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Doctoral Degree Requirements

Doctoral Research

In addition to the other requirements of the University, a candidate for a doctoral degree must complete an acceptable dissertation. The dissertation must satisfy the following criteria:

1. It should demonstrate the candidate's intellectual competence and maturity in the field of concentration;
2. It should make an original and valid contribution to knowledge; and
3. It should be an individual achievement and the product of independent research.

Although doctoral dissertations may result from a project involving collaboration of several scholars, the individual contribution of each doctoral candidate must be substantial, clearly identifiable, and presented separately. The Committee will judge the completed dissertation in terms of the candidate's ability to review and make critical use of the literature; to formulate a problem, develop appropriate methodology, and work systematically toward a solution; and to summarize the material or data and draw conclusions from them. The writing should be of publishable quality.

Dissertation Committee

After a student has chosen an area of research and a research supervisor, a Dissertation Committee is selected by the student and his or her research advisor in accordance with the policy of the department. The Dissertation Committee shall consist of at least three members, one of whom is the research supervisor and at least two of whom shall be from the student's major department. An outside expert from industry or another university may be a member of the committee, but that individual must possess academic credentials which would qualify him or her to serve as a member of the University of Massachusetts Lowell faculty. The responsibilities of the Dissertation Committee shall be to:

1. Approve the research topic;
2. Supervise the progress of the dissertation;
3. Read, evaluate, and approve or disapprove of the written dissertation;
4. Hear, evaluate and approve or disapprove of the oral defense of the dissertation;
5. Report the completion of all dissertation requirements to the department and the Registrar's Office.

Dissertation Credits

If the graduate student requires the use of University resources to continue his or her dissertation but has completed the required number of credits for doctoral research, he or she may sign up for 3, 6, or 9 credits of Continuing Graduate Research (see General Policies).

Graduate students who have completed all the requirements except the writing and defense of the dissertation and who do not need to use university resources must register for Continued Matriculation (CM.601) and pay a fee each semester until they graduate.

Note: International students on F-1 or J-1 visas must be registered for a minimum of nine credits each semester. Contact the International Students and Scholars Office for more information.

Dissertation Preparation

Every graduate student who completes a dissertation is required to bear the cost of binding two copies of the manuscript for the University's files. Copywriting is optional and available for an additional fee.

Dissertation Defense

Two weeks prior to the dissertation defense, announcements of the defense, listing the graduate student's name, dissertation title, and place and time of the defense, must be submitted to the chairperson of the department, the college dean, the Registrar's Office and posted and distributed throughout the university. The defense is open to the public.

Doctoral Degree Requirements

The doctoral degree is conferred upon graduate students who have met all the requirements listed below:
1. The student must successfully complete the graduate courses in the major field, including the GPA requirement, and the number of course and dissertation credits required by the particular program.

2. If indicated, the language requirement specified by the major department must be satisfactorily completed.

3. A qualifying examination, oral and/or written, conducted by the major department, must be passed before any work is begun on the dissertation. If the student fails the qualifying examination he or she may, at the discretion of the department, be permitted a second and final opportunity. At this point, having completed steps 1 through 3, the student is admitted to candidacy for the doctorate.

4. A dissertation based upon the results of original research, and which is satisfactory to the Dissertation Committee of the major department, must be completed.

5. A final oral dissertation defense conducted by the Dissertation Committee, based primarily upon, but not necessarily limited to, the contents of the candidate’s dissertation must be passed. The examination cannot be scheduled until all members of the Dissertation Committee have had seven working days in which to read the dissertation. The oral examination is to be conducted by the Dissertation Committee, whose membership may be augmented by the non-voting faculty. In order to pass the defense, the candidate may not receive more than one dissenting vote from the members of the Dissertation Committee.

6. All financial obligations (tuition, fees, and expenses) must be satisfied as evidenced by the completion and submission of a Graduate Degree Clearance form to the Registrar’s Office.

Procedure for Opting Out with a Master’s Degree

Students accepted into a doctoral program who elect to instead obtain the master’s degree and leave the university must follow the following procedure:

1. The student must file an Academic Petition requesting to be changed from the doctorate to the master’s degree program.

2. The student must complete all required courses for the master’s degree, compile a minimum 3.0 grade point average, successfully defend his/her thesis, and complete the clearance process at the Registrar’s Office.

3. All graduate courses (and undergraduate course work used for graduate credit), whether taken for the original doctoral program or for the master’s degree, will be included in the grade point average and listed on the student’s graduate transcript.

Master’s Degree Requirements

Advising

General Requirements for the Master's Degree

Research Option for the Master's Degree

Research Project

Thesis

Thesis Committee

Thesis Preparation

Thesis Defense

Students Continuing on to a Doctoral Program

Advising

An entering graduate student should meet with the departmental graduate coordinator as soon as possible after arrival on campus. The coordinator will:

1. Help design and then approve the student’s complete program leading to the master’s degree.

2. Recommend course credits from within and outside the University for transfer into the student’s degree program.

3. Monitor the student’s progress toward the degree, which
must be completed within a five-year time period in most programs (See Time for Limit for Degree Completion).

**General Requirements for the Master’s Degree**

To be recommended for a masters degree, a candidate must satisfy all requirements of the University and the specific requirements of the department in which he or she is enrolled. The requirements of the University are listed below, and the specific requirements established by the various departments may be found in the section describing the particular programs.

A candidate for the master’s degree must complete the following within five years of matriculation in order to receive the degree: (Note: Master’s degrees which require 45 or more credits have a limit of six years.)

1. A course of study designed by the department in which he or she is enrolled and approved by the University. The course of study must have a minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate work including, where applicable, a thesis or project in the student’s chosen field.
2. A student must successfully pass an oral or written examination on his or her complete master’s program if required by the department.
3. Satisfactory grades in all subjects offered for the degree must be earned (See Academic Standing).
4. All financial obligations, including tuition, fees, and expenses, must be satisfied as evidenced by completion and submission of a signed Graduate Degree Clearance form to the Registrar’s Office.

**Research Option for the Master’s Degree**

If required by the program, a student must complete a master’s project or a thesis. The proposal must be approved by the department in which the student is enrolled and the final project or thesis must be of graduate level quality.

**Project**

The project must consist of a scholarly investigation, such as a review, report, synthesis, design or experiments in the student’s field resulting in a comprehensive written document. Usually, if a student chooses the project option, he or she is required to take additional course credits. Each project is awarded only three to four credits and is intended to be completed within the time limit of one semester. If the work for a project is not completed by the end of the semester, the instructor will give the student an Incomplete which is to be treated the same as an incomplete for a regular course.

**Thesis**

The requirements for a thesis are much more extensive, including the completion of acceptable research and its defense before a thesis committee. The completed thesis must conform to the format specified in the "Thesis Guide (https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf)" which is available in the Registrar’s Office. The time required for completion may vary; if a student has not completed the thesis by the end of the semester, but is making satisfactory progress, he or she is given the grade of “PR”. If the student requires the use of university resources to continue thesis research, but has completed the required number of credits for the master’s thesis, he or she may sign up for 3, 6, or 9 credits of Continuing Graduate Research (see Course Descriptions). However, if the student is not using University resources, but is in the process of writing the thesis, he or she may register for Continuing Matriculation for the semester(s) during which the work is completed. Continuing Matriculation is available to international students only under special circumstances. International students should contact the International Student Office (https://www.uml.edu/ISSO/default.aspx) for more information and to make sure they comply with visa and immigration regulations.

Upon successful completion of the thesis, the grade of "S" will be awarded for the all semesters in which the student is registered for thesis research. Only the Registrar’s Office can issue this grade.

**Thesis Committee**

As soon as a student has chosen an area of research, a Thesis Committee is selected by the student and his or her research advisor in accordance with the policy of the department. The Thesis Committee shall consist of at least three members, at least two of whom shall be from the student’s major department. One member of the committee shall be the student’s thesis advisor. An outside expert, such as the supervisor of a research project conducted at an industrial setting or a faculty member from another institution, may be a member of the committee, but that individual must possess academic credentials which would qualify him or her to serve as a member of the University of Massachusetts Lowell faculty. The responsibilities of the Thesis Committee shall be to:

1. Approve the research topic.
2. Supervise the progress of the thesis.
3. Read, evaluate and approve or disapprove of the written thesis.
4. Hear, evaluate and approve or disapprove of the oral defense of the thesis.
5. Report the completion of all thesis requirements to the
Thesis Preparation

Every graduate student who completes a thesis is required to bear the cost of binding two copies of the manuscript for the University's files. Copy writing is optional and available for an additional fee.

Thesis Defense

Two weeks prior to the thesis defense, announcements of the defense listing the candidate's name, thesis title, and place and time of the defense, must be submitted to the chairperson of the department, the college dean, and the Registrar's Office, and posted and distributed throughout the University. The defense is open to the public.

For Students Continuing on to a Doctoral Program

Students accepted into a master's degree program who decide to continue on for the doctorate but want to first complete their master's degree must adhere to the following procedure.

1. The student must complete all required courses, compile a 3.0 grade point average, and successfully defend his/her thesis, if required.
2. The student must complete the Registrar's Office clearance process for the master's degree.
3. A student is prohibited from enrolling in doctoral research until he or she has completed the clearance process for the master's degree.
4. The student must then apply to the doctoral program by completing the standard Graduate Admissions application process.
5. Official admission into a doctoral program and receipt of a letter of acceptance are contingent upon completion of the clearance process for the master's degree.

Application Procedure

Institutional Admissions Requirements

The general requirements for admission to graduate study at the university are listed below.

1. The applicant must show official evidence of having earned a baccalaureate degree or its U.S. equivalent from an accredited college or university. If an international transcript does not adequately demonstrate that an applicant has the equivalent of an American bachelor's or master's degree, the Office of Graduate Admissions will require such verification by an independent service such as the Center for Educational Documentation (http://www.cedevaluations.com/), (www.cedevaluations.com) Boston, MA (617-338-7171).
2. The degree must have been earned with a satisfactory scholastic average to demonstrate that the applicant has had adequate preparation for the field in which graduate studies are to be undertaken.
3. Certain graduate programs require graduate entrance examinations. The applicant must have obtained a satisfactory score on the appropriate entrance examination if required for admission by
the program or department to which admission is sought. The official score report must be submitted; a photocopy of the examinee’s report is unacceptable.

4. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that all full-time graduate students (9 or more credits) must be immunized against measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, and diphtheria. In addition, all students in programs in the health professions, regardless of age or enrollment status, must show proof of immunization. Students will not be permitted to register for courses at the University unless proof of immunization has been sent directly to the Director of Health Services, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell, MA 01854 978-934-4991.

Departmental Requirements

The rules, regulations, and policies delineated by the University constitute only the minimum requirements for admission, retention, and graduation. Each department may have additional requirements mandated by the unique nature of its programs. It is the responsibility of the graduate student to be aware of the minimum requirements of the University and, in addition, to fulfill the special requirements of the particular program in which he or she is enrolled.

Application Procedure for Graduate Admission

Applicants can apply using the online application.

- Conventional Application
- Application Deadline
- empty
- empty
- empty
- empty

Master’s and Doctoral Application Information

A non-waivable and non-refundable application fee must be received before the application is processed. Each applicant must file the following documents:

1. A completed application form.
2. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate records.
3. Letters of recommendation written by individuals qualified to judge the ability of the applicant to carry on graduate work and research as requested by the department. Refer to the department page to learn about the number of required recommendations.
4. Official scholastic test scores specified for various degree programs at the University (see individual departmental requirements). An applicant who has earned a graduate degree from an accredited university may petition the department graduate coordinator to waive the scholastic test requirements (e.g. GRE).
5. The official score report for an institutionally approved language test for students from...
countries where English is not the national language. The thresholds for English tests are set by the department.

Institutionally approved English tests: TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo. All test scores must be official and sent directly by the testing agency.

Application Deadline

The University of Massachusetts Lowell Graduate Admissions Office has a "rolling admissions" policy. However, some programs have early, fixed application deadlines. Consequently, the applicant is strongly urged to contact the department of interest to determine the last date on which applications may be received. In general, early applications will ensure that all materials are processed on time and that a student who wishes to apply for a teaching assistantship will be given due consideration. Many programs will fill available openings several months before the beginning of the semester. A student who has been accepted into a graduate program must attend within a year of acceptance or may, at the discretion of the department, be required to submit a new application. Application files for individuals who do not matriculate will be retained for only two years from the date of application.

Types of Admission

A student may be admitted to graduate study at the University of Massachusetts Lowell under one of the two classifications listed below.

1. Matriculated status: A student who has met all requirements for admission to a degree program and who has been recommended by the department in which he or she proposes to study as a degree candidate.

2. Matriculated with conditions: A student who has not fully met the requirements stipulated by the program may be admitted as a prospective candidate for a degree with specified conditions to be met in the future. Such a student must have as an initial objective the satisfactory completion of all requirements for full matriculation.

Graduate Certificate Candidate Application Information

Graduate certificate programs are designed for students holding a baccalaureate degree in a field related to the certificate program. A student who wishes to apply to a certificate program must complete the Graduate Certificate Application, submit the appropriate application fee, and submit an official transcript indicating the conferral of a bachelor’s degree. The graduate record exam (GRE) and letters of recommendation are not required.

A student in a certificate program who wishes to enroll in a master’s or doctoral program is ineligible to receive credit towards a degree until he or she files a formal application and is then admitted as a matriculated student.

The maximum number of graduate credits a student may complete while enrolled in a graduate certificate is 12 credits.

Non-Degree Status

An individual without advanced degree objectives may take courses in certain programs with non-degree status. A student who wishes to take courses as a non-degree student must submit an official transcript indicating the conferral of a bachelor’s degree. A student in non-degree status is ineligible to receive credit towards a degree until he or she files a formal application and is then admitted as a matriculated student.

The maximum number of graduate credits a student may complete with non-degree status is 12 credits.

NOTE: International students are not eligible for non-degree status.

Graduate Readmission/Deferral Policy

1. A matriculated student who formally withdraws in good standing from the university may request readmission within two years by completing only the cover page of the graduate application.

2. A newly accepted student dropped from a graduate program for failure to register may be re-admitted by submitting a new application cover page and fee within two years of acceptance date.

3. A matriculated student who fails to maintain continuous enrollment and has not formally withdrawn may be readmitted by submitting a new application cover page and fee within two years of being dropped from the program.

4. A student may request a deferment of enrollment
up to one year beyond the date when he or she was scheduled to begin his or her graduate program. If the one-year time period is exceeded, the student must submit a new application and fee. Deferral must be requested before the start of the semester for which the student is accepted.

Financial Information

University-related costs include tuition and mandatory fees. Please contact The Solution Center for more tuition and fee information (https://www.uml.edu/thesolutioncenter/bill/tuition-fees/Graduate/in-state.aspx).

- New England Regional Program
- Health Insurance
- Veterans
- Residency Classification
- Overdue Accounts
- Payment Plans
- University Charges

New England Regional Student Program

Massachusetts and the university participate in a reciprocal program in which qualified and legal residents of other New England states may attend graduate school in an approved program at the University of Massachusetts Lowell and pay 150 percent of the Massachusetts in-state tuition charges. (All other applicable fees apply.) Applicants are considered for unique and distinctive graduate level studies not available in their home state university system. Full details regarding eligible programs are available from the New England Board of Higher Education, 45 Temple Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02111 (617-357-9620), or at the University Graduate Admissions (https://www.uml.edu/Grad/default.aspx) office (www.uml.edu/grad (https://www.uml.edu/Grad/default.aspx)). See the tuition costs for the New England Regional Program.

*UMass Lowell also participates in the Proximity Allowance of the New England Regional Program. This program allows New Hampshire residents from selected towns within a 20 mile radius of UMass Lowell to be eligible for a tuition discount for most majors. Please visit www.uml.edu/admissions/proximity (http://www.uml.edu/Grad/Costs/default.aspx) for details.

Health Insurance

Mandatory on-campus (accident) insurance is charged to all graduate students. All graduate students enrolled in 9 or more credit hours will be charged for health insurance as required by state law. Graduate students may waive student health insurance charges if they maintain comparable insurance coverage and complete an insurance waiver form by the required deadline. Forms are available in the Office of Graduate Admissions and Accounts Receivable Office, Dugan Hall, UMass Lowell South. Family health insurance plans are also available with options for coverage of spouses and/or spouses and dependent children.

International Students: As authorized under the insurance laws for higher education students in Massachusetts (section 275 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996), the University of Massachusetts Lowell requires that all international students must enroll in the University’s Student Health Insurance Plan.

Veterans

The Veterans Administration has approved the University of Massachusetts Lowell for undergraduate study. Visit the Office of Veterans Services (https://www.uml.edu/student-services/Veterans/default.aspx) for more information.

RESIDENCY CLASSIFICATION

Rules for Determination of Domicile

University tuition rates are established on the basis of official state residency as determined by a student’s true "domicile." "Domicile" is defined as a person’s true, fixed and permanent home and place of habitation where he or she intends to remain permanently or for an indefinite time. Massachusetts residency for tuition purposes is not acquired by mere physical presence in Massachusetts while a person is carrying on a course of study at the University. A student’s residency status is based on a determination of one’s domicile at the time of entry or re-entry to the University. A student may apply to be reclassified at any time and must provide detailed documentation to support the claim that he or she met the requirements for Massachusetts residency for tuition purposes at the time of his or her entry as a student. One notable exception is made for students who marry Massachusetts residents while enrolled in a course of studies. The complete set of rules are attached to the application for recategorization (https://www.uml.edu/Enrollment/Residency/Classification-Reclassification.aspx).

