MECHANICAL ENGINEERING: AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING, M.S.

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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.

ADMISSIONS

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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/).

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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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|                                    | I) Due to COVID-19, GRE scores will not be required for applications to Mechanical Engineering graduate programs for admission to the Spring 2023, Summer 2023, and Fall 2023 terms.  
|                                    | 2) Applicants earning a degree from the following UW-Madison B.S. programs are not required to submit GRE scores for the Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Automotive Engineering application: (1) any program in the College of Engineering, (2) Computer Sciences, (3) Department of Biological Systems Engineering, or (4) the Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics program. All other applicants must submit GRE scores. |
|                                    | ** Applicants earning a degree from the following UW-Madison B.S. programs are not required to obtain any letters of recommendation: any program in the College of Engineering, Computer Sciences, Department of Biological Systems Engineering, or the Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics program. Within the Graduate School application, in the letters of recommendation section, you will need to enter at least one contact. Enter your name, your email address and then select to send the request later. This will allow you to get past this section of the application. |

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS and PROCESS

**Degree:** Most applicants have a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Students with a Bachelor of Science in other engineering or physical and natural science disciplines will be considered for admission. International applicants must have a degree comparable to a regionally accredited U.S. bachelor’s degree.

**GPA:** The Department of Mechanical Engineering prefers a 3.2/4.0 GPA. The minimum GPA to be reviewed by the admission committee is 3.0/4.0.

**GRE:** The GRE requirement is waived for applications to the Spring 2023, Summer 2023, and Fall 2023 terms. Any scores submitted will not be reviewed.

Each application must include the following:

- Graduate School Application (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/)
- Academic transcripts
- Statement of purpose
- Resume/CV
- Three letters of recommendation (see below for exception)
- English Proficiency Score (if required)
- Application Fee

All applicants must satisfy requirements that are set forth by the Graduate School (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/). Upon acceptance, students without Mechanical Engineering Bachelor of Science degrees may be required to complete one or more courses in addition to degree requirements to satisfy any deficiencies (this requirement cannot be determined prior to admission).

DEADLINES

To apply to the Mechanical Engineering program, complete applications (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/), including supportive materials, must be
submitted as described below and received by the following deadline dates:
- Fall Semester—December 15
- Spring Semester—October 1
- Summer Session—December 15

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT
Electronically submit one copy of your transcript of all undergraduate and previous graduate work along with your online application to the Graduate School. Unofficial copies of transcripts will be accepted for review, but official copies are required for admitted students. Please do not send transcripts or any other application materials to the Graduate School or the Mechanical Engineering department unless requested. Please review the requirements set by the Graduate School (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/) for additional information about degrees/transcripts.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
In this document, applicants should explain why they want to pursue further education in Mechanical Engineering (see the Graduate School for more advice on how to structure a personal statement (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/prepare/)).

RESUME
Upload your resume in your application.

THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
These letters are required from people who can accurately judge the applicant’s academic and/or work performance. Letters of recommendation are submitted electronically to graduate programs through the online application. See the Graduate School for FAQs (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/) regarding letters of recommendation.

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GRE SCORES
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ENGLISH PROFICIENCY SCORE
Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English, must provide an English proficiency test score. The UW-Madison Graduate School accepts TOEFL or IELTS scores. Your score will not be accepted if it is more than two years old from the start of your admission term. Country of citizenship does not exempt applicants from this requirement. Language of instruction at the college or university level and how recent the language instruction was taken are the determining factors in meeting this requirement.

For more information regarding minimum score requirements and exemption policy, please see the Graduate School Requirements for Admission (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/).

APPLICATION FEE
Submission must be accompanied by the one-time application fee. It is non-refundable and can be paid by credit card (Master Card or Visa) or debit/ATM. Information about the application fee may be found here (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/) (scroll to the ‘Frequently asked questions).

Fee grants are only available through the conditions outlined here by the Graduate School (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/fee-grant/). The Department of Mechanical Engineering is unable to offer fee grants for applicants to this program.

QUESTIONS:
If you have questions, please contact megradadmission@engr.wisc.edu.

RE-ENTRY ADMISSIONS
If you were previously enrolled as a graduate student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, have not earned your degree, but have had a break in enrollment for a minimum of a fall or spring term, you will need to re-apply to resume your studies. Please review the Graduate School requirements for previously enrolled students (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1230/). Your previous faculty advisor (or another ME faculty advisor) must be willing to supply advising support and should e-mail the ME Graduate Student Services Coordinator regarding next steps in the process.

If you were previously enrolled in a UW-Madison graduate degree, completed that degree, have had a break in enrollment since earning the degree and would now like to apply for another UW-Madison program; you are required to submit a new student application through the UW-Madison Graduate School online application. For ME graduate programs, you must follow the entire application process as described above.

