MECHANICAL ENGINEERING: AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING, M.S.

This is a named option within the Mechanical Engineering M.S. (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/mechanical-engineering/mechanical-engineering-ms/#text)

The Department of Mechanical Engineering M.S. named option Automotive Engineering is an accelerated on campus degree program (completed in 12 months) geared toward preparing students for a career in the automotive industry. With a strong emphasis on in-cylinder energy conversion processes, graduates of this program will be poised to immediately participate in engine development programs in the automotive, heavy duty, or recreational engine sectors. The coursework includes 12 credits of thermofluid processes, 12 formal credits in other relevant topics, and a 6 credits of summer practicum that pairs a hands-on laboratory course with a hands-on modeling course. The summer practicum coalesces information from coursework by applying it to internal combustion engines in a hands-on environment.

For more information on the Automotive Engineering named option see the program website (https://www.engr.wisc.edu/department/mechanical-engineering/academics/masters-degree-mechanical-engineering-2).

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 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 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).

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<td>GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)</td>
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<td>English Proficiency Test</td>
<td>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 (<a href="https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/english-proficiency">https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/english-proficiency</a>).</td>
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Students with a strong background in mechanical engineering or a related field with interest in furthering their education in mechanical engineering are encouraged to apply for admission to the department. Applicants accepted into the program generally have an undergraduate grade point average well above the graduate school minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. All applicants are required to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Applications are evaluated on the basis of previous academic record, GRE scores, letters of recommendation, and a personal statement. For more information on admission requirements see the program’s website (https://www.engr.wisc.edu/department/mechanical-engineering/academics/masters-degree-mechanical-engineering-2).

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 processes related to funding.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Students in this program are NOT eligible for teaching assistant, research assistant, or project assistant positions as this is an accelerated coursework ONLY degree.

FEDERAL LOANS

Students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents may be eligible to receive some level of funding through the federal direct loan program. These loans are available to qualified graduate students who are taking at least 4 credits during the fall and spring semesters, and 2 credits during summer. Private loans are also available. Learn more about financial aid at their website (https://financialaid.wisc.edu).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For information on International Student Funding and Scholarships visit the ISS website (https://iss.wisc.edu/students/new-students/funding-scholarships).

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

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

NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Evening/Weekend:** These programs are offered in an evening and/or weekend format to accommodate working schedules. Enjoy the advantages of on-campus courses and personal connections, while keeping your day job. For more information about the meeting schedule of a specific program, contact the program.

**Online:** These programs are offered primarily online. Many available online programs can be completed almost entirely online with all online programs offering at least 50 percent or more of the program work online. Some online programs have an on-campus component that is often designed to accommodate working schedules. Take advantage of the convenience of online learning while participating in a rich, interactive learning environment. For more information about the online nature of a specific program, contact the program.

**Hybrid:** These programs have innovative curricula that combine on-campus and online formats. Most hybrid programs are completed on-campus with a partial or completely online semester. For more information about the hybrid schedule of a specific program, contact the program.

**Accelerated:** These on-campus programs are offered in an accelerated format that allows you to complete your program in a condensed time-frame. Enjoy the advantages of on-campus courses with minimal disruption to your career. For more information about the accelerated nature of a specific program, contact the program.

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**CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS**

**Requirements Detail**

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<td>30 credits</td>
<td>18 credits</td>
<td>Half of degree coursework (15 credits out of 30 total credits) must be completed graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university’s Course Guide (<a href="https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/">https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/</a>).</td>
<td>3.00 GPA required.</td>
<td>Students must earn a C or above in all formal coursework. Students may not have any more than two incompletes on their record at any one time.</td>
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- **Assessments and Examinations:** None.
- **Language Requirements:** No language requirements.

**REQUIRED COURSES**

A minimum of 24 formal course credits are required (minimum of 15 credits in Mechanical Engineering taken at UW-Madison), at least 3 of these credits must be numbered 700 or higher.