Payment of Bills

Graduate students will be permitted to attend classes and to utilize university facilities only after they have cleared all their financial obligations to the university. Financial obligations include indebtedness for library and parking fines, rental payments and repayment of emergency loans. All bills are payable in advance by check or money order and are due as
specified on the student invoice. Major credit cards are also accepted. All payments of fees and tuition should be made payable directly to the University of Massachusetts Lowell. A student in debt to the university at the end of any semester or summer session is not permitted to register again at the university until his or her indebtedness has been discharged. In addition, student transcripts and diplomas will not be released unless all indebtedness has been discharged.

Pay My Bill
(https://www.uml.edu/thesolutioncenter/bill/default.aspx)

Overdue Accounts
Should it be necessary to utilize the services of a collection agency or attorney for an overdue student account, the student will be liable for any and all legal fees, commissions, and associated service charges.

Payment Plans
The University of Massachusetts Lowell offers a low-cost, interest-free payment option. This plan allows students to budget the annual cost of tuition and fees over a ten month period. Visit the Solution Center (https://www.uml.edu/thesolutioncenter/bill/eBill/payment-options.aspx) for more information on payment options.

University Charges
University-related costs include tuition and mandatory fees. Please contact the Solution Center for more information on tuition and fees.

Financial Assistance & Assistantships

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

• Applying for Financial Aid
• Other Types of Assistance

The Solution Center
(https://www.uml.edu/thesolutioncenter/financial-aid/default.aspx)
University Crossing Lobby
220 Pawtucket Street, Suite 131
Lowell, MA 01854
Telephone: 978-934-2000
Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Applying Financial Aid

The University requires students to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may apply for the FAFSA online at www.FAFSA.ed.gov (http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov). It is recommended that students save time by requesting personal identification numbers called Federal Student Aid PINs before the student applies for aid. The PIN can be used to electronically sign the FAFSA, electronically sign certain loan contracts, and access online information about federal student aid the student has received. The PIN must be requested online at www.studentaid.ed.gov (https://www.studentaid.ed.gov/SA/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid).

Copies of students and spouses federal income tax, W2 forms and other forms may be requested by the Financial Aid Office to verify information provided on the FAFSA. Many forms requested are available on The Solution Center website. All information requested by the Financial Aid Office is required to complete the application process and is held in strictest confidence.

Eligibility Requirements

To receive financial aid from the various student aid programs, a student must:

• Have demonstrated financial need to qualify for need-based aid programs. Need is defined as the cost of attendance minus the expected family contribution derived from filing the FAFSA. Students may also be eligible for non-need based aid programs, such as the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan program and merit-based awards.
• Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
• Have a valid Social Security Number.
• Make satisfactory academic progress.
• Have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) certificate, pass a test approved by the U.S. Department of Education, meet other standards the state of Massachusetts establishes that are approved by the U.S. Department of Education, or complete a high school education in a home school setting that is treated as a home school or private school under state law.
• Be a matriculated student enrolled in a degree granting or approved certificate program. Students enrolled in non-degree programs are not eligible for financial aid.
• Be enrolled at least half-time each semester. (Minimum of six credits for graduate students).
• Cannot be in default or in over payment on a federal
Determining Financial Need:

Demonstrated financial need is the difference between the cost of attendance and the expected family contribution. The cost of attendance (COA) includes direct expenses such as tuition and fees, and also includes indirect such as room, board, books and transportation. The expected family contribution (EFC) is determined by the federal needs analysis formula and is calculated by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Types of Financial Aid:

William D. Ford Federal Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan Program: The primary source of financial aid recommended for graduate students is the William D. Ford Federal Direct Student Loan Program. This program allows the student to borrow up to $20,500 per year at a low interest rate in subsidized and/or unsubsidized loans. Eligibility for a subsidized? or unsubsidized? direct loan is determined from the information provided on the FAFSA. A student may receive a subsidized loan and an unsubsidized loan for the same enrollment period. A subsidized? loan is awarded on the basis of financial need. A student will not be charged any interest before repayment begins or during authorized periods of deferment. An unsubsidized? loan is not awarded on the basis of need. A student will be charged interest from the time the loan is disbursed until it is paid in full. If a student allows the interest to accumulate, it will be capitalized—that is, the interest will be added to the principal amount of the loan and additional interest will be based upon the higher amount. For more information about graduate student aid contact visit the Solution Center at www.uml.edu/thesolutioncenter

William D. Ford Federal Direct PLUS Loan Program:

A non-need based federal loan offers up to the cost of attendance minus financial aid per academic year to qualified graduate students and parents/stepparents of undergraduate dependent students. Interest rate is fixed and repayment begins 45-60 days after the second disbursement. Refer to the Direct Loan web site (http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/DirectLoan/index.html) for current interest rates. A FAFSA is not required to apply for the PLUS loan; however, students are encouraged to file a FAFSA so that they can receive the maximum aid available. Parents may download an application online from The Solution Center (https://www.uml.edu/thesolutioncenter/financial-aid/Forms.aspx). Applications should be returned to the financial aid for processing. This is a loan that needs to be repaid by the parent/stepparent.

Other Types of Assistance:

Federal Professional Nurse Traineeship Grant Program: Federally funded grant available to graduate nursing students. Award amounts vary and are dependent upon funding. Please contact the School of Nursing for more information.

Federal Teach Grant: Federally funded grant available to qualifying graduate education majors enrolled in coursework or plan to complete coursework toward a career in teaching in a high need subject area. Contact the Graduate School of Education for more information.

Deans Fellowships: $2,000 awards granted to eligible, newly admitted full-time, in-state Masters candidates not receiving a teaching or research assistantship.

Provosts Fellowships: $4,000 awards granted to eligible, newly admitted full-time, out-of-state and international Masters candidates not receiving a teaching or research assistantship.

ASSISTANTSHIPS

Teaching and Research Assistantships

A limited number of teaching and research assistantships are available for matriculated, full-time (minimum of 9 credits/semester) graduate students. All assistantships are subject to the agreement between UMass Lowell and UAW/Graduate Employees Organization. Teaching assistantships are assigned by the student’s department; therefore, queries regarding teaching assistantships should be directed to the departmental graduate coordinator (https://www.uml.edu/Grad/Accepted-Students/coordinators.aspx) or chairperson (see www.uml.edu/Grad/coordinators.aspx for a list). Research assistantships are available through special arrangements with individual research advisers. Individuals interested in research assistantships should contact departmental faculty members concerning the availability of this form of financial aid.

Qualifying for an Assistantship

To ensure that assistantships are awarded to the most qualified individuals, the University has established the following requirements:

1. No teaching/research assistantship may be awarded to a graduate student with incompletes, F’s, or U’s on his or her transcript.

2. No teaching/research assistantship may be awarded to a graduate student who fails to maintain good academic
standing (a grade point average under 3.0 on the official transcript). See the Academic Standing information at www.uml.edu/catalog/graduate/policies/Academic_Standing.htm.

3. No University-funded teaching/research assistantship may be awarded to a master’s degree candidate if he/she has completed the total number of credits required for his/her program.

4. Level III teaching/research assistantships may only be awarded to graduate students who have reached doctoral candidacy (i.e., completed all course work, oral/written and language examinations) and are enrolled in dissertation research.

Teaching and Research Assistants are awarded either a semester or a yearly contract. The current negotiated agreement between The University of Massachusetts Lowell Board of Trustees and the Graduate Employee Organization is posted on the Human Resources website. Current stipend levels may be found there as well.

Graduate Student Assistantships

A limited number of student assistantships may be available in the departments. Students in this category are paid an hourly rate and are obligated to pay their own tuition and fees. All queries concerning assistantships should be directed to the graduate coordinator (https://www.uml.edu/Grad/Accepted-Students/coordinators.aspx) (www.uml.edu/Grad/coordinators.aspx) (https://www.uml.edu/Grad/Accepted-Students/coordinators.aspx) in the student’s department.

Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering (Ph.D.)

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Energy Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering/Chemical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering/Civil & Environmental Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering/Energy Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering/Manufacturing
- Mechanical Engineering/Manufacturing Engineering
- Plastics Engineering

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
- Nursing

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

- Applied Psychology and Preventative Science
- Applied Biology (https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf)
- Biomedical Science;
- Developmental & Evolutionary Biology;
- Quantitative Biology & Biophysics; and
- Cellular & Molecular Biology
- Biomedical Engineering & Biotechnology
- Business Administration
- Management
- International Business
- Accounting
- Leadership
- Finance
- Management
- Information Systems
- Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Environmental Studies
- Green
Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

- Physical Therapy

Doctor of Science

- Public Health
- Epidemiology

Master's Programs Offered

Listed by Degree Earned

- Master of Arts
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Education
- Master of Music
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Public Health
- Master of Science
- Master of Science in Engineering
- Education Specialist

Master of Arts (MA)

- Community Social Psychology

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

- General Business
- Accounting
- Business Analytics
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Healthcare
- Information Technology
- International Business
- Managerial Leadership
- Marketing

Master of Education (M.Ed.)

- Curriculum & Instruction
- Autism Studies
- Science Education, beyond initial
- Math Education, beyond initial
- Educational Administration
- Higher Education
- Reading & Language

Master of Music (MM)

- Music Education
- Sound Recording Technology

Master of Public Administration (MPA)

- Human Service Management
• Public Humanities and the Arts
• Justice Administration

Master of Public Health (MPH)

Public Health (https://www.uml.edu/Health-Sciences/Public-Health/Programs-of-Study/masters/MPH.aspx)
- Dietetics
- Epidemiology
- Healthcare Management
- Nutrition
- Social and Behavioral Sciences

Master of Science (MS)

- Accounting
- Autism Studies
- Biological Sciences
  Bioinformatics
  Biotechnology
  Education, Communication and Outreach Option (This program does NOT lead to teaching licensure)
- Biomedical Engineering & Biotechnology
  Biomedical & Biotechnology (PSM)
- Business Analytics
- Chemistry
  Chemistry & Polymer Science
  Pharmaceutical Biochemistry (PSM)
- Clinical Laboratory Sciences
  Clinical Lab Science (PSM)
- Computer Science
  Bio/Chemical Informatics
  Software Entrepreneurship - Not Accepting new applications
  Entrepreneurship (PSM) - Not Accepting new applications
- Co-op Option in Engineering

GRADUATE – ALL COLLEGES

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GRADUATE / COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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• Marine Sciences & Technology
  Coast & Ocean Admin.
  Science/Technology (PSM)
• Mathematics
  Applied & Computational
  Mathematics
  Industrial Mathematics (PSM)
  Mathematics for Teachers
  Probability & Statistics
• Nursing
  Adult / Gerontological Nursing
  Family Health Nursing
• Pharmaceutical Science
• Physics
• Public Health
• Radiological Science & Protection
  Radiological Science and Protection (PSM)
  Medical Physics
• Security Studies
  CBRNE Security
  Critical Infrastructure Protection
  Cybersecurity

Master of Science in Engineering (M.S.E.)

• Chemical Engineering
  Leadership
• Civil Engineering
  Leadership
  Environmental Geotechnical Structural Transportation
• Computer Engineering
  Leadership
• Electrical Engineering
  Leadership
  Optics
• Energy Engineering
  Leadership
  Nuclear Solar
• Mechanical Engineering
  Leadership
• Plastics Engineering
  Leadership
  Coatings & Adhesives
  Fibers & Composites
  Synthetic Fibers

Education Specialist (EdS)

• Administration, Planning & Policy
• Curriculum & Instruction
• Reading & Language

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About Graduate Certificates

Most graduate certificate are comprised of four courses designed to provide specific knowledge and expertise vital to today’s changing and complex needs in the work place. In most cases courses may be applied toward a degree program.

Requirements to Complete a Graduate Certificate

The courses to complete the certificate must be completed within a five year period with a minimum 3.0 grade point average, and with no more than 3 credits below B. Courses completed for one certificate may not be used for another certificate. Courses may not be transferred into a graduate certificate; however, approved course substitutions are allowed.

Certificate Application Process

Individuals must complete a simplified application and provide an official undergraduate transcript indicating that a baccalaureate degree has been awarded. GRE’s are not required. NOTE: If your bachelor’s degree is from outside of the U.S., you may be required to take the TOEFL examination. See the university’s requirements for graduate admission.

Graduate Certificates Offered

- Additive Manufacturing (AM) in Radio Frequency (RF) & Microwave (MW) Applications
  ([https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf](https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf))
- Applied Statistics
- Behavioral Intervention in Autism for Board Certified Behavior Analyst
- Behavioral Management in Autism (BCaBA)
- Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology
- Biotechnology & Bioprocessing
- Business Analytics
- Chemistry
- Clinical Pathology
- Commercial Development for Plastic Engineers
- Communications Engineering
- Composites and Materials
- Criminal Justice Leadership & Policy Development
- Cyber Security
- Design and Manufacturing
- Diversity in the Workplace
- Domestic Violence Prevention
- Energy Conversion
- Environmental Atmospheric Science
- Environmental Biotechnology
- Environmental GeoScience
- Ergonomics & Biomechanics
  ([https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf](https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf))
- Evaluation and Assessment
  ([https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf](https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf))
- Family Studies
- Field Programmable Gate Array
- Field Programmable Gate Array Lab-Enhanced (corporate program)
- Financial Management
- Forensic Criminology
- Foundations of Business
- Health Informatics
- Health Management
- Human Computer Interaction
- Integrated Engineering Systems (interdisciplinary)
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Materials Sciences & Engineering
- Medical Imaging and Instrumentations
- Medical Plastics Design & Manufacturing
- Microelectromechanical Systems/Nanoelectromechanical Systems (interdisciplinary)
- Microwave and Wireless Engineering
- Modeling, Simulation, and Control of Systems and Processes
- Molecular & Cellular Biotechnology
- Nutritional Sciences
What differentiates the PSM from the core Master's degree?

The Professional Science Master’s (PSM) is an innovative, non-thesis degree option designed for students to pursue advanced training in science, health or engineering while simultaneously developing professional leadership skills highly valued by employers. PSM programs typically consist of 8 core courses in science, health or engineering, three professional courses in leadership, communication and project management, a paid internship or professional development project and a reflective seminar. PSM programs have been developed in concert with industry in response to employer demands for specific skills and knowledge above and beyond the core science curriculum.

In contrast to typical masters degrees, which require a thesis as a step toward preparation for an academic career, PSM programs are designed as terminal degrees that prepare candidates to compete in the global market. In essence, PSM programs are the MBAs of the 21st century. The National PSM Association offers networking and professional workshops to promote continued career development for PSM alumni across the country.

What PSM programs are available at UMass Lowell?

Graduates earn a masters degree in science with a PSM Option in the fields indicated below.

**Biological Sciences**

- Applied Biotechnology
- Environmental Biotechnology
- Biosafety
- Project Management in Life Sciences

**Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology**

Applications for this program have been suspended.

**Chemistry**

- Chemistry and Polymer Science
- Pharmaceutical Biochemistry

**Clinical Laboratory Sciences**

Applications for this program have been suspended.
Learning Outcomes Assessment Policy

In keeping with the University’s commitment to excellent educational experiences and high-quality programs for its students, and consistent with practices at other institutions within the state and nationally, UMass Lowell routinely engages in the assessment of student learning at the course, program, institution and systems levels. The learning outcomes assessment process may include a variety of methods such as standardized tests, student surveys and focus groups, campus developed instruments, and a review of student work will be protected. In circumstances beyond the individual course level, the identity of the student will be protected. The student’s name, grade or other identifying information will be removed before the student work is reviewed. Selected student work may be subject to review by a limited cohort of higher educational personnel, primarily faculty. Assessment of student learning is undertaken primarily for the purpose of improving student learning, curriculum development, instructional improvement, and enhancing student academic success. Assessment activities will have absolutely no effect on a student’s grade, academic standing, ability to transfer, or ability to be graduated. UMass Lowell will take all necessary steps to ensure the confidentiality of all student records and student work reviewed through this process in accordance with FERPA regulation.

UMass System Graduate Programs

UMass Lowell offers two intercampus programs drawing on the strengths of the whole UMass System.

- Marine Science
- Biomedical Engineering & Biotechnology Program

Bachelor’s to Master’s Programs

Earn Two Degrees in as Little as Five Years

- Eligibility
- Course Credits
- How to Transition
- Francis College of Engineering Expanded Bachelor’s to Master’s Policy

NOTE: A course with a Pass/No Credit election cannot be applied to the university’s Bachelor’s to Master’s Program.

In order to encourage outstanding UMass Lowell
undergraduate degree students to continue their studies towards an advanced degree, qualified students may transition to the Bachelor’s to Master’s programs include the Fast Track to Teaching and Plus 1 programs.

This option carries distinct benefits. No graduate application is required for UMass Lowell’s Bachelor’s to Master’s programs. In addition, many departments offer course credit benefits. (For detailed information regarding specific course credit benefits, please see the Graduate Coordinator in the respective master’s degree granting department.)