CURRENTLY ENROLLED GRADUATE STUDENT ADMISSIONS
Students currently enrolled as a graduate student at UW-Madison, whether in ME or a non-ME graduate program, wishing to apply to this degree program should contact the ME Graduate Admissions Team (megradadmission@engr.wisc.edu) to inquire about the process and deadlines several months in advance of the anticipated enrollment term. Current students may apply to change or add programs for any term (fall, spring, or summer).

QUESTIONS:
If you have questions, please contact megradadmission@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 RESOURCES
Students enrolled in this program are not eligible to receive tuition remission from graduate assistantship appointments at this institution.

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

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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

Minimum 30 credits

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Minimum 18 credits

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

Overall 3.00 GPA required.

Graduate 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. Students may not have any more than two incompletes on their record at any one time.

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).

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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 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/CIV ENGR/EMA 775 Turbulent Heat and Momentum Transfer

During the summer term, students are required to enroll in the following 6 credits:

- M E 669 Engine Experiments
- M E 673 Internal Combustion Engine Simulations
Advisor Approval of Study Plan
The faculty advisor must always approve the courses a student takes in the MS program. Students should schedule an appointment with their adviser when selecting their courses. During the final semester, the faculty advisor will review the courses taken again and if approved, sign the warrant request form.

Other Policy
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.

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/acadp Org//) 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
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. A course at the 300 level can only be transferred from a UW–Madison undergraduate program if it was taken as a technical elective (i.e., non-required course). Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission to a master’s degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

UW–Madison University Special
With program approval, 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
This program follows the Graduate School’s Probation policy. (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1217/)

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.

CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED
15 credits

TIME CONSTRAINTS
This program follows the Graduate School’s Time Limits policy. (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1221/)

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://employeedisabilities.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)

Mechanical Engineering Grievance Procedures
If a student feels unfairly treated or aggrieved by faculty, staff, or another student, the University offers several avenues to resolve the grievance. Students’ concerns about unfair treatment are best handled directly with the person responsible for the objectionable action. If the student is uncomfortable making direct contact with the individual(s) involved,
they should contact the advisor or the person in charge of the unit where
the action occurred (program or department chair, section chair, lab
manager, etc.). Many departments and schools/colleges have established
specific procedures for handling such situations; check their web pages
and published handbooks for information. If such procedures exist at the
local level, these should be investigated first. For more information see the
Graduate School Academic Policies & Procedures: https://grad.wisc.edu/
acadpolicy/?policy=grievancesandappeals. 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.

1. The student is encouraged to speak first with the person toward whom
the grievance is directed to see if a situation can be resolved at this
level.

2. Should a satisfactory resolution not be achieved, the student
should contact the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies or
the John Bollinger Chair of Mechanical Engineering (https://
engineering.wisc.edu/departments/mechanical-engineering/
people/) to discuss the grievance. The Graduate Committee Chair or
Department Chair will facilitate problem resolution through informal
channels and facilitate any complaints or issues of students. The first
attempt is to help students informally address the grievance prior
any formal complaint. Students are also encouraged to talk with
their faculty advisors regarding concerns or difficulties if necessary.
University resources for sexual harassment, discrimination, disability
accommodations, and other related concerns can be found on the UW
Office of Compliance website (https://compliance.wisc.edu/). Other
campus resources can be found above.

3. If the issue is not resolved to the student’s satisfaction the student
can submit the grievance to the Graduate Committee Chair in writing,
within 60 calendar days of the alleged unfair treatment.

4. On receipt of a written complaint, a faculty committee will be
convened by the Graduate Committee Chair to manage the grievance.
The faculty committee will obtain a written response from the person
ward whom the complaint is directed. This response will be shared
with the person filing the grievance.

5. The faculty committee will determine a decision regarding the
grievance. The Graduate Committee Chair will report on the action
taken by the committee in writing to both the student and the party
ward whom the complaint was directed within 15 working days from
the date the complaint was received.

6. At this point, if either party (the student or the person toward whom
the grievance is directed) is unsatisfied with the decision of the faculty
committee, the party may file a written appeal. Either party has 10
working days to file a written appeal to the School/College.

7. Documentation of the grievance will be stored for at least 7 years.
Significant grievances that set a precedent will be stored indefinitely.

The Graduate School has procedures for students wishing to appeal a
grievance decision made at the school/college level. These policies are
described in the Graduate School’s Academic Policies & Procedures:
https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/?policy=grievancesandappeals.

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.

PEOPLE

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See also Mechanical Engineering Faculty Directory (https://directory.engr.wisc.edu/me/faculty/).