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A minimum of 12 credits (4 courses) must be taken from the courses listed:

- M E 461 Thermal Systems Modeling
- M E 466 Air Pollution Effects, Measurements and Control
- M E 469 Internal Combustion Engines
- M E 561 Intermediate Thermodynamics
- M E 563 Intermediate Fluid Dynamics
- M E 564 Heat Transfer
- M E 569 Applied Combustion
- M E 572 Intermediate Gas Dynamics
- M E 573 Computational Fluid Dynamics
- M E 761 Topics in Thermodynamics
- M E 764 Advanced Heat Transfer I- Conduction
- M E 769 Combustion Processes
- M E 770 Advanced Experimental Instrumentation
- M E 774 Chem Kinetics of Combust Systems
- M E 775 Turbulent Heat and Momentum Transfer

During the summer term, students are required to enroll in Independent Study for the following:

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**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.

**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**

**GRADUATE PROGRAM HANDBOOK**

The Mechanical Engineering Graduate Program Handbook (https://www.engr.wisc.edu/me-grad-handbook) is the repository for all of the program’s policies and requirements.

**PRIOR COURSEWORK**

**Graduate Work from Other Institutions**

With program approval, students are allowed to count graduate coursework from other institutions (up to 12 credits) toward the minimum graduate degree credit requirement and
the minimum graduate coursework (50%) requirement. No credits from other institutions can be counted toward the minimum graduate residence credit requirement. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

**UW–Madison Undergraduate**

With advisor approval, up to 7 credits numbered 400 or above may be counted toward the minimum graduate degree credit requirement. These credits may be counted toward the minimum graduate coursework (50%) requirement if they are in courses numbered 700 or above. No credits may be counted toward the minimum graduate residence credit requirement. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

**UW–Madison University Special**

With program approval, and payment of the difference in tuition, students are allowed to count up to 15 credits of coursework numbered 400 or above taken as a UW–Madison Special student toward the minimum graduate residence credit requirement and the minimum graduate degree credit requirement. These credits may be counted toward the minimum graduate coursework (50%) requirement if they are in courses numbered 700 or above. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

**PROBATION**

The Graduate School regularly reviews the record of any student who earned grades of BC, C, D, F, or Incomplete in a graduate course (300 or above), or grade of U in research credits. This review could result in academic probation with a hold on future enrollment or in being suspended from the Graduate School.

1. Good standing (progressing according to standards; any funding guarantee remains in place).
2. Probation (not progressing according to standards but permitted to enroll; loss of funding guarantee; specific plan with dates and deadlines in place in regard to removal of probationary status).
3. Unsatisfactory progress (not progressing according to standards; not permitted to enroll, dismissal, leave of absence or change of advisor or program).

A semester GPA below 3.0 will result in the student being placed on academic probation. If a semester GPA of 3.0 is not attained during the subsequent semester of full time enrollment (or 12 credits of enrollment if enrolled part-time), this will be deemed unsatisfactory progress and the student may be dismissed from the program or allowed to continue for one additional semester based on advisor appeal to the Graduate School.

**ADVISOR / COMMITTEE**

All students will be assigned a mechanical engineering faculty advisor who assists them in planning a course sequence that meets degrees requirements and who will discuss career objectives with the students.

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**CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED**

15 credits

**TIME CONSTRAINTS**

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.

**OTHER**

Students enrolled in this program are not permitted to accept teaching assistantships, project assistantships, research assistantships or other appointments that would result in a tuition waiver. Students in this program cannot enroll in other graduate programs nor take courses outside the prescribed curriculum.

**PEOPLE**

**Faculty (who may serve as graduate advisor):**

**Professors:** Ghandhi (chair), Negrut, Nellis, Osswald, Pfotenhauer, Qian, Rutland, Sanders, Suresh, Shapiro, Thelen, Turng

**Associate Professors:** Eriten, C. Franck, Krupenkin, Miller, Pfefferkorn, Rothamer, Trujillo, Zinn

**Assistant Professors:** Adamczyk, M. Anderson, Henak, Kokjohn, Min, Pan, Roldan, Rudraraju, Rudykh

**Faculty Affiliates:** M. Allen, Bonazza, J. Franck, Holloway, Notbohm, Reindl, Sarlioglu, Scarlat, Schauer, Serverson, Shinners, Thevamaran, Witzenburg

To see all ME Faculty please visit the directory here. ([https://directory.engr.wisc.edu/display.php/faculty?page=me&search=faculty](https://directory.engr.wisc.edu/display.php/faculty?page=me&search=faculty))