The transcripts of the students who declare their intention to transition to master’s programs will be reviewed by the graduate coordinator to ensure the GPA and prerequisite requirements are met. Students should also provide one letter of recommendation to support their transition to the master’s program. Refer to the Bachelor’s to Master’s (https://www.uml.edu/Academics/undergraduate-programs/bachelors-masters.aspx) page for more information.

Eligibility

Any UMass Lowell undergraduate junior or senior with a grade point average of 3.0 or better may apply to a Masters degree program at UMass Lowell under the Accelerated Bachelor’s to Masters Degree Option. However, to be accepted into this option the following minimum conditions must be met (individual departments may have more stringent requirements):

1. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above at the time the baccalaureate degree is conferred in order to maintain eligibility for this option.
2. The student must apply for and receive his/her baccalaureate degree before matriculating into the graduate program.
3. Once accepted, a student is expected to begin his/her graduate studies in the semester immediately following conferral of the baccalaureate degree unless the student submits a written request for deferral. A student is allowed to defer for a maximum of one year from the date of acceptance. For example, if accepted for the Spring 2020 semester, an individual can defer to either the Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 semesters. A student defers acceptance by submitting a written request to the Office of Graduate Admissions (mailto:Graduate_Admisions@uml.edu). All deferral requests must specify which semester the student wishes to enroll. Students who are confirmed to transition to the Bachelor’s to Master’s Degree Option who opts not to enroll in at least one course within the graduate department to which they have been accepted in the semester immediately following conferral of the bachelors degree and who does not submit a deferral request forfeits his/her rights to benefits under this program. Should the student decide to begin his/her studies at a later time he/she will be required to the graduate program and submit all required admission materials.

Course Credits

The graduate degree granting department may allow course credit benefits; however, the following requirements apply:

1. Any graduate courses taken by a baccalaureate degree student that are credited towards the Masters degree must have been obtained with a grade of B or better.
2. A graduate level course used to fulfill both an undergraduate degree requirement and a undergraduate minor requirement is also eligible to be used in the Master’s, but only up to the maximum number allowed for the specific Master’s degree.
3. Only courses of 5000 level or higher may count toward the Masters degree.
4. Transfer credits is not accepted for graduate certificates. The Bachelor’s to Master’s program benefits do not include credits toward a graduate certificate.
5. As defined by the graduate degree granting department, a maximum of 12 graduate credits (5000 level or above) may be used for the masters degree as follows: - Up to 12 credits may be transferred provided these graduate credits were taken in excess of the university minimum of 120 baccalaureate degree credits, or, - for programs requiring fewer than 33 credits, a maximum of up to six credits of graduate (5000 level or higher) courses may be used by a student in the Accelerated Bachelor’s to Master’s Degree Option for both the
graduate and undergraduate degrees; or,

- for program requiring 33-35 credits, at the discretion of the affected department, a maximum of up to nine credits of graduate (5000 level or higher) courses may be used by a student in the Accelerated Bachelor’s to Master’s Degree Option for both the graduate and undergraduate degrees; or,

- for programs requiring 36 or more credits, at the discretion of the affected department, a maximum of up to twelve credits of graduate (5000 level or higher) courses may be used by a student in the Accelerated Bachelors to Masters Degree Option for both the graduate and undergraduate degrees.

6. Students must petition to have specific courses (5000 level or above) taken during their undergraduate career apply towards their graduate degree via an Academic Petition.

7. A course with a Pass/No Credit election cannot be applied to the University’s Bachelor’s to Master’s Program.

How to Transition to Bachelor’s to Master’s Programs

Undergraduate students are requested to apply to transition by submitting the application for transition found on the Undergraduate Bachelor’s to Master’s page ([https://www.uml.edu/Academics/undergraduate-programs/bachelors-masters.aspx](https://www.uml.edu/Academics/undergraduate-programs/bachelors-masters.aspx)). Students normally apply to transition in the second semester of their third year as an undergraduate (up until the last day of classes in their final semester before graduation).

Francis College of Engineering Expanded Bachelor’s to Master’s Policy

The Francis College of Engineering participates in the UMass Lowell Bachelors to Masters Program and expands this benefit to applicants from other ABET-accredited engineering programs. All applicants from ABET-accredited institutions who meet the UMass Lowell BS/MS admissions criteria may transfer (double count) eligible graduate-level credits taken for the completion of their undergraduate degree program at their home institution to their UMass Lowell (UML) masters degree program. The maximum number of credits to be transferred will be the same as are allowed by UMass Lowell Francis students who graduate from the College of Engineering.

Additionally, all Bachelors to Masters rules and regulations, including minimum grade requirements, must be met.

Eligibility

Applicants for this expanded program must have a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 in appropriate engineering majors from other ABET-accredited institutions. As with current admissions policy in Engineering, the GRE may be waived for applicants meeting these criteria (minimum GPA from ABET-accredited engineering program).

Double Counting

Consistent with the current transfer policy, only graduate courses with grades of B or better may transfer. Also consistent with current policy, each department decides whether a course from another institution may or may not fulfill a departmental program requirement.

UMass Lowell offers more than three dozen master’s programs, including Education Specialist (Ed.S.) post-graduate programs. Many of our programs have non-thesis options. If you’re not ready to matriculate into a full program, consider our certificate programs. If you are looking for a doctoral program, we offer more than two dozen in a wide range of disciplines.

Online & Professional Studies Programs

UMass Lowell offers a number of graduate degrees and certificates ([https://gps.uml.edu/academic-programs/?planlevels=graduate](https://gps.uml.edu/academic-programs/?planlevels=graduate)) and part-time undergraduate degrees and certificates ([https://gps.uml.edu/academic-programs/?planlevels=undergraduate](https://gps.uml.edu/academic-programs/?planlevels=undergraduate)) entirely online, or as a mix of online and on-campus courses through its Division of Graduate, Online & Professional Studies. By making the courses available online - during the evening and on weekends - the University makes it easier for busy professionals to fit education into their lives.
General Regulations for Graduate Students

Each University student is subject to two sets of academic regulations - those of the University as a whole, which are cited in this section, and the academic rules of the college and program in which he or she is enrolled. The academic rules of colleges and programs are listed in sections devoted to college programs.

In registering for courses, each student assumes full responsibility for knowledge of and compliance with the definitions, regulations, and procedures for the University, as set forth in this publication. Moreover, in accepting admission to the University, each student assumes responsibility for knowledge of and compliance with the definitions, regulations, and procedures of the University pertaining to his or her student status as set forth in the appropriate UML publications.

Students who have questions about the interpretation or application of University academic policy should consult the dean of their college or the Vice Provost for Graduate Education.

Graduate Policies

- Academic Integrity
- Academic Standing
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- Transfer Credits
- University Appeals Process Regarding Academic (Non-misconduct) Issues
- University Disciplinary Procedures
- Veterans Benefits and Transition
- Withdraw from a Course or the University

Academic Integrity Policy

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL POLICY AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO STUDENT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND MISCONDUCT

I. Statement of Principles: The University has a responsibility to promote academic honesty and integrity and to develop procedures to deal effectively with instances of academic dishonesty. Students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work, for the appropriate citation of sources, and for respect of others academic endeavors. Academic dishonesty is prohibited in all programs of the university.

II. Academic Misconduct Subject to Disciplinary Action:

(1) Academic misconduct is an act in which a student:

(a) Seeks to claim credit for the work or efforts of another without authorization or citation;
(b) Uses unauthorized materials or fabricated data in any academic exercise;
(c) Forges or falsifies academic documents or records;
(d) Intentionally impedes or damages the academic work of others;
(e) Engages in conduct aimed at making false representation of a student’s academic performance; or
(f) Assists other students in any of these acts.

(2) Examples of academic misconduct include, but are not limited to: cheating on an examination; collaborating with others in work to be presented, contrary to the stated rules of the course; submitting a paper or assignment as one’s own work when a part or all of the paper or assignment is the work of another; submitting a paper or assignment that contains ideas or research of others without appropriately identifying the sources of those ideas; getting unauthorized access to examinations or course materials; submitting, without the permission of the current instructor, work previously presented in another course; tampering with the laboratory experiment or computer program of another student; knowingly and intentionally assisting another student in any of the above, including assistance in an arrangement whereby any work, classroom performance, examination or
other activity is submitted or performed by a person other than the student under whose name the work is submitted or performed.

III. Possible Disciplinary Sanctions:

(1) The following are the disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed by an instructor for academic misconduct:

(a) An oral or written notice of misconduct;
(b) An assignment to repeat the work, to be graded on its merits;
(c) A lower or failing grade on the particular assignment or test;
(d) A lower grade in the course;
(e) A failing grade in the course;

In addition, an instructor or the Academic Dean may recommend the following sanctions:

(f) A non-deletable failing grade in the course;
(g) Suspension from the University; (h) Expulsion from the university.

Sanctions f-h are imposed by the Office of the Provost.

(2) One or more of the disciplinary sanctions listed above may be imposed for an incident of academic misconduct.

IV. Definitions

As used herein:

(1) Office of the Provost means the Provost, Vice Provost or a designee.

(2) Days means academic calendar days and excludes Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays and days upon which the university is closed.

(3) Academic Dean means the Academic Dean or designee for the college in which the subject course is taught.

(4) Instructor refers to the Instructor of Record.

(5) Minor Disciplinary Sanction means a disciplinary sanction, identified in paragraph III (1) (a)-(e) and imposed, for academic misconduct, upon a student by an instructor.

(6) Major Disciplinary Sanction means a disciplinary sanction, identified in paragraph III (1) (f)-(h) and imposed, for academic misconduct, upon a student by the Office of the Provost or the Academic Integrity Appeals Board upon the recommendation of the instructor or the Academic Dean or imposed at the discretion of the Office of the Provost.

(7) Notice to the student, whenever required herein, shall be e-mailed to the students official student.uml.edu e-mail address or mailed to the student by regular first class United States mail at his or her current address as maintained by the university.

V. Imposition of Disciplinary Sanctions by the Instructor:

(1) Where an instructor concludes that a student enrolled in one of his or her courses has engaged in academic misconduct, the instructor may impose one or more of the following disciplinary sanctions, as listed under paragraph III, subsections (a) through (e):

(a) An oral or written notice of misconduct;
(b) An assignment to repeat the work, to be graded on its merits;
(c) A lower or failing grade on the particular assignment or test;
(d) A lower grade in the course;
(e) A failing grade in the course.

(2) When possible, prior to imposing a minor sanction, the instructor shall notify the student that the instructor believes an act of academic misconduct has occurred, that a sanction may be imposed, and that a Notification of Academic Dishonesty Form will be filed with the Office of the Provost.

(3) Upon the imposition of a minor sanction under this section, the instructor shall notify the Office of the Provost.

(4) Within 10 days following receipt of such notice, the Office of the Provost shall provide notice of the imposed discipline to the student, the instructor and to the Academic Dean. Notification to the student shall include a statement of the misconduct, specification of the sanction imposed, a statement indicating the students right to an appeal before the Academic Dean and a link to the policy and procedures set forth herein.

(5) A student who receives notice of a disciplinary sanction imposed under this section has the right to a hearing before the Academic Dean to contest the determination that academic misconduct occurred or the disciplinary sanction imposed or both. If the student desires such a hearing, he or she must file a written request with the Office of the Provost and the Academic Dean within 10 days of receipt of notice from the Office of the Provost.

(6) In the event that the student does not file a written request for an appeal within 10 days, the Office of the Provost shall review the matter with respect to the subject student and may, at his or her discretion, uphold the recommended sanction or impose a major sanction. In any event, the Office of the Provost shall, within a reasonable time, provide notice of the outcome to the student, the instructor and to the Academic Dean.

VI. Recommendation of Major Disciplinary Sanction by the 
Instructor:

(1) Where an instructor concludes that a student enrolled in one of his or her courses has engaged in academic misconduct in the course, the instructor for that course may recommend one or more of the following disciplinary sanctions:

(f) A non-deletable failing grade in the course;
(g) Suspension from the University;
(h) Expulsion from the University.

(2) When possible, prior to the recommendation of a major sanction, the instructor shall notify the student that the instructor believes an act of academic misconduct has occurred, that a major sanction is being recommended, and that a Notification of Academic Dishonesty Form will be filed with the Office of the Provost.

(3) Upon the recommendation of a major sanction under this section, the instructor shall notify the Office of the Provost using the Notification of Academic Dishonesty Form (https://powerforms.docusign.net/0687535d-2f15-49db-b1e5-1190d3448cb7?env=na2). Notification to the Office of the Provost shall occur with 10 days and shall include identification of the student, a description of the misconduct and a specification of the sanction recommended.

(4) Within 10 days following receipt of such notice, the Office of the Provost shall provide notice of the recommended discipline to the student, the instructor, and the Academic Dean. Notification to the student shall include a statement of the misconduct, specification of the sanction recommended, a statement indicating the student's right to an appeal before the Academic Dean and a copy of the policy and procedures set forth herein.

(5) A student who receives notice of a disciplinary sanction recommended under this section has the right to a hearing before the Academic Dean to contest the determination that academic misconduct occurred or the disciplinary sanction recommended or both. If the student desires such a hearing, he or she must file a written request with the Office of the Provost and the Academic Dean within 10 days of receipt of notice from the Office of the Provost.

(6) In the event that the student does not file a written request for an appeal within 10 days, the Office of the Provost shall review the matter and may, at his or her discretion, impose or modify the sanction recommended. In any event, the Office of the Provost shall, within a reasonable time, provide notice of the outcome to the student, the instructor, and to the Academic Dean.

VII. Appeal to the Academic Dean: When an appeal to the Academic Dean is commenced in accordance with the provisions set forth in Paragraphs V(5) or VI(5), the Academic Dean shall proceed in accordance with this section to consider one or more of the disciplinary sanctions listed in paragraph IV, subsections (1) (a) through (h).

(1) Conference With Student: The Academic Dean shall offer to discuss the matter with the student. The purpose of this discussion is to permit the Academic Dean to review with the student the charges levied against him or her and to afford the student an opportunity to respond.

(2) Conference With Instructor: The Academic Dean shall attempt to discuss the matter with any involved instructor. This discussion may occur either before or after the conference with the student. It should include consultation with the instructor on the facts underlying the alleged academic misconduct and on the appropriateness of the imposed or recommended sanction.

(3) Determination that No Academic Misconduct Occurred: If, as a result of discussions under subsections (1) and (2), the Academic Dean determines that academic misconduct did not in fact occur or that the disciplinary sanction is not appropriate under the circumstances, the Academic Dean shall notify the instructor and the Office of the Provost. The Office of the Provost shall promptly thereafter notify the student and take appropriate action with respect to the student records.

(4) If, as a result of discussions under subsections (1) and (2), the Academic Dean determines that academic misconduct did occur and that one or more of the disciplinary sanctions listed under paragraph III, subsections (1) (a) through (h) is appropriate, the Academic Dean shall prepare and forward to the Office of the Provost, within 10 days, a written Finding of Misconduct which shall include identification of the student, a description of the alleged misconduct, a summary of evidence, findings of fact and a specification of the disciplinary sanction imposed.

VIII. Appeal to the Office of the Provost

The decision reached by the Academic Dean may be appealed to the Provost Office of the Provost if the student believes that he or she did not receive due process.

Grounds for Appeal of Due Process

An appeal to the Office of the Provost shall be limited to a review of supporting documents and the process and outcome of the Academic Dean or designee for one or more of the following grounds:

Bias by the Instructor, Academic Dean, or designee substantially influenced the outcome of the process to the detriment of the student.

New, relevant information has come to light that was not available at the time of the hearing by the Academic Dean.

Unusual procedures were followed or the procedures outlined herein were not followed, to the detriment of the student.
If the student desires such a hearing, he or she must file a written request with the Office of the Provost and the Academic Dean within 10 days of receipt of notice from the Office of the Provost. The request must be based upon the Grounds for Appeal listed above.

(2) When an appeal to the Office of the Provost is commenced in accordance with this paragraph, the Office of the Provost shall review the matter with respect to the subject student and may, at his or her discretion, uphold, vacate or modify the discipline imposed or direct such appeal to be heard by the Academic Integrity Appeals Board. In any event, the Office of the Provost shall, within a reasonable time, provide notice of the outcome to the student, instructor, and to the Academic Dean.

(3) In the event that the student does not file a written request for an appeal within 10 days, the Office of the Provost shall review the matter with respect to the subject student and may, at his or her discretion, uphold or modify the discipline imposed. In any event, the Office of the Provost shall, within a reasonable time, provide notice of the outcome to the student, instructor and to the Academic Dean.

IX. Role of the Academic Integrity Appeals Board:

(1) The Academic Integrity Appeals Board is an ad hoc committee appointed by the Office of the Provost and consists of a minimum of three faculty members chosen by the Office of the Provost with no two members selected from the same College; the board shall not include a faculty member from within the department initiating charges of academic dishonesty. The Board is chaired by the Office of the Provost who shall vote only in the case of a tie. [Or One member shall serve as Chair at the direction of the Office of the Provost. The Chair shall vote only in the case of a tie.]

When an appeal is directed to the Academic Integrity Appeals Board by the Office of the Provost in accordance with the provisions set forth in Paragraphs VIII, the Academic Integrity Appeals Board shall schedule the hearing, within a reasonable time period, at a time that is mutually agreed upon by the student, Office of the Provost and members of the Academic Integrity Appeals Board.

