</td>
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<td>All courses must be numbered 500 or above. At least 15 credits must be taken in courses numbered 600 and above OR from the following list:</td>
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<td>E M A/CIV ENGR/ M E 508</td>
<td>Composite Materials</td>
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<td>E M A 519</td>
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<td>E M A/M E 540</td>
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<td>Heterogeneous and Multiphase Materials</td>
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<td>E M A/M E 570</td>
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**Mathematics Requirements**

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<td>Students must take at least 3 credits (1 course) from the following list:</td>
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<td>MATH 519</td>
<td>Ordinary Differential Equations</td>
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Language Requirements

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Breadth Requirement

Students must take at least 5 courses from the list below. At least 3 must be identified by a *. The courses must span at least 2 of the 3 areas defined below. For each of the 2 areas, the student must take at least 2 courses.

Solid Mechanics

- E M A 506 Advanced Mechanics of Materials I * 3
- E M A/CIV ENGR/M E 508 Composite Materials 3
- E M A 519 Fracture Mechanics * 3
- E M A/M S & E 541 Heterogeneous and Multiphase Materials * 3
- E M A/M E 570 Experimental Mechanics 3
- E M A 605 Introduction to Finite Elements * 3
- E M A 611 Advanced Mechanical Testing of Materials * 3
- E M A/E P 615 Micro- and Nanoscale Mechanics * 3
- E M A 630 Viscoelastic Solids * 3
- E M A 700 Theory of Elasticity * 3
- E M A/M E 703 Plasticity Theory and Physics 3
- E M A 705 Advanced Topics in Finite Elements * 3
- E M A/M E 706 Plates, Shells and Pressure Vessels 3
- E M A/M E 708 Advanced Composite Materials 3
- E M A 710 Mechanics of Continua 3
- E M A/M E 722 Introduction to Polymer Rheology 3
- M E/B M E 516 Finite Elements for Biological and Other Soft Materials 3
- M E 753 Friction, Lubrication and Wear 3

Fluid Mechanics

- E M A 521 Aerodynamics * 3
- E M A 524 Rocket Propulsion * 3
- E M A 710 Mechanics of Continua 3
- M E 563 Intermediate Fluid Dynamics * 3
- M E 572 Intermediate Gas Dynamics * 3
- M E 573 Computational Fluid Dynamics * 3
- M E 769 Combustion Processes 3
- M E 770 Advanced Experimental Instrumentation 3
- M E 774 Chem Kinetics of Combust Systems 3
- M E/CIV ENGR/E M A 775 Transfer 3
- MATH 705 Mathematical Fluid Dynamics 3

Dynamics

- E M A 523 Flight Dynamics and Control * 3
- E M A/M E 540 Experimental Vibration and Dynamic System Analysis * 3
- E M A 542 Advanced Dynamics * 3
- E M A 545 Mechanical Vibrations * 3
- E M A/ASTRON 550 Astrodynamics 3
- E M A 610 Structural Finite Element Model Validation * 3
- E M A 642 Satellite Dynamics * 3
- E M A 742 Theory and Applications in Advanced Dynamics * 3
- E M A 745 Advanced Methods in Structural Dynamics * 3
- E M A 747 Nonlinear and Random Mechanical Vibrations * 3
- M E/E C E 577 Automatic Controls Laboratory 4
- M E 740 Advanced Vibrations 3
- M E 747 Advanced Computer Control of Machines and Processes 3
- or M E/E C E 733 Advanced Computer Control of Machines and Processes 3

Depth Requirement

At least 2 courses (6 credits) must be numbered 700 or above in mechanics, from the following list:

- Any E M A course except E M A 790, E M A 890, or E M A 990.
- E M A 601 Special Topics courses may only be counted as course numbered 700 or above if designated as such by the instructor.

- CBE 720 Microhydrodynamics, Brownian Motion, and Complex Fluids
- CIV ENGR/G L E 730 Engineering Properties of Soils
- CIV ENGR/G L E 735 Soil Dynamics
- MATH 705 Mathematical Fluid Dynamics
- M E 740 Advanced Vibrations
- M E 746 Dynamics of Controlled Systems or M E/E C E 732 Dynamics of Controlled Systems
- M E 747 Advanced Computer Control of Machines and Processes
- M E 748 Optimum Design of Mechanical Elements and Systems
- M E 751 Advanced Computational Dynamics
- M E 753 Friction, Lubrication and Wear
- M E 769 Combustion Processes
- M E 770 Advanced Experimental Instrumentation
- M E 774 Chem Kinetics of Combust Systems
- M E/CIV ENGR/E M A 775 Turbulent Heat and Momentum Transfer

Independent Study/Research Credits

Thesis Pathway
Independent Study Pathway 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.

**Independent Study / Research**

All students must take a minimum of 3 credits of E M A 599. A maximum of 6 credits of E M A 599 may be applied to the minimum credit requirement. Students in the thesis pathway may use a maximum of 12 credits of E M A 599 and E M A 790, combined, toward the minimum credit requirement. Credit for E M A 790 will be granted toward satisfying the MS requirements only when a formal MS thesis is submitted and approved by the thesis committee.

**Seminars**

Up to 3 credits of Mechanics Seminar may be applied to the credit minimum requirement.