(2) Reasonably in advance of the hearing, the Academic Integrity Appeals Board shall obtain from the Academic Dean, in writing, a full explanation of the facts upon which the determination of misconduct was based and shall provide to the student a copy of the policy and procedures set forth herein.

(3) The hearing before the Academic Integrity Appeals Board shall be conducted in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) The Academic Integrity Appeals Board shall consider relevant evidence including documentary evidence and testimony of the instructor, student, Chair and/or Dean where appropriate.

(b) The student shall have the right to be heard and to present relevant evidence, including documentary evidence and the testimony of witnesses, in his or her own behalf.

(c) The Academic Integrity Appeals Board shall maintain a record of the hearing including any and all pleadings and documentary evidence presented.

(d) The Academic Integrity Appeals Board shall prepare written findings of fact and a written statement of its decision based upon the record of the hearing.

(e) The Academic Integrity Appeals Board may find academic misconduct and impose a sanction of suspension or expulsion only if the proof of such misconduct is clear and convincing. In other cases, a finding of misconduct must be based on a preponderance of the credible evidence.

(f) The Academic Integrity Appeals Board may impose a disciplinary sanction that differs from the recommendation of the Academic Dean.

(g) The instructor or Academic Dean may be witnesses at the hearing conducted by the Academic Integrity Appeals Board, but shall not have responsibility for conducting the hearing.

(4) Determination that No Academic Misconduct Occurred: If, after the hearing, the Academic Integrity Appeals Board determines that there is insufficient evidence that academic misconduct occurred or that no disciplinary sanction is appropriate under the circumstances, the Academic Integrity Appeals Board shall notify the instructor, the Academic Dean and the Office of the Provost. The Office of the Provost shall promptly thereafter notify the student and take appropriate action with respect to the student records.

(5) Process Following Determination by the Academic Integrity Appeals Board that Academic Misconduct Occurred:

(a) If, after the hearing, the Academic Integrity Appeals Board determines that academic misconduct did occur and that one or more of the disciplinary sanctions listed under paragraph III, subsections (1) (a) through (h) is appropriate, the Academic Integrity Appeals Board shall prepare and forward to the Office of the Provost, within 10 days, a written Finding of Misconduct which shall include identification of the student, a description of the misconduct and a specification of the disciplinary sanction to be imposed.

(b) Within 10 days following receipt of the written Finding of Misconduct from the Academic Integrity Appeals Board, the Office of the Provost shall provide written notice of the imposed discipline to the instructor, the Academic Dean and
Academic Dismissal and Reinstatement

Any student whose semester GPA falls below 3.0 for a third time, and whose cumulative GPA is below 3.0, will automatically be dismissed from his or her graduate program and the University. Reinstatement will be considered if the student provides a detailed justification and academic plan concerning how he or she will correct this academic deficiency. The plan must be attached to a Graduate Academic Petition and approved by the graduate coordinator, chairperson, the college dean, and the Vice Provost for Graduate Education or his/her designee. If any of the above individuals disapproves of the reinstatement, the dismissal will remain in effect and no subsequent appeals will be considered.

Independent of the warning/probation/dismissal system, the dean of the college where the student’s degree program resides may at any time examine the performance of any student not meeting the academic standard expected of graduate students within that college and recommend to the appropriate graduate committee a course of action including dismissal.

For the procedure for formal adjudication of any academic issues (non-misconduct) which may arise, please see University Appeals Process Regarding Academic (non-misconduct) Issues of Graduate Students.

Graduate Fresh Start

Master and Doctoral degree candidates and non-degree students who have been absent from the University for four years or longer may be readmitted under the program Graduate Fresh Start. If admitted into a degree granting program, under the terms of Graduate Fresh Start, a returning graduate student will be treated as if s/he were a new student. A maximum of two courses (six credits) at the 500 level or higher completed during earlier periods of enrollment with grades of "B" or better may, with the approval of the degree granting department, be transferred into the degree program. These courses must be transferred via an academic petition and will be accepted toward graduation but not included in the cumulative grade point average (GPA). Thesis and dissertation research credits are ineligible for transfer. Courses completed during earlier periods of enrollment with grades below "B" are not eligible for transfer. A student may be readmitted under the Graduate Fresh Start program only once at the graduate level.

Students who wish to be considered for the Graduate Fresh Start Program must follow the normal procedures for admission to the University and file a Graduate Fresh Start Contract (https://www.uml.edu/docs/graduatefreshstart16_tcm18-229435.pdf) (pdf). Academic Petitions for transfer credits must be approved by the appropriate graduate coordinator and/or department chair of the degree granting department, and must be filed with the University Registrar. In addition, the student must submit a personal statement which addresses personal
and professional growth during the period of time in which the student was absent from the University which supports the students potential for academic success. If admitted, credits and GPA start at zero. Transfer courses may count towards the degree, but are not included in the GPA.

All courses taken and grades achieved during earlier periods of enrollment will appear on the transcript along with a notation that they are not included in the cumulative grade point average. Once this change is made to the academic record, the change can NOT be reversed.

Spring 2020 Academic Standing

The university will temporarily suspend our student academic standing status process. Designations of "Warning", "Probation", or "Dismissal" will not appear on transcripts for Spring 2020. Students will maintain their Spring 2020 academic standing through the Fall of 2020. The university will determine students who have earned a place on the dean's list based on their calculated letter-grade GPA for Spring 2020.

Acceptance of Foreign or American Master's Degree toward Doctoral Requirements

Students accepted into a doctoral program who hold a master's degree in the same or a closely related discipline from a U.S. or foreign academic institution will have their transcripts and supporting documentation reviewed by the department graduate committee.

The committee may choose one of the following actions:

1. Approve all coursework and thesis for the master's degree up to the total number of credits granted by the University of Massachusetts Lowell department for its master's degree, and thereby require the student to complete only "beyond the master's" course/thesis credits for the doctorate.
2. Accept the U.S. or foreign master's degree, but because of deficiencies in the student's master's program, require a limited number of graduate courses to be added to the total credits required for doctoral degree completion "beyond the master's".
3. Require that a student with a U.S. or foreign master's degree obtain a University of Massachusetts Lowell master's degree before proceeding to the doctorate.

All coursework for U.S. or foreign master's degrees considered for approval by the department must be at a grade level of B or better. Official, documented verification of the degree awarded must also be provided.

Commencement

Conferring of Degrees

Individuals who wish to submit verification of degree completion to employers or to graduate schools during the period between the end of their final grading period and the awarding of diplomas may obtain a letter of completion from the Registrars Office.

Academic Honors

Due to the many fields and diversity of study at UMass Lowell, academic honors for graduate students are discipline-based and vary within respective colleges. Honors for graduate students are not listed on transcripts.

Replacement Diploma

Replacement diplomas may be ordered through Registrar's Office for an additional fee.

Registration and Enrollment Policies
Continuous Registration

In order to maintain continuity of enrollment, a matriculated student must register each fall and spring until the program of study is complete and the degree has been earned. A graduate student who plans to receive his/her graduate degree in the summer term (awarded in August) must register during the previous summer session in order to maintain continuous matriculation.

If for any reason a student is not registered for a course (because of a leave of absence or because the thesis or dissertation has been successfully defended, but the final manuscript has not been submitted to the library), the student must register for CONT.6010 (Continued Matriculation) in order to maintain continuous registration. Since students are not allowed to register if they have outstanding financial obligations to the university, it will be necessary for them to clear their financial record in order to register for Continued Matriculation.

Master’s students may only register for two semesters of Continued Matriculation. Doctoral candidates may register for up to three semesters. Exceptions to the this rule may be granted with approval of the academic department (Graduate Coordinator/Department Chair) and college dean. Students completing a thesis or dissertation must also have the approval of their thesis/dissertation advisor. Exceptions must be requested via a Graduate Academic Petition. If an exception is not granted, the student will be withdrawn from the University and need to reapply. If a student reappplies and is readmitted, the rules regarding the Statute of Limitations restart.

Continued Matriculation does not entitle a student to any use of university facilities, services or resources, but only maintains an active record and provides for appropriate mailings. Students who are engaged in academic work necessary to complete their thesis or dissertation, participate in a required full time internship or curricular practical training, or otherwise engage in or make use of University facilities or other resources must register for a minimum of 1 credit. (Note: Specific internship/CPT requirements will vary by department and students may be required to register for 3, 6, or 9 credits depending upon their program of study.)

The rules regarding the Statute of Limitations for the completion of master’s and doctoral degrees still apply to students registered for Continued Matriculation.

All international students on F-1 or J-1 visas must register as full-time students (9 credits) each semester until their degree requirements are completed. Any variance from this policy must be approved by the International Student and Scholars Office.

A student who fails to maintain continuous matriculation loses the status of a degree candidate and must reapply to the Graduate Admissions Office (https://www.uml.edu/Grad/default.aspx) for readmission and for renewal of candidacy.

Dropping Classes and Refund Policy

Graduate students may drop courses during the first ten days of classes and receive a refund. No refund will be given after these time periods. To formally withdraw from a course during this period, or thereafter, the student must drop the course through SiS (https://www.uml.edu/Enrollment/SiS/default.aspx) self service (www.uml.edu/enrollment/isis/default.aspx). If the student fails to officially drop a course, he or she will remain enrolled and be required to pay for tuition and fees. In addition, if the student does not drop a course and does not attend classes, he or she will receive an "F" on the official transcript.

Changes in Registration

Courses may be added or dropped through self-service in SiS (https://www.uml.edu/Enrollment/SiS/default.aspx) (www.uml.edu/enrollment/isis/default.aspx). Students who wish to add a course during the sixth through 10th day of classes will need a permission number from the instructor of the course. Permission numbers are not needed to drop a course. In addition, students may change from audit to credit or from credit to audit during this period. Courses dropped during the first 10 academic days will not appear on the student's permanent record. No new courses may be added and no course may be changed from audit to credit after the tenth academic day. Thereafter, a student wishing to drop courses must do so by the date indicated in the Graduate Academic Calendar (http://www.uml.edu/Registrar/Calendars/default.aspx).

No refund of tuition and fees is allowed after the tenth day of the semester. The grades for courses dropped after the tenth day will appear as W on the student’s record.

Change of Program

A graduate student wishing to change departments or transfer to a doctoral program upon completion of his or her master’s degree must follow the steps listed below:

1. No transfers will be considered until the student has been
in the original department in which he or she was accepted for at least one semester.

2. All sections of a new application sheet must be completed.

3. If so desired, the student may request that all test scores, letters of recommendation, etc., in his or her original file be used as part of his or her new application package.

4. The student must specify on the application form when his or her master’s degree will be completed and when he or she will actually begin doctoral studies (for students applying to a doctoral program).

5. A check made payable to University of Massachusetts Lowell to cover the application fee must be included, or payment must be made by credit card when applying online.

Course Credit

Maximun Semester Credit Limit

Graduate Credit for Undergraduate Courses
Undergraduate Credit for Graduate Courses

Maximun Semester Credit Limit

The usual course load for full-time graduate students is 9 credits/semester. Depending upon the program requirements and abilities of the student, individuals may carry more than 9 credits each semester. However, the absolute maximum number of total credits (combined undergraduate and graduate) for which a graduate student will be allowed to register is 18 credits/semester. The maximum number of thesis or dissertation credits for which a student may enroll in any semester is nine credits.

During the summer term students are classified as full-time when they are registered for a minimum of 9 credits which may combine courses/credits from the different sessions within the summer term. Students who enroll in only one of the accelerated summer session (summer I or summer II) may be considered by the institution as the equivalent to full-time for the specific time period of that session only when registered for a minimum of 6 credits. This is for enrollment purposes only. Please note: Financial aid, veterans benefits or other types of aid define 9 credits for full-time study.

Navitas Summer Pathway Program
The University of Massachusetts Lowell (UMass Lowell) offers a 10-week summer session to its Pre Undergraduate and Pre Masters international students. These students are admitted into a Bachelor’s or Masters program with the condition of a preparatory semester(s) which could encompass the summer session. The Pre Undergraduate and Pre Masters summer session consists of intensive academics of 18-22 clock hours per week in English, Mathematics and Cultural Support.

Graduate Credit for Undergraduate Courses

UMass Lowell courses at the 400 level are designed for seniors but under certain circumstances may be taken by graduate students for graduate credit. A maximum of 6 credits of 400 level courses may be used for credit toward the graduate degree with the permission of the degree granting department. Three hundred level courses and below are never counted toward a graduate degree. If a graduate student takes certain undergraduate courses to make up for background deficiencies or to satisfy language requirements, the course credit hours are not used as part of the graduate degree program but will appear on the graduate transcript.

Undergraduate Credit for Graduate Courses

A qualified junior or senior may take a course at the 500 level for undergraduate credit in accordance with the policy and procedures of the department or college in which the course is offered. The grade received in any such course is used in calculating the undergraduate’s cumulative grade point average. Counting of graduate credits for both the bachelor’s and masters degrees is subject to departmental requirements.

At no time may grades computed in an undergraduate GPA be used toward a graduate GPA.

Course Designations

- Course Numbering System
- Continuing Graduate Research
- Course Prefixes
- Audit

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Course

Numbering System and Designation:
- 4000-4999 - Undergraduate courses usually designed for juniors or seniors; no more than six credits may be taken for graduate credit with the permission of the graduate coordinator.
- 5000-5999 - Courses for graduate credit, but which may be taken by advanced undergraduates with the advisor's permission.
- 6000-6999 - Graduate courses which are open only to graduate students.
- 7000-7999 - Seminars, special topic courses, projects, or thesis research for advanced candidates in master's and doctoral degree programs.

Each course offering is designated by a four letter prefix and a four-digit course number (e.g., BIOL.5290).

Continuing Graduate Research

Once a student has completed the required number of credits for master's or doctoral thesis/dissertation research with grades of PR or S (see summary of degree credit requirements), he or she will not be allowed to sign up for additional thesis/dissertation research credits. Instead, if required for teaching/research assistantships or immigration/visa purposes, the student may enroll in 3, 6, or 9 credits of Continuing Graduate Research designated _ _ _ _ where the first two blanks represent the departmental designation, 3, 6, and 9 indicate the respective number of credits, and the last three blanks are the standard numbers which code to a particular faculty member in the department.

The two digit college prefix identifies a college department and/or special area. The three-digit course number identifies the course level.

Course Prefixes

Each college department and/or special subject area has been assigned an identifying two digit number within the numerical ranges specified as follows:
- Education - EDUC
- Engineering - CHEN, CIVE, EECE, ETEC, ENVE &MECH, MTEC, ENGY, ENGN, PLAS
- Health - PUBH &AREO, HSCI, NURS, DPTH, NUTR, HSCI,
- MLSC, EXER
- Humanities/Social Sciences, Fine Arts - AMST, LGST, ENGL, HIST, CRIM, PHIL, POLI, PSYS, ASP, SOCI, ECON, WLFT, WLGE, WLIT, WLAR, WLKH, WLCH, WLPO, WLAN, WLSI, WLSP, WLLA, ARHI, FAHS &ARTS, MUTH, MUAP MUED, MUHI, MUPF, MUEN, MUBU, MUSR, AEST
- Management - ACCT, FINA, MKTG, POMS, MIST, ENTR, MGMT, BUSI
- Science and Math - BIOL, LIFE, CHEM, ATMO, ENVI, GEOL, INFO, COMP, MATH, MSIT, PHYS, POLY, RADI
- Biomedical Engineering - BMBT
- Marine Science - im

Audit

A graduate student may, upon approval of the advisor and the instructor, register for a course on an audit basis, but must pay the full amount of tuition and fees. An audit student is not required to take tests or the final examination. A change in registration from audit to credit or credit to audit must be done during the add/drop period. Under no circumstances can a course taken for audit be given credit at a later date.

Equal and Fair Treatment

Under federal and state laws, all students are protected from discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, disability, gender, (including sexual harassment), age, sexual orientation, marital or veteran status. If you feel that you have been discriminated against based upon any one of these areas, you must contact Equal Opportunity and Outreach (EOO). These protections also include retaliation for filing complaints of discrimination. Concerns regarding course offerings, instructor and student attitudes should also be directed to EOO staff at 978-934-3565.

Students are responsible for adhering to the polices of the University regarding equal and fair treatment.

Graduate Grading Policies

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Grading System

The grading system uses grades:

- A+(4.0), A(4.0), A-(3.7)
- B+(3.3), B(3.0), B-(2.7)
- C+(2.3), C(2.0)
- F(0.0)
- FX (0.0) Failed due to Academic Misconduct (May not be replaced or deleted)

The following special grades are also used:

- INC (Incomplete)
- S (Satisfactory, B or better)
- U (Unsatisfactory) for projects, theses/dissertations, and seminars only
- AU (Audit)
- W (Withdrawal from a course or from the University)
- X (Withdrawal because of illness or personal emergency)
- Y (University withdrawal for non-academic reasons)
- PR (In Progress for theses or dissertations)
- NC (No Credit for theses or dissertations where no progress has been made)

A student registering for research will do so each semester up to the total number recommended. No graduate degree will be awarded to a student whose cumulative average for course work in his or her program is below 3.0. Some programs may require a higher grade point average for graduation. The cumulative grade point average is computed from all graduate level courses taken for a grade at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

SPRING 2020 GRADING SCHEME

Faculty Senate passed a spring 2020 grading scheme on March 25, 2020:

For Spring 2020, any grade of F will be converted to NC and not factored into the students GPA. Students may submit requests to change their grading scheme to Pass-No Credit option from the last day of classes, May 1, 2020 through May 15, 2020. Requests for change of grading scheme may only be made by the student. A new form will be created for this purpose, and will be made available by the start of the advising period. Pass-No Credit courses earn credits when the grade of P is assigned, but these credits are not qualitatively weighted and hence do not affect a students academic average. Requests for changes of grading scheme will be approved by the deans office of the students home college, regardless of which college offers the course in question.

Students may present a grade of P in a prerequisite course taken in Spring 2020 to satisfy the enrollment requirement for a postrequirement course that normally requires a specific minimum letter grade in the prerequisite with departmental approval.

Where a programs professional accreditation requires students to be evaluated with a letter grade, no requests for P/NC grading schemes will be granted.

A course with a Pass/No Credit election cannot be applied to the Universitys Bachelors to Masters Program.

There are no changes to the current transfer credit policy, and letter grades are required for transfer consideration.

Changes of grading scheme are final.

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*Based on a typical 3-credit course.

Grade Exclusion

A request may be submitted to omit a specific course (grade and credits) from the GPA for matriculated students. Such a request must be presented on an Academic Petition, provide detailed justification for the specific action, and certify that the action has been approved by a majority of the departmental graduate committee. Only one grade exclusion in total, including a grade for a repeated course, will be permitted for each degree sought by the student as recommended by the departmental graduate committee. However, the official transcript will list grades for all undergraduate and graduate courses taken at the University with the notation that the grade and credits are excluded from the GPA. Once a grade exclusion has been processed it may not be reversed. Additionally, grade substitutions are not permitted.
Grades for Projects, Theses/Dissertations and Seminars

Spring 2020 Grading Scheme
- Students may NOT elect Pass/NC for thesis and dissertations.
- Students may elect Pass/NC for projects and seminars graded S or U.

- Projects (Enrollment Restricted to Matriculated Graduate Students):
  - Only one of three grade designations will be allowed for projects:
    - S for projects completed at a satisfactory level
    - U for unsatisfactory completion of a project (no credit toward degree requirements)
    - INC Incomplete

- Theses/Dissertations (Enrollment Restricted to Matriculated Graduate Students):
  - PR will be given for thesis/dissertation research if the student has made satisfactory progress during the semester.
  - NC will be given if the student has made no progress during the semester on thesis/dissertation research.
  - U Unsatisfactory (no credit toward degree requirements)

After successful defense of the thesis/dissertation, a grade of "S" (Satisfactory) will be given for all semesters of the thesis/dissertation research. Only the Registrar’s Office can issue this grade.

- Seminars
  - S - Satisfactory
  - U - Unsatisfactory (no credit toward degree requirements)
  - INC - Incomplete

Under no circumstances will letter grades (A, B+, etc.) be allowed for projects, theses/dissertations, or seminars.

Incompletes
If, because of unusual circumstances, a student is unable to meet all the requirements of the course by the end of a semester, the grade of Incomplete (INC) may be given.

Responsibility for making arrangements with an instructor to complete all outstanding coursework rests entirely with the student, who must complete all outstanding coursework by the date listed on the Graduate Academic Calendar (https://www.uml.edu/Registrar/Calendars/default.aspx) (www.uml.edu/Registrar/Calendars/default.aspx) (https://www.uml.edu/Registrar/Calendars/default.aspx).

Under no circumstances will a student be allowed to graduate with incomplete(s) on his or her transcript.

Prior to completion of the missing work, the incomplete will not be computed into the grade point average (GPA). If the student completes the missing work within the specified period, the instructor must evaluate the work and turn in a grade change form to the Registrar's Office before the deadline for instructors to submit final grades for incomplete courses as specified on the Graduate Academic Calendar (https://www.uml.edu/Registrar/Calendars/default.aspx) . However, if the student does not complete the missing work by the specified date and no grade change form is submitted by the instructor, the student’s grade will automatically change to a grade of "F" and be computed into the GPA.

Course Listing on the Graduate Transcript

All graduate courses for which a student registers (including repeated courses) are listed on the transcript and are used to calculate the student’s grade point average whether or not they are taken to fulfill degree requirements. In addition, undergraduate courses which a student takes to fulfill prerequisite requirements before or during matriculation in a graduate program, or courses taken for personal enrichment, will also be listed on the transcript.

Audited Courses
A graduate student may, upon approval of the advisor and the instructor, register for a course on an audit basis, but must pay the full amount of tuition and fees. An audit student is not required to take tests or the final examination. A change in registration from audit to credit or credit to audit must be done during the add/drop period. Under no circumstances can a course taken for audit be given credit at a later date.

Graduate Clearance
To apply for Graduation, graduate students must fill out a Declaration of Intent to Graduate (DIG) form and have it approved by their Graduate Coordinator and (if applicable), Thesis/Dissertation Advisor.

The Registrar’s Office will verify number of credits, final grades, GPA requirements an if applicable submission of
thesis/dissertation prior to awarding the degree.

Additional Requirements for Students Completing a Thesis or Dissertation

All students who are completing a thesis or dissertation must also submit one clean copy (NOT the original) of the signature page for the thesis or dissertation. The signature page must be signed and dated by the thesis/dissertation advisor and all committee members. Copies of the Thesis or Dissertation must be submitted to the Library for binding and microfilming by the deadline date. In addition, doctoral students are required to complete the "Survey of Earned Doctorates" online, you will be emailed the information when you submit your DIG form.

Graduate Grade Appeal Process for Students

The instructor of the class is the primary authority with respect to a student's proficiency and final grade in that course. A student who believes that his or her final grade reflects an erroneous, capricious, arbitrary, or prejudiced academic evaluation may appeal the grade. The academic judgment used in determining the merits of the grade to be awarded shall not be reviewable. This process does not apply to cases of academic dishonesty, which are adjudicated through the "academic dishonesty process."

1. The student may file an appeal of his or her complaint, in writing, to the instructor within 30 days after a final grade is posted to the student's record. The instructor must respond within 14 days of receiving the appeal.

2. If the student remains dissatisfied by the decision of the instructor under step (1), he or she may, within 14 days after formal receipt of the instructor's final decision, appeal, in writing, to the chairperson of the program (or the Dean of the College if the instructor is the chairperson) in which the course or other exercise or activity is offered. The chairperson must respond within 14 days of receiving the appeal. The decision may be: (a) that the appeal be dismissed; (b) if the student provides demonstrable evidence of an erroneous, arbitrary, capricious, or prejudiced academic evaluation, then the chairperson will recommend appropriate remedies that a grade be changed or the student be allowed an opportunity to retake an examination or other exercise; or (c) that another appropriate remedy be administered.

3. If no satisfactory resolution is reached in step (2) then the student or the instructor may appeal, in writing, to the Dean of the College within 14 days after formal receipt of the chairperson's final decision.

4. The Dean, after discussion with the appropriate parties, may resolve the grievance by agreement or render a decision within 21 days of receipt of the written appeal. The decision may be: (a) that the appeal be dismissed; (b) if the student provides demonstrable evidence of an erroneous, arbitrary, capricious, or prejudiced academic evaluation, then the Dean will recommend appropriate remedies that a grade be changed or the student be allowed an opportunity to retake an examination or other exercise; or (c) that another appropriate remedy be administered.

5. The decision of the Dean is final and not subject to additional appeal by either student or instructor. The appeals process ends at this step.

6. The Department chair or his/her designee is responsible for keeping a record of the appeal on file in accordance with University Records Retention Policy.

Right of Access to Student Records

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Access

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) grants any student currently in attendance, or any former student, the right of access to inspect or review his or her educational files, records, or data. Students who wish to inspect their records must file a Right of Access form with the office or department in which the desired record is kept. Right of Access forms are available in the Office of Student Services or through student self service. Wherever practicable, within ten days of receipt of the Right of Access form, the office or department will notify the student as to the date, time, and location when the desired record will be available for inspection. If a student believes that circumstances effectively prevent inspecting and reviewing the records at the designated
date, time and location, he or she may request alternative inspection arrangements or copies of the records instead, subject to a fee for copies. The Dean of Students or the Deans designee will consider the request.

University Student Records

The University maintains the following general records on students:

**Admission File** - Admissions Office
(https://www.uml.edu/Grad/default.aspx) - www.uml.edu/grad
(https://www.uml.edu/Grad/default.aspx)

**Permanent Academic Records** - Registrar’s Office
(https://www.uml.edu/Registrar/default.aspx) -
www.uml.edu/registrar
(https://www.uml.edu/Registrar/default.aspx)

**Financial Aid Records** - Financial Aid Office
(https://www.uml.edu/thesolutioncenter/financial-aid/default.aspx)

**Health Records** - Health Services Office -
www.uml.edu/student-services/health/

**Account and Payment Records** - Student Financial Services Office
(https://www.uml.edu/thesolutioncenter/bill/tuition-fees/default.aspx) - www.uml.edu/Tuition-fees/
(https://www.uml.edu/thesolutioncenter/bill/tuition-fees/default.aspx)

**Campus Conduct Records** - Dean of Students Office -
www.uml.edu/student-services/Dean/

The file of each student must contain a record of all non-University affiliated individuals or organizations requesting access to information in the file, plus statements that specify the legitimate educational purposes for which access was requested.

Except as otherwise permitted under FERPA, information or records concerning individual students may not be released to any individual or agency without the students written permission. Any request for such information received without such written permission will not be honored and will be returned with a request for a written release from the student.

Release of Student Records

FERPA allows release of a students education records without the students written permission under certain circumstances, including the following:

1. To personnel of the University, i.e., faculty, administrators,
or staff for legitimate educational purposes only.
2. To officials of other institutions in which the student seeks admission or intends to enroll, provided that the student is notified of the release.
3. To federal or state officials in connection with the audit and evaluation of programs funded by federal or state governments, with the enforcement of legal requirements that relate to such programs, or in connection with the students application for or receipt of financial aid.
4. To accrediting organizations in order to carry out their accrediting functions.
5. To parents who claim the student as a dependent on their IRS statement.
6. In connection with an emergency, to appropriate persons if revealing such information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons.
7. In response pursuant to a validly issued subpoena, subject to advance notification of the student unless such notice is prohibited by court order.
8. As otherwise permitted under or consistent with FERPA.

The following data are considered informational in nature and may be released without the permission of the student, at the discretion of the University: students name, major, acknowledgement of a student’s participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, date(s) of attendance; degrees, certificates, awards received; the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student and appointment as a Resident Assistant or Community Development Assistant. For graduate students who are teaching credit courses, work department, office address, and employments category are also defined as directory information.

Release Exclusions

Any student who wishes to have some or all of his or her directory information excluded from release by the University without prior permission must complete the appropriate selections available thru student self service
(www.uml.edu/enrollment/isis/)

Additional Information

Any student who believes that his or her records are inaccurate
or misleading may request a hearing with the Dean of Students to discuss the contents of such records and whether or not they need to be changed. Additional information on procedures or policies relating to University compliance with the Family Rights and Privacy Act can be obtained from the Office of Student Services or the Registrar’s Office.

Statute of Limitations (Time Limit for Degree Completion)

A graduate degree, at either the master’s or doctoral level, implies a significant mastery of a discipline within a specified time period. A well designed curriculum is not a mere collection of classes that add up to a set number of credits. It is, rather, a coherent selection of courses with an overall educational achievement that is greater than the sum of its parts. However, this coherence is lost if the program is completed over a long time span.

Master’s degree requirements must be completed within a five-year period from the semester of admission. For those master’s programs requiring 45 or more credits, the time limit is six years.

The doctoral degree must be completed within an eight-year period beginning with the semester of admission as fully matriculated or matriculated with conditions.

A student may obtain an extension of one year by filing an Academic Petition (https://www.uml.edu/docs/petition_grad_tcm18-87176.pdf) (http://www.uml.edu/docs/petition_grad_tcm18-3545.pdf (https://www.uml.edu/docs/petition_grad_tcm18-87176.pdf)), signed by his or her coordinator, department chair, and college dean, and which is then submitted to the Registrar’s Office.

Time Extension Appeal Procedure

In exceptional cases, an additional extension may be granted by the Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC). In this case, the student must submit an Academic Petition (https://www.uml.edu/docs/petition_grad_tcm18-87176.pdf)(http://www.uml.edu/docs/petition_grad_tcm18-3545.pdf (https://www.uml.edu/docs/petition_grad_tcm18-87176.pdf)), a letter of explanation accompanied by a detailed schedule for degree completion, and a letter from the student’s coordinator or thesis advisor in support of the request.

Transcripts

In order to obtain a transcript, a student may print an unofficial transcript or order an official copy though self-service in SIS (https://www.uml.edu/Enrollment/SIS/default.aspx) (https://www.uml.edu/enrollment/sis/(https://www.uml.edu/Enrollment/SIS/default.aspx)). If SIS is not available, a transcript may be ordered by filling out a Transcript Request Form (https://www.uml.edu/docs/transcriptrequest_tcm18-3516.pdf) (www.uml.edu/docs/transcriptrequest_tcm18-3516.pdf) and submitting it to the University of Massachusetts Lowell Registrar’s Office at 883 Broadway Street, Lowell, MA 01854.

Course Listing on the Graduate Transcript

All graduate courses for which a student registers (including repeated courses) are listed on the transcript and are used to calculate the student’s grade point average whether or not they are taken to fulfill degree requirements. In addition, undergraduate courses which a student takes to fulfill prerequisite requirements before or during matriculation in a graduate program, or courses taken for personal enrichment, will also be listed on the transcript.

Transfer Credit

- Spring 2020 Grading Scheme- There are no changes to the current transfer credit policy, and letter grades are required for transfer consideration.

The following are minimal guidelines for transfer of credit. Individual departments are free to impose more stringent requirements. Only courses completed elsewhere within five years prior to the date of admission to a graduate degree program at the University of Massachusetts Lowell may be considered by the faculty of the department for transfer in accordance with the following regulations.

1. A maximum total of 12 graduate credits earned with a grade of B or better taken at another accredited institution may be transferred to a master’s degree program (see individual programs for further restrictions, if any). A maximum of 24 credits with a grade of B or better may be transferred to a doctoral program.

2. Grades of C or better for courses taken at UMass Lowell when the student held non-degree status many also be transferred (by Academic Petition) into a degree program. However, the 6 and 9 credits with grades below a B (graduation limit) for master’s and doctoral degrees, respectively, (see Retention Policy) and calculation of the
cumulative grade point average based on all graduate courses taken at the University (see Academic Grades) remain in effect.

3. An official transcript and description of the course(s) must be submitted with the written request.
4. The courses presented must be from an accredited U.S. or Canadian institution authorized to grant graduate degrees.
5. The courses presented for a master’s degree must not have been used in earning another master’s degree.
6. The courses presented must be appropriate to the degree program for which the applicant is applying.
7. The courses presented must be graduate level.
8. Transfer credit may not be granted for research seminars, clinical courses, practica, internships, or special projects.
9. Transfer credit from another U.S. or Canadian institution must not exceed equivalent course credit (typically 3) at UMass Lowell, and will be based on UMass Lowell’s standard of 37.5 semester contact hours being equal to 3 credits. One and two course credit transfers will also be considered providing they are proportional to the 37.5 semester contact hour standard.
10. Students who wish to transfer credit must file (within the first semester of matriculation) the Academic Petition form available from the Registrars Office.
11. With the approval of the department, a maximum of 6 credits of 4000 level courses taken at the University of Massachusetts Lowell with grades of C or better, not used for the baccalaureate degree, may be considered for transfer and counted toward the graduate degree.

University Appeals Process Regarding Academic (Non-Grade Appeal and Non-Misconduct) Issues

The underlying purpose of the University’s appeals procedure is to guarantee due process and to protect the rights of both students and faculty in graduate programs.

The following procedure provides a mechanism for formal adjudication of any academic issues (non-misconduct and not related to grade appeal) which may arise. (For information regarding the process for grade appeals, see the Graduate Grade Appeal Process.)

Responsibility for initiation of each of the steps belongs to the appellant.

Step 1. If an informal discussion between the student and the instructor or individual with whom the student has a conflict does not resolve the issue, the resolution of an academic appeal of a student should begin within the department. The first step in the resolution of a problem or disagreement should be a discussion between the instructor, the student, and his/her faculty advisor or the coordinator of the program.

Step 2. If the matter cannot be resolved after such a discussion, a formal appeal, in writing and containing the pertinent facts, should be presented by the student to the chairperson/head of the department within two months of the occurrence that precipitated the appeal. Any appeal made outside this time period shall not be considered by any University body. The chairperson of the department will appoint committee composed of faculty members in the department. Within seven working days, this committee shall convene and discuss the appeal with the student and the instructor, coordinator, or individual with whom the student has a conflict. The student may be accompanied by his or her advisor or a faculty representative during the discussion of the appeal. The committee, by a majority vote after deliberations with only members of the committee present, shall render a decision within five working days and notify the appropriate parties in writing with the rationale for the decision included in the notification.

Step 3. If the decision of the departmental committee is not satisfactory to all parties, the appeal may be forwarded to the College Dean within two weeks of the decision of the departmental committee. The Dean will appoint a college committee composed of area coordinators of all graduate programs within the college or a suitable committee of faculty. The committee will be chaired by the college dean, or his/her designee. Within seven working days, the committee shall convene and discuss the appeal with the student. At this level the student may request to be present at the committee meetings, that discussions or proceedings be tape recorded, and that a transcript be prepared from the tape. The request for a recording must be made at the time the appeal is made to the college committee. The college committee shall render a decision by majority vote after deliberations with only members of the college committee present within five working days and notify the appropriate parties in writing with the rationale for the decision included in the notification.
Step 4. If the decision of the college committee is not satisfactory to all parties, the appeal may be forwarded to the Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC) within ten working days after the decision of the college committee. The committee shall convene within 10 working days after the GPAC chairperson has received a written request for a hearing from the appellant, and discuss the appeal with the student and faculty advisor or representative. A request for recording and preparing a transcript of the discussions with the student present may be made at the time of appeal. The committee shall render a written decision within five working days and notify the appropriate parties. The decision of the Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee shall be final, and the information accumulated during the appeal procedure shall be forwarded to the Provost to be kept on file.

The above time periods define working days as days when classes are in session for the fall and spring semesters. Efforts will be made to honor the same time periods during intercession and June - August although some flexibility must be accepted by the appellant because of potential difficulties in assembling committee members during these periods.

The GPAC chairperson may modify the Step 4 hearing time framework at his/her discretion to coincide with regularly scheduled GPAC meetings. In either of the above cases, the appellant must be notified in writing by the hearing officer (along with an explanation) of any modification of the hearing time schedule. The chairperson may recommend that final voting/discussion of Step 4 cases be done in Executive Session with only committee members present.

Non-Academic Misconduct

Improper conduct or behavior of graduate students is subject to the University of Massachusetts Lowell Student Conduct Code and Judicial Process (https://www.uml.edu/student-services/Student-Conduct/default.aspx). Copies of this document may be obtained from the Dean of Students Office.

Withdrawal Policies

Withdrawal from a Course

Withdrawal from the University

Withdrawal from a Course

A student finding it necessary to withdraw from a course must do so within the time specified in the graduate academic calendar (https://www.uml.edu/Registrar/Calendars/default.aspx) (www.uml.edu/Registrar/Calendars/ (https://www.uml.edu/Registrar/Calendars/default.aspx)). The student's permanent record will indicate a grade of W for the course(s) from which he or she has withdrawn unless the withdrawal has taken place within the first 10 class days of the semester during which time no record will be kept. (See Dropping Classes and Refund Policy in this Catalog for information on dropping a course.)

Withdrawal from the University

A student who wishes to withdraw from the University must submit his/her request in writing to the Registrar’s Office. This procedure ensures that the student’s academic and financial obligations are cleared before leaving the University. If a student officially withdraws from the University by the withdrawal date indicated in the graduate academic calendar, the permanent record will indicate a grade of W. If the student fails to follow the official withdrawal procedure and does not withdraw in good standing, the student will not be permitted readmission to a graduate program at the University except under extenuating circumstances.

Withdrawal from courses may have implications for degree progress, veterans benefits, health insurance, financial aid, and immigration status. Students are advised to consult their academic advisor as well as officials in appropriate offices prior to withdrawing from class. Instructors are required to submit a last known date of attendance or academic activity for students who receive a grade of for other non-passing grades. Students who cease attending without officially withdrawing may affect their Financial Aid.

All previous application materials will remain on file for a two year period. At any time during this period, a student who has
officially withdrawn may request readmission by completing and submitting only the cover page of the graduate application and paying the application fee. After two years, a student must file a new, complete application and submit the appropriate fee to the Graduate Admissions Office (https://www.uml.edu/Grad/default.aspx) in order to be readmitted.

Veteran and Military Policies

- Veterans Benefits and Transition Policy
- Military Connected Student Policy

Veterans Benefits and Transition Policy

In compliance with the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, section 3679 of title 38, United States Code, the University of Massachusetts Lowell

- will permit any covered individual to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date of which the individual provides to the university a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under Chapter 31 or 33 (a certificate of eligibility can also include a Statement of Benefits obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) website, eBenefits, or a VAF 28-1905 form for Chapter 31 authorization purposes) and ending on the earlier of the following dates: The date on which payment from VA is made to the university, 90 days after the date the university certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.
- will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individuals inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution, when the delay is due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under Chapter 31 or 33.

The statute allows the University of Massachusetts Lowell require covered individuals to take the following actions:

- Submit a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance no later than the first day of a course of education.
- Submit a written request to use entitlement. Students must complete the online Veterans Services Certification Request form (https://www.uml.edu/student-services/Veterans/Forms.aspx) through the university’s Office of Veterans Services.
- Provide additional information necessary to the proper certification of enrollment by the university (for example, official transcripts from all previously attended institutions.)
- Pay for the amount that is the difference between the amount of the students financial obligation and the amount of the VA education benefit disbursement. The university may assess a financial hold or late fee if timely payment is not made in the following cases: The covered individual will receive less than 100% tuition reimbursement based on the certificate of eligibility or written request of entitlement provided by the covered individual, or The covered individual incurs charges for housing, meal plans, or other fees or charges that are not eligible for payment by the Veterans Administration.

Note: A covered individual is any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under Chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or Chapter 33, Post 9/11 GI Bill.

Military-connected Student Policy

Accommodations for Temporary Short-Term Military Assignments

Students serving in the United States Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, or Coast Guard, including Active-Duty, Reservists, and National Guard members shall receive academic accommodations for short-term military assignments including Federal or Commonwealth Activation, Unit Training Assemblies (UTAs or “Drill Weekends”), Advanced Individual Training (AIT), Professional Military Education (PME) courses, Temporary Duty Travel (TDY), Temporary Additional Duty (TAD), Temporary Duty Under Instruction (TDI), or other military short-term assignments. Activated students shall provide a copy of military orders, or an advance copy of informal notice, to the Office of Veterans Services as soon as
they are provided by the military unit. The Office of Veterans Services will notify the appropriate Deans office who will then inform the students professors and instructors. The Office of Veterans Services will assist with administrative processes to support the student (i.e., connect with financial aid, registrars office, and other resources as required). In such cases, students have the following options:

- The student may request to drop his or her course(s) and may request a back-out and removal of charges if the request to drop the course(s) is granted when submitting documentation up to and including the last day of classes for the semester.
- If more than half of the semester has been completed and at least one graded assignment has been submitted*, the student may request an Incomplete (INC)* or, as determined by the instructor, assign an appropriate final grade or credit to a student who has satisfactorily completed a substantial amount of coursework and demonstrated sufficient mastery of course material.

Instructors shall grant reasonable accommodations allowing the student additional time to submit coursework including assignments, quizzes, and tests, and provide mutually agreed upon alternate quiz and test dates. Students shall not be penalized for their inability to attend/participate in class during their temporary military leave.

Military Leave of Absence for Long-Term Military Assignments

Activated students for long-term assignments and military members or family members experiencing a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) shall provide a copy of military orders, or an advance copy of informal notice, to the Office of Veterans Services as soon as they are provided by the military unit. The Office of Veterans Services will notify the appropriate Deans office who will then inform the students professors and instructors. The Office of Veterans Services will assist with administrative processes to support the student (i.e. connect with financial aid, registrars office, etc.). In such cases, students have the following options: *

- The student may request to drop his or her course(s) and may request a potential back-out and removal of charges if the request to drop the course(s) is granted when submitting documentation up to and including the last day of classes for the semester. *
- If more than half of the semester has been completed and at least one graded assignment has been submitted*: * the student may request an Incomplete (INC)* or, *as determined by the instructor, assign an appropriate final grade or credit to a student who has satisfactorily completed a substantial amount of coursework and demonstrated sufficient mastery of course material.

Students who withdraw due to military service obligations may return to the University and request re-enrollment in subsequent terms without penalty if they meet academic requirements for their matriculated program. Military-connected students shall not be academically penalized for their military service or that of their family members.

* Note: Any coursework already completed in the term withdrawn from will be forfeited. Students who elect this option will have to repeat courses they withdraw from to get credit for those courses. Students who elect to take an incomplete or receive the grade earned will not receive a refund for tuition and fees.

Students taking Online Courses

Unresolved Complaints

A. OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

Out-of-state students residing in NC-SARA (National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement) states which include all states except California whose complaints are not resolved through the UMass Lowell Institutional Complaint Process can submit complaints to the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education through the SARA Student Complaint Form (https://www.mass.edu/foradmin/sara/complaints.asp).

For more information, contact:

Alexander Nally, Assistant General Counsel
Massachusetts Department of Higher Education
One Ashburton Place, Room 1401
Boston, MA 02108
617-994-6910
SARAINquiries@dhe.mass.edu
(mailto:SARAINquiries@dhe.mass.edu)
www.mass.edu/sara
(https://www.mass.edu/foradmin/sara/home.asp)

B. MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS AND ONLINE STUDENTS IN NON-SARA STATES AND TERRITORIES
After you have exhausted the complaint procedures made available by UMass Lowell, located above, if you have a complaint or concern that has not been resolved by UMass Lowell, you may file a general complaint with the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (DHE) by using the general complaint form (https://www.mass.edu/forstufam/complaints/complaints.asp). The DHE general complaint form should be used by students who are located in:

- Massachusetts
- Non-SARA Member States or Territories (e.g., California, Guam, etc.)

**Online students with non-academic complaints:** If you have a non-academic complaint that you would like to bring to our attention, please use the non-academic complaint form (https://uml.tfaforms.net/218611) to provide us with a brief description of the issue.
Francis College of Engineering

The education of engineers in state-of-the-art areas of advanced technology and the UMass Lowell’s commitment to national and regional economic development are the major premises upon which the graduate programs in the College of Engineering are based. These programs are intended to produce engineers whose education not only develops expertise in the design, development and production of products, but also an understanding of the management involved in the creation of new products, companies and service organizations. Thus, the graduate programs in engineering are intended to educate engineers capable of keeping abreast with the rapidly changing technology that characterizes the high technology economy of the Northeast and for research careers in academia, industry and government. These graduate programs lead to degrees of Master of Science in Engineering, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy. The College is led by James A. Sherwood (https://www.uml.edu/Engineering/faculty/sherwood-james.aspx), Ph.D., Interim Dean of the Francis College of Engineering (https://www.uml.edu/Engineering/default.aspx). The graduate programs for the College are overseen by Joey Mead (https://www.uml.edu/Research/shap3d/faculty-staff/mead-joey.aspx), Associate Dean of Graduate Studies.

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- Faculty in the College of Engineering (https://www.uml.edu/docs/engg%20faculty%20list_tcm18-90421.pdf) (pdf)

Graduate Programs Offered

The Master of Science in Engineering (M.S. Eng.) degree awarded in the following fields:

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering - Options: Environmental, Geotechnical, GeoEnvironmental, Structural, Transportation
- Computer Engineering
- Co-op Option in Engineering (https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf)
- Electrical Engineering
- Energy Engineering - Options: Nuclear, Solar
- Mechanical Engineering
- Plastics Engineering

The Master of Science (M.S.) degree awarded in the following fields:

- Engineering Management
- Environmental Studies

Francis College of Engineering Expanded Bachelor’s to Master’s Policy

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree awarded through the College of Engineering in the following options:

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Energy Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Plastics Engineering

The intent of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program is to prepare engineers for leadership and research positions in industry, academia and government. The doctoral program includes advanced graduate course work in engineering and allied subjects and research culminating in a doctoral dissertation.

A total of 63 credit hours of graduate level courses are required for the Ph.D. degree. These credits are composed of the following components:

- The Ph.D. degree must involve a traditional research-based dissertation, plus: A minimum of 30 approved credit hours of graduate-level engineering including associated science and math courses. A minimum of 21 credit hours of
The balance of the remaining 12 credits can be a mix of graduate-level engineering including associated science and math course and dissertation credits at the discretion of the department, faculty advisor and dissertation committee.

In addition to this 63 semester hours of approved graduate courses and dissertation:

- The student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 to graduate.
- The student is required to take and pass the doctoral qualifying examination.

Options are offered in the following areas:

- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Plastics Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Chemical Engineering (with options in renewable or nuclear engineering)
- Energy Engineering (jointly administered by Mechanical Engineering and Chemical Engineering)

Rules and requirements vary slightly with the administering department.

Common Admission Requirements

Admission to the program will be based on review by Graduate Admissions and by the Admissions Committee of each administering Department. Applicants are required to submit the following items to Graduate Admissions:

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), IELTS, or Duolingo exam scores are required for international students
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Statement of Purpose
- Application fee
- Application form
- Official transcripts.

Doctoral programs in the College of Engineering may also require a BS or MS in Engineering or a closely related field. Depending on the option selected, students may be required to make up prerequisites which they lack in comparison to the equivalent Engineering curriculum at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Transfer Credits

1. A student with a masters degree in Engineering or a closely related field may apply to have coursework for the master’s degree up to a total of 24 credits.
2. A student with graduate-level work completed at a credited US or Canadian university may apply for transfer of up to 24 semester credits in acceptable graduate engineering courses (with grade of B or better) towards the doctoral program, upon approval by the Department Graduate Coordinator.
3. In cases where a student has an M.B.A., or has completed the Business Administration Minor for Engineering students, in addition to a B.S. in engineering or a closely related field, portions of the management component of the Doctor of Engineering program may be waived upon review by the administering department.

Note: Students may be required to make up prerequisites which they lack in comparison to the equivalent Engineering curriculum at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Common Doctoral Degree Requirements

In addition to 63 semester hours of approved graduate credits and thesis:

1. The student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 to graduate.
2. Students are required to take and pass a doctoral qualifying examination before they are officially classified as a doctoral candidate.

Doctoral Qualifying Examination

1. The doctoral qualifying examination is administered on a declared schedule, usually twice each year. The timing and
format of the doctoral qualifying examination may vary by department.
2. The student is permitted two attempts at passing the doctoral qualifying examination.
3. If this first attempt at the doctoral qualifying examination is unsatisfactory, a second and final attempt at passing the exam must occur at the next offering of the qualifying exam. Failure to schedule or to participate in the qualifying exam process as outlined will be considered a failed attempt.
4. Students failing the doctoral exam twice will automatically be dismissed from the doctoral program.
5. Students who do not take the examination at the prescribed time may lose all their financial support, if any, and may be dismissed from the doctoral program.
6. The decision of each administering Department regarding whether a student has passed the qualifying exam is final.

Doctoral Dissertation Proposal

Each student is required to submit and defend a dissertation proposal before a Department Doctoral Committee. This committee shall be comprised of the departmental faculty advisor and at least two other faculty members. This committee may or may be the same as the dissertation research committee for the student. Upon approval by this Department Doctoral Committee, the doctoral graduate coordinator for the department will notify the Vice Provost for Graduate Education and the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies in the College of Engineering that the student is now formally a candidate for the Doctor of Engineering/Doctor of Philosophy degree. Admission to candidacy status does not guarantee awarding of the doctoral degree.

Dissertation

After a student has chosen an area of research and a research advisor, a Dissertation Committee is selected by the student and his or her research advisor in accordance with the policy of the department. The Dissertation Committee shall consist of at least three members, one of whom is the research supervisor and at least two of whom shall be from the student’s major department. An outside expert from industry or another university may be a member of the committee, but that individual must possess academic credentials which would qualify him or her to serve as a member of the University of Massachusetts Lowell faculty. The responsibilities of the Dissertation Committee shall be to:

1. Approve the research topic;
2. Supervise the progress of the dissertation;
3. Read, evaluate, and approve or disapprove of the written dissertation;
4. Hear, evaluate and approve or disapprove of the oral defense of the dissertation;
5. Report the completion of all dissertation requirements to the department and the Registrar’s Office.


Other Doctoral Programs

The Doctor of Philosophy in Physics (Ph.D.) degree awarded through the Kennedy College of Sciences in the following fields:

- Applied Mechanics
- Energy Engineering
- Radiological Sciences

The Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry (Ph.D.) degree awarded through the Kennedy College of Sciences in the following fields:

- Biochemistry
- Environmental Studies
- Polymer Science/Plastics Eng. Option

Links to Department Sections in This Graduate Academic Catalog:

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil &Environmental Engineering
- Electrical &Computer Engineering
- Energy Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Plastics Engineering

Engineering Management

Master of Science in Engineering Management
Co-op Option in Engineering

The Department of Engineering Management participates in the Graduate Master’s Co-op Option in Engineering. For detailed information about the Co-op Program and curriculum requirements, please see the Graduate Catalog Engineering Co-op page (https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf).

Program Overview

The Master of Science in Engineering Management (MSEM) is designed for technical professionals who have opted for the management track in technical and engineering services enterprises. The program is 31 credits in length. Some courses will be offered both on campus and online and the MSEM is open to both full-time and part-time students.

Students have the choice of three concentrations: (a) design and manufacturing, (b) engineering services/infrastructure management and (c) operations and supply management. The three concentrations encompass the non-research and development (non R &D) part of technical enterprises that are needed for new technical projects and product realizations.

Besides preparing engineering or business bachelor degree undergrads for careers in engineering management, this program also serves non-engineering or business undergraduates who wish to pursue a technical management career. These candidates may be required to complete prerequisite courses that provide an introduction to basic engineering economy concepts needed for courses in the curriculum, at the discretion of the MSEM program coordinator. After successful completion of these prerequisite courses, students with non-engineering or business undergraduate degrees can pursue the remaining MSEM curriculum in the same way as students with engineering undergraduate degrees.

Admissions Requirements

General Admission Requirements

The following are general admission requirements.

Admission to the program will be based on review by Graduate Admissions and by the Admission Committee of the MSEM Department. Applicants are required to submit the results from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) to the Graduate School. In addition, international students must obtain the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination. Depending on the option selected, students may be required to make up prerequisites which they lack in comparison to the equivalent Engineering curriculum at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. In cases where a student has an M.B.A. or has completed the Business Administration Minor for Engineering students, in addition to a B.S. in engineering or its equivalent, certain requirements the MSEM program may be waived upon review by the MSEM Admissions Department. However, all MSEM students are expected to fully complete the 31 credit program requirements.

Specific Admission Requirement for MSEM

1. BS in any engineering or science discipline, or a BS in Industrial Management or Operations Research
2. Graduate Admissions Application
3. Application fee
4. GPA of 3.0 or better in the respective undergraduate program
5. GRE scores minimum to be determined by the MSEM admission committee
6. Three letters of recommendation
7. Statement of Purpose
8. TOEFL =>79 or IELTS =>6.5 for international students.

Students with industrial or management experience and a bachelor’s degree in another area can be admitted on a case-by-case basis, e.g. BA in English or History. In such cases, a resume is requested to assist in the decision process.

In some cases, an applicant may be required to satisfactory complete up to three undergraduate engineering/science courses to ensure that the student has the necessary background knowledge to succeed in the MSEM program.

Accelerated Bachelors to MSEM Masters

The College of Engineering will offer a combined BSE/MSEM program in Engineering Management for UMass Lowell undergraduate students based on a BS in any engineering or science discipline. The admission requirements and benefits of the accelerated MSEM are as specified by the University. Applications from UMass Lowell undergraduates may be submitted in the junior year and must include the following:

1. UMass Lowell Undergraduate Degree: Official Transcripts. (A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 at the time of conferral of the undergraduate degree is required. Students who do not meet this requirement at the end of their undergraduate studies will not qualify for the Bachelors to Master’s benefits; however, they may reapply to the
program via the regular application process.)

2. The GRE can be waived for UMass Lowell undergraduates with a GPA of 3.0 and above upon receipt of a recommendation by an UMass Lowell faculty member.

3. Successful completion of all other university admissions requirements, including three letters of recommendation.

4. Statement of Purpose.

Graduate Program Curriculum Outline

The core courses are a blend of engineering and business fundamentals, while he three concentrations allow students to narrow their course selection into well thought out collection of courses into each concentration, while leveraging the expertise of the faculty in these topics.

Note: Students may choose to do either a professional-practice capstone (6 credits) or take additional courses (6 credits minimum) in an Engineering Management concentration. For the non-capstone option, students must submit a plan of study to the MSEM graduate coordinator and obtain his/her approval during the first year of the program. Any change to the submitted plan requires the approval of the MSEM graduate coordinator.

Required (Core) Courses

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One of the three Concentration Course Choices (Total Min. credits required = 9) (attach list as needed)

a. Design and Manufacturing Concentration

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b. Engineering Services/Infrastructure Management Concentration
### Course Number | Course Title | Credit Hours
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CIVE.5110 | Inspection an Monitoring of Civil Infrastructure | 3
CIVE.5400 | Urban transportation planning | 3
CIVE.5440 | Transportation Economics and Project Evaluation | 3
CIVE.5210 | Reliability Analysis | 3
CIVE.5760 | GIS Application in Civil and Environmental Engineering | 3

### Course Number | Course Title | Credit Hours
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Professio nal-practice capstone | Capstone topic to be completed under the direction of an advisor and defended to a committee of at least three | or
Non capstone option | Any two courses from another choice of three Engineering Management concentrations (a, b or c) or two other graduate courses pending the permission of the MSEM degree coordinator | 6

Sub Total # Practice Capstone or Non-Capstone option Credits Required | 6

### Curriculum Summary
- Total number of courses required for the degree: 12
- Total credit hours required for degree: 31

### Prerequisite or Other Additional Requirements for concentration b. Engineering Services / Infrastructure Management:
- CIVE.4750 (Construction Management (3 credits))
- CIVE.4700 (Engineering Economics (3 credits))

*For the non-capstone option, students must submit a plan of study to the MSEM graduate coordinator and obtain his/her approval during the first year of the program. Any change to the submitted plan requires the approval of the MSEM graduate coordinator.
Doctoral Program

Doctoral Program in Biomedical Engineering

Program Description

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the BME doctoral option are expected to have a degree at the level of Bachelor or Master’s in engineering or basic/applied/health sciences with a strong emphasis on mathematics (Calculus I and II), chemistry (Chemistry I, II and Organic Chemistry), and the physical sciences (Physics I), with some exposure to the life sciences (physiology, cell biology, or molecular biology).

Applicants must submit official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate records. Three letters of recommendation written by individuals qualified to judge the ability of the applicant to conduct graduate work and research are required. GRE and TOEFL (if applicable) are required.

Financial Support

Doctoral students will be supported from a variety of sources. It is expected that the bulk of the funding will be from externally funded research grants. As is current practice in the College of Engineering, these will be combined Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant positions for the first two years. In general, continued support after the first two years will be as a Research Assistant. It is anticipated that a number of doctoral students will be supported by fellowships or traineeships in the future.

Course Requirements

As with other options in the Ph.D. in Engineering, the Biomedical Engineering doctoral option will require the satisfactory completion of a total of 63 credit hours, with a minimum of 30 course credits and 21 research credits. The remaining 12 credits can be a mix of research and course credits. Students will have to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.25 to graduate.

1. Biomedical Core Courses (15 credits) - To fulfill this requirement, all students must complete the following four courses: Biinstrumentation (3), Fundamentals of Biomaterials (3), Biomechanics (3), and Quantitative Physiology (3). In addition, an Advanced Mathematics (3) course will be required. This math core course will be chosen in conjunction with the dissertation research advisor. All students must demonstrate proficiency by passing with a minimum CGPA of 3.25 in the core courses.

2. Track Courses (12 credits) - The purpose of the track courses is to provide depth of knowledge in a specific area of Biomedical Engineering and to pose a solid foundation for students to excel in their specific research topic. It is recommended that students first identify a field of interest in collaboration with their research advisor, and then select track courses that align with the research topic of choice. Initial tracks for the program will mimic the tracks in the undergrad BME program (Medical Devices, Biomechanics, or Cellular & Tissue Engineering). Additional track courses can be chosen in collaboration with the research advisor.

3. Elective Courses (3 credits minimum) - The remaining three required course credits can be selected in conjunction with the research advisor to add breadth to the program. This course can be an appropriate engineering, math, or science course.

4. Graduate Seminar Course (0 credit) - A key component of the Ph.D. option will be to provide comprehensive professional skills training from start to finish. This training will be accomplished through courses as well as other requirements of the program. Importantly, the program will be designed to ensure that student progress is actively monitored such that students will move through the program in a timely manner (3 to 5 years). This rate of progress will be accomplished by including a Graduate Seminar Course (0 credit) in each year of their program. One of the requirements of this seminar will be a work-in-progress presentation of their research to date. As the student progresses through the program, this presentation may include a review of the literature, methods development for their proposal, and preliminary findings of their research.

5. Dissertation Research (21 credits) - A minimum of 21 credit hours of Dissertation Research will be required.

6. Additional Credits (12 credits) - An additional 12 credits that can be a mix of research and course credits to bring the total for the degree up to 63 credits.

- Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering Degree Pathway (https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf)

Qualifying Exam

The Dissertation Research Proposal will also serve as the qualifying exam. Each Ph.D. student is required to present their research proposal to their Graduate Committee and to describe initial results obtained to date together with plans to complete the research. A full-time student will have to write and orally defend their Dissertation Research Proposal by the end of their second year. Core knowledge and ability to think critically and in an interdisciplinary fashion will be evaluated during the defense of the Dissertation Research Proposal. Students who fail to pass this examination on the first attempt will be given one opportunity to re-take the exam. Students who fail the exam a second time will be recommended to complete an appropriate master’s degree and exit the doctoral program.

Optional Industrial Internship
As an optional component to the program, select students will have the opportunity to apply for an Industrial Internship with an industrial partner after passing their Dissertation Research Proposal. These internships will expose students to non-academic environments and will also help foster the development of new University-Corporate collaborations.

**Dissertation Defense**

A thesis for the doctoral degree must represent distinct scholarship and must be an original contribution to knowledge. It must show familiarity with the state-of-the-art of the field and must demonstrate the ability to plan and carry out the proposed research, to organize results, and to defend the approach and conclusions in a scholarly manner.

**BME Graduate Committee**

The proposed doctoral option will be overseen by a standing BME Graduate Committee comprised of faculty members from the Biomedical Engineering Department. This committee will be chaired by the Associate Chair for Biomedical Engineering. The committee will:

1. evaluate program curriculum and policies,
2. monitor the dissertation research proposal exam,
3. approve thesis defense committees, and
4. assist in mediating issues that may arise between students and faculty.

**Master’s Program in Biomedical Engineering & Biotechnology**

The Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell campuses of the University of Massachusetts offer joint Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology.

- **Co-op Option in Engineering**
- **Admission Requirements**
- **Transfer of Credits**
- **Academic Program**
- **General Program Requirements**
- **Core Course Requirements - Requirement 1 (minimum 19 credits)**
- **Elective Specialization Course Requirements - Requirement 2 (minimum 12 credits)**
- **Earning the Master of Science Degree**
- **Combined Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Program**

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants from many different science/engineering undergraduate programs are invited to apply. Because the degree brings together biomedical engineering with biotechnology, it is designed equally for students with life sciences or engineering/physical science backgrounds. One’s specific background will be of less interest in determining qualification for entrance than will be one’s personal and career goals, demonstrated academic ability, research potential and commitment to an interdisciplinary, team-work approach.

Applicants will be accepted from individuals holding appropriate bachelor’s degrees or master’s degrees (or the US baccalaureate equivalents from a foreign institution). Applicants should have a background in life science, physical science or engineering. All applicants must have taken a full year (two semester or three quarter sequence) of calculus and the successful applicants will normally have had undergraduate coursework in statistics/experimental design and in life science/biomedical science.

**Applicants must submit the following and are expected to meet the standards indicated:**

1. Generally students with an overall undergraduate or graduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher will considered for admission. Applicants must present official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all schools attended.

2. Applicants accepted into the program should present a minimum Graduate Record Exam (GRE) combined verbal (142) and quantitative (152) score of 294. The AACC will also pay particular attention to the applicant’s score on the GRE analytical writing section of the general examination because of the emphasis placed on strong writing skills in this program. Only official GRE scores from Educational Testing Service will be considered acceptable.

3. Applicants must have a minimum of two semesters of calculus and strong quantitative skills.
4. International applicants should present a minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 79 (internet version), 213 (computer version) or 550 (paper version). Only official TOEFL scores from Educational Testing Service will be considered acceptable.

5. Two letters of recommendation, from individuals familiar with the applicants academic ability will be required.

6. Applicants will also be required to submit a Statement of Purpose (personal essay) that should indicate their qualifications for and motivation to undertake this program as well as their personal and career goals. Specifically, the statement should indicate the applicant’s background, research credentials and career plans as they relate to the multidisciplinary nature of the program.

7. Applicants shall also to submit a personal resume.

Individual circumstances can be taken into account and extraordinary qualifications in some areas can be used to outweigh weaknesses in others.

Along with an admissions decision comes consideration of the appropriate program of courses for the applicant. The interdisciplinary nature of our program gives special importance to the advising relationship in forming a specific academic program to meet each student’s specific goals.

Applicants may be offered admission with a number of courses identified as conditional requirements that they will need to take to fill in for gaps in preparation or knowledge. Each admitted student is assigned to a faculty advisor, who will guide them in course selection.

**Transfer of Credits**

For students who have previously completed graduate course work, the admission committee may approve the transfer of up to 12 credits of graduate credits for courses from an accredited United States or Canadian college or university that received a grade of B (not B-) or better if those courses were not already used in the degree requirements of another earned degree. The graduate school will govern the maximum number of credits that may be transferred into the program. The transfer credit may replace core or specialization course requirements. The project/directed studies credits will be accepted for transfer from institutions within the UMass system.

Students may also have core courses waived without transfer of course credit. Students would still be responsible for the full credits required of the master’s degree (minimum of 31 credits), but would not have to take the waived course.

**Academic Program**

The curriculum is organized around common experiences, including common core courses, elective/specialization courses and a capstone project. The program makes some use of distance learning/on-line/faculty exchange for delivery of courses. The program encourages a multidisciplinary team approach during a variety of courses.

**General Program Requirements**

The program of courses includes a core requirement (Requirement 1) and elective / specialization course requirements (Requirement 2).

The Master of Science requires completion or transfer of at least 31 total credits. Students must meet the specific requirements of their "home campus" for such matters as grade averages, documentation of completion of requirements and registration for program continuation if needed. No courses receiving a grade below C (2.0) can receive credit. Grades earned below C are still calculated in the student’s grade point average.

Students are limited in the number of Directed or Independent Study courses credits, maximum 6 credits, that they can apply toward their program. All courses must be conducted at the graduate level.

Students must pursue and complete a program of study approved by their assigned advisor. The interdisciplinary nature of this program makes close contact between each student and his or her advisor important.

**Core Course Requirements - Requirement 1 (minimum 19 credits)**

The core courses provide a common foundation for all students, either from life science or physical science/engineering backgrounds. Core requirements consist of three compulsory courses and four additional courses selected from four categories of approved courses. All course selections must be approved by the advisor.

**Students shall complete the following three core courses:**

- [BMBT.5000](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMBT/5000) Introduction to Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology (3 cr)
- [BMBT.5200](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMBT/5200) Bioethics (1 cr)
- [BMBT.6000](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMBT/6000) Capstone (3 cr)

Students shall take one course from each of the following four core categories. Students should consult the advisor for the most appropriate selection from the approved courses in each of the categories. With adequate justification, students may
submit a Academic Petition to substitute a course for one of the courses listed below in these respective categories.

**MATH (3 cr.)***
- BMEN.5380 [Computational Biomechanics](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5380)
- CHEN.5390 [Math Methods for Engineers](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5390)
- MATH.5300 [Applied Math I](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/5300)
- MATH.5760 [Statistical Programming Using SAS](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/5760)

**PHYSIOLOGY (3-4 cr.)***
- BIOL.5490L [Biology Of Muscle Lab (1 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5490L)
- BIOL.5620 [Cardiovascular Physiology Lecture (3 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5620)
- BIOL.5630 [Cardiovascular Physiology Lab (1 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5630)
- BIOL.5800 [Development Biology (3 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5800)
- BIOL.5810L [Development Biology Lab (1 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5810L)
- BIOL.5900 [Human Neurobiology (3 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5900)
- HSCI.5510 [Clinical Pathophysiology (3 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/HSCI/5510)

**LABORATORY (3-5 cr.)***
- BIOL.5190/5210L [Biochemistry Techniques (5 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL)
- BIOL.5290 [Recombinant Protein Production Techniques (4 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5290)
- BIOL.5320/5340L [Genomics and Lab (4 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL)
- BIOL.5760 [Cell Culture (4 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5760)
- BIOL.5950 [Immunology Lecture and Lab (2 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5950)
- CHEN.5860 [Biotech Processing Projects Lab (3 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5860)
- EECE.5600 [Biomedical Instrumentation (3 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5600)
- MLSC.6100/6101L [Clinical Toxicology and Lab (4 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MLSC)
- NUTR.5650 [Lab Methods in Nutrition Assessment (3 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/NUTR/5650)
- PHRM.6400/6420 [Nuclear Instrumentation with Lab (3 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHRM)
- XXXX.XXXX Other lab course approved by the BMEBT Graduate Coordinator.

**ADVANCED CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (3 cr)***
- BIOL.5420 [Advanced Cell Biology (3 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5420)
- BIOL.5670 [Molecular Biology (3 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5670)
- BIOL.5820 [Cancer Biology (3 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5820)
- BIOL.6660 [Selected Topics in Molecular and Cellular Biology (3 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/6660)
- NUTR.5720 [Nutrigenetics (3 cr)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/NUTR/5720)
- XXXX.XXXX Other advanced cell and molecular biology course approved by the BMEBT Graduate Coordinator.

*Students may take additional courses from the Core categories as Elective courses.

** Students who take this course, which included a co-requisite lab, to satisfy the Physiology Core requirement, may take a course from the Elective list below in place of the LAB core requirement. A Graduate Academic Petition will be required.

Elective Specialization Course Requirements - Requirement 2 (minimum 12 credits)

All students shall complete a minimum of 12 credits of elective
specialization courses. Students may take courses from one specialization area, across specialization areas and/or from the list of additional course offerings as noted below. Specialization courses will help the student attain depth in focused areas.

**Elective Specialization Courses:**

**a. Courses in MEDICAL IMAGING AND INSTRUMENTATION**
EECE.5100 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5100) Digital Signal Processing
EECE.5110 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5110) Medical Diagnostic Imaging
EECE.5410 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5410) Introduction to Biosensors
EECE.5520 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5520) Microprocessor Systems II & Embedded Systems
EECE.6150 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6150) Medical Image Reconstruction
EECE.7100 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/7100)

Selected Topics: Biomedical Imaging and Data Science

**b. Courses in BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOPROCESSING**
CHEN.5340 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5340) Industrial Bioprocessing
CHEN.5350 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5350) Cell and Microbe Cultivation
CHEN.5380 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5380) Advanced Separations in Biotechnology
CHEN.5450 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5450) Isolation and Purification of Biotech Products
CHEN.5460 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5460) Biomaterial Science
CHEN.5500 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5500) Biomedical Applications of Nanotechnology
CHEN.5530 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5530) Biopharmaceutical Regulatory Compliance

**c. Courses in CLINICAL PATHOLOGY**
MLSC.5120 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MLSC/5120) Medical Bacteriology
MLSC.5500 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MLSC/5500) Foundations in Biomedical Research
MLSC.5530 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MLSC/5530) Emerging Topics in Clinical Chemistry
MLSC.5800 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MLSC/5800) Clinical Applications of Molecular Genetics
MLSC.6130 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MLSC/6130) Infections Disease
MLSC.6150 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MLSC/6150) Medical Mycology and Parasitology
NUTR.5720 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/NUTR/5720) Nutrigenetics

**d. Course in MEDICAL PLASTICS DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING**
CHEN.5530 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5530) Biopharmaceutical Regulatory Compliance
PLAS.5030 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5030) Mechanical Behavior of Polymers
PLAS.5180 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5180) Plastics Product Design
PLAS.5530 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5530) Medical Device Design I
PLAS.5540 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5540) Medical Device Design II
PLAS.5750 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5750) Biomaterials I
PLAS.5790 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5790) Problems in Biomaterials
PLAS.6020 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6020) Medical Device Development Regulation
PLAS.6750 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6750) Biomaterials II

**e. Courses in MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOTECHNOLOGY**
BIOL.5410 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5410) Topics in Cell Biology
BIOL.5600 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5600) Stem Cell Biology
BIOL.5690L (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5690L) Molecular Techniques
CHEN.5350 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5350) Cell and Microbe Cultivation
CHEN.5450 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5450) Isolation and Purification

**f. Courses in PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES**
PHRM.6100 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHRM/6100) Principles of Pharmaceutical Sciences
PHRM.6410 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHRM/6410) Drug
Delivery
PHRM.6600
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHRM/6600)
Pharmacokinetics and Drug Metabolism

g. Courses in ERGONOMICS AND BIOMECHANICS
BMEN.5300
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5300) Ergonomics and Work
BMEN.5380
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5380) Computational Biomechanics
BMEN.5310
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5310) Occupational Biomechanics
BMEN.5400
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5400) Occupational Safety Engineering
BMEN.6380
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/6380) Methods in Work Analysis
PUBH.5061
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PUBH/5061) Environmental Health
PUBH.5510

h. Additional Course Offerings

Biological Sciences:
BIOL.5050L
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5050) Bioinformatics
BIOL.5090
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5090) Photobiology
BIOL.5720
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5720) Virology
BIOL.5840
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5840) Comparative Vertebrate Embryology
BIOL.5930
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5930) Immunology
BIOL.5940
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5940) Advanced Topics in Immunology
BIOL.5
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5) Bioinmamatic Tolls in Sequence Analysis

Biomedical Engineering:
BMEN.5110
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5110) Tissue Engineering
BMEN.5115
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5115) Advanced Tissue Engineering
BMEN.5325
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5325) Biofluid Mechanics
BMEN.5350
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5350) Respiratory Dynamics Devices
BMEN.5380
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5380) Computational Biomechanics
BMEN.5390
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5390) Computer Aided Engineering Design and Analysis
BMEN.5610
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5610) Drug Delivery

Chemistry:
CHEM.5130
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/5130) Spectroscopy
CHEM.5500
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/5500) Biochemistry I
CHEM.5510
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/5510) Biochemistry II
CHEM.5550L
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/5550) Lab in Modern Biochemistry and Biophysics
CHEM.5600
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/5600) Advanced Physical Biochemistry
CHEM.5620
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/5620) Biopharmaceutical Development
CHEM.5700
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/5700) Protein Chemistry
CHEM.6310
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/6310) Principles of Medicinal Chemistry I

Chemical Engineering:
CHEN.5370
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5370) Nanomaterials Characterization I
CHEN.5410
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5410) Nanomaterials Characterization II

Electrical and Computer Engineering:
EECE.5160
Biomedical Imaging and Data Science - Biomedical Engineering
EECE.5440
Data-Driven Modeling I - Biomedical Engineering
EECE.5470
Data-Driven Modeling II - Biomedical Engineering
EECE.5560
Intro to Nanoelectronics - Biomedical Engineering
EECE.5680
Electro Optic Systems - Biomedical Engineering
EECE.5810
Comp Vision & Dig Image Proc - Biomedical Engineering
EECE.5950
Solid State Electronics - Biomedical Engineering
EECE.6690
Opto Electronic Devices - Biomedical Engineering

Mechanical Engineering:
MECH.5710
Quality Engineering - Mechanical Engineering
MECH.5750
Industrial Design of Experiments - Mechanical Engineering
MECH.5760
Engineering Project Management - Mechanical Engineering
MECH.5960
Mechanics of Composite Materials - Mechanical Engineering

Medical Lab Science:
MLSC.5310
Clinical Immunohematology - Medical Lab Science
MLSC.6000
Biomarker Discovery & App - Medical Lab Science
MLSC.6001
Biomarker Discovery & App Lab - Medical Lab Science

Nutritional Science:
NUTR.5630
Vitamins & Minerals - Nutritional Science
NUTR.6010
Nutrition - Nutritional Science

Assessment
NUTR.6040
Nutrition Epidemiology

Pharmaceutical Science:
PHRM.6120
Principles of Pharm Sciences Lab - Pharmaceutical Science
PHRM.6501
Drug Discovery

Plastics Engineering:
PLAS.5320
Adhesives and Adhesion - Plastics Engineering
PLAS.5970
Plastics and the Environment - Plastics Engineering
PLAS.6420
Characterization of Polymers and Plastics - Plastics Engineering

Radiological Science/Medical Physics:
RADI.5010L
Radiation Safety and Control I - Radiological Science/Medical Physics
RADI.5020L
Radiation Safety and Control II - Radiological Science/Medical Physics
RADI.5240
Environmental Health Physics - Radiological Science/Medical Physics
RADI.5330
External Radiation Dosimetry and Shielding - Radiological Science/Medical Physics
RADI.5340
Internal Radiation Dosimetry and Bioassay - Radiological Science/Medical Physics
RADI.5410
Radiochemistry - Radiological Science/Medical Physics
RADI.5650
Introduction to Radiation Therapy Physics - Radiological Science/Medical Physics
RADI.5820
Numerical Methods in Radiological Science - Radiological Science/Medical Physics
RADI.5980
Introduction to Medical Imaging - Radiological Science/Medical Physics
RADI.6030
Radiation Interactions and Transport - Radiological Science/Medical Physics
RADI.6060
Monte Carlo Simulation of Radiation Transport - Radiological Science/Medical Physics
RADI.6650
Advanced Radiation Therapy Physics - Radiological Science/Medical Physics
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RADI.6980
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/RADI/6980)Advanced Medical Imaging

Other:
XXXX.XXXX Other elective as approved by BMEBT Graduate Coordinator

Earning the Master of Science Degree

Following successful presentation of the capstone research project and with a minimum of 31 credits completed or transferred in that satisfy the core and elective specialization courses, the student will be awarded the Master of Science degree. Students must have at least a cumulative B average to receive the Master of Science degree.

Combined Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Program

The program participates in the University’s effort to encourage outstanding graduate students to begin study toward an advanced degree while still undergraduates. Arrangements are possible for joint programs, that combine a bachelor’s degree in one of the other departments in the University with a master’s degree in the Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology program. Such arrangements are made for eligible students after discussions with graduate coordinators in both departments (see eligibility requirements).

Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology

Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology, Professional Science Master’s (PSM) Option

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Program Description

The intercampus Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology (BMEBT) program offers a 34-credit Master of Science Degree in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology, Professional Science Masters (PSM) option. This non-thesis program prepares students for a professional career and may be completed on either a full-time or part-time basis. In lieu of a research component, the PSM option requires PLUS courses in business, a communications course, and a professional internship in a specialization area of Biomedical Engineering or Biotechnology.

Individuals interested in the program include graduates of BS programs in biology, chemical engineering, chemistry, clinical laboratory science, computer science, electrical engineering, mathematics, mechanical engineering, physics, plastics engineering and polymer science. Other interested clientele include professionals that are currently employed in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology or medical device industries as well as medical and research labs who are interested in expanding and updating their knowledge in biomedical engineering/biotechnology while concurrently obtaining communication and business skills required for greater job opportunities. The combination of science and business training provided by this program meets the workforce needs of the Massachusetts economy, where healthcare, as well as biomedical and medical device companies, are leading industries.

Admission Requirements

1. Have earned an appropriate Baccalaureate degree from an accredited university or college with a recommended GPA of 3.0 or better.
2. Have successfully completed prerequisite technical courses: Applicants must have completed the equivalent of two semesters of calculus. Successful applicants will normally have also had undergraduate coursework in statistics/experimental design and in life science/biomedical science.
3. Have earned the following minimums: Graduate Record Examination (GRE) combined verbal and quantitative score of 295 (1000 for tests taken prior to August 1, 2011) and TOEFL score of 79 (internet based) for international applicants.

Curriculum *

The Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology is a 34 credit hour program. Twenty-four credit hours of STEM courses, 9 credits of PLUS courses and a 1 credit internship and seminar are required.

STEM Required Courses (12 credits):

- BMBT.5000 Introduction to Biomedical Engineering &Biotechnology (3 credits)
- BMBT.5750 Quantitative Physiology (3 credits)
- BIOL.6660 Special Topics: Molecular and Cellular Biology (3 credits)
And one of the following 3 credit courses

- ENGY.5090 System Dynamics
- ENGY.5390 Math Methods for Engineers*
- PLAS.5480 Numerical Methods in Plastics Processing
- MATH.5300 Applied Mathematics I
- MATH.5310 Applied Mathematics II
- MATH.5550 Applied Math for Life Sciences (Online)+
- RADI.5820 Numerical Methods in Radiological Sciences and Protection

* Recommended for students with a Biomedical Engineering specialization.
+ Recommended for students with a Biotechnology specialization.

Additional STEM required courses may be chosen with advisor approval.

STEM Electives (minimum 12 credits)

STEM electives are chosen with advisor approval from the available science and engineering courses offered at the participating campuses. Electives are chosen from within a defined specialization option. Available options are listed below:

Biomedical Engineering Specialization Options

- Biomaterials: Tissue Engineering, Polymers/Plastics, Fibers/Textiles, Nanotechnology
- Biomedical Information Systems: Bioinformatics, Cheminformatics, Genomics, Proteomics
- Biomedical Instrumentation: Sensors, Signal Processing, Clinical Sciences
- Biomechanics: Joint/Muscle Mechanics
- Integrative Physiology: Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Modeling
- Medical Imaging: Optics, NMR, MRI, Acoustics, Cell Imaging
- Medical Physics: Radiation Therapy, Nuclear Medicine, Diagnostic Imaging, Nuclear Instrumentation

Biotechnology Specialization Options

- Agricultural and Marine Biotechnology: Therapeutics, Pharmacology, Nutritional Biochemistry, Food Science Technology
- Bioprocessing/Applied Microbiology: Bioremediation, Fermentation, Biocatalysis, Applied Genetic Engineering, Biopharmaceutical Sciences
- Molecular Biotechnology: Clinical Sciences, Biochemical Applications, Diagnostics, Therapeutics

PLUS courses (Business and Communication 9 credits)

PLUS Required Courses (4 credits)

- BIOL.6040 Professional Communication in Science and Technology (3 credits) OR MGMT.6540 Advanced Professional Communication (3 credits)
- BMBT.5200 Bioethics (1 credit)

PLUS Elective Courses (minimum 5 credits)

- ?ACCT.5010 Financial Accounting (2 credits)
- FINA.6400 Financing Innovation and Technology Ventures (3 credits)
- ?MKMT.5010 Marketing Fundamentals (2 credits)
- ?MKMT.6300 Market Research for Entrepreneurs (3 credits)
- ?POMS.5010 Operations Fundamentals (2 credits)
- ?ENTR.6500 Innovation and Emerging Technologies (3 credits)
- ?MGMT.5010 Organizational Behavior (2 credits)
- ?MGMT.6010 Managing Organizational Design and Change (3 credits)
- ?MGMT.6300 New Product Development (3 credits)
- ?MGMT.6510 Organizational Behavior (3 credits)
- ?MGMT.6520 Human Resources Management (3 credits)
- MGMT.6910 Strategy Formation and Implementation (3 credits)

Additional PLUS electives may be chosen with advisor approval.

Professional Internship in Biomedical Engineering or Biotechnology (1 credit)

A Professional Internship is required for students in the PSM option and is expected to be a minimum of 350 hours and have 3-6 month duration. The internship is designed to provide...
students with an opportunity to obtain real-world experience in business, government agencies, non-profit organizations or research laboratories. Internships or research project experiences will typically take place in clinical, pharmaceutical, diagnostic, biotechnological or medical device companies or institutions. Research experience can also be obtained at the University or other research centers.

Internships have to be approved in advance by the Advising/Admissions/Curriculum Committee (AACC) on each campus, including approval of a qualified supervisor for off-campus internships. The AACC will provide oversight of all internships. A written report, signed by the internship supervisor, must be submitted by the student upon completion of the internship. An oral presentation by the intern at a BMEBT seminar also is required. For students already employed in a BMEBT industry, the professional internship will be tailored to meet the needs of both employee and employer. A new project experience will be required that adds to the students current set of skills.

To be eligible for the Professional Internship, students will be required to have:

1. completed a minimum of 12 credits of STEM courses,
2. completed a minimum of 6 credits of PLUS courses,
3. attained an overall minimum GPA of 3.0 and
4. and have AACC permission.

All students will be required to submit a final written report and give oral presentation on their work at a seminar. All post-internship students will participate in this seminar. All Professional Internships require supervision by program faculty.

Professional Science Masters curriculum includes the following courses as part of the internship requirement:

- PSM 500 Professional Science Masters Internship (0 credits)
  Professional Science Masters students who are preparing to participate in an internship enroll in this Professional Development Seminar prior to the semester of their work period. This seminar will provide them with resources and skills to manage an internship search; secure a position; and work successfully in a professional environment.
- PSM 501 Professional Science Masters Reflective Seminar (1 credit)
  Reflective seminar concurrent with the internship enables Professional Science Masters (PSM) students to share and learn from the experiences of colleagues in other settings. Students evaluate and compare individual internship experiences, explore career opportunities and gain further knowledge about functioning in a professional environment. The seminar may be conducted online, on campus, or in a blended mode and may include writing and oral presentation of experience.

**Total (34 credits)**

*Note: Courses listed are available at UMass Lowell. Other STEM and PLUS courses are available at the other campuses involved in the BMEBT program and may be used towards the degree with the approval of the graduate coordinator.*

**Biomedical Engineering & Biotechnology Doctoral Program**

The Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell and Worcester campuses of the University of Massachusetts offer a joint Ph.D. degree program in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology. Students in the Ph.D. program may elect to receive the MS degree along the way to the doctorate.

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**Admission Requirements**

Applicants from many different science/engineering undergraduate programs are invited to apply. Because the degree brings together biomedical engineering with
biotechnology, it is designed equally for students with life sciences or engineering/physical science backgrounds. One specific background will be of less interest in determining qualification for entrance than will be one’s personal and career goals, demonstrated academic ability and research potential, and commitment to an interdisciplinary, team-work approach.

Applications will be accepted from individuals holding appropriate bachelors degrees or masters degrees (or the US baccalaureate equivalents from a foreign institution). Applicants should have a background in life science, physical science, or engineering. All applicants should have had undergraduate coursework in statistics/experimental design and life science/biomedical science, and meet the minimum requirements as stated below.

Applicants are encouraged to contact participating faculty to discuss potential research opportunities and to describe those discussions in their Statement of Purpose (see below). A personal interview with the applicant by the campus Advising/Admissions/Curriculum Committee (AACC) may be recommended but is not required.

An application can be completed and submitted on-line. Applicants must submit the following and are expected to meet the standards indicated:

- Students with an overall undergraduate (and graduate, if applicable) grade point average of 3.0 or higher will be considered for admission. Applicants must present official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all schools attended.
- For acceptance into the program, applicants should present a minimum Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score of 142 in verbal and 152 in quantitative tests (294 combined). The date of the GRE exam should not precede the date of application by more than three years. The AACC will also pay particular attention to the applicants score on the GRE analytical writing section. Only official GRE scores from the Educational Testing Service will be considered acceptable.
- Applicants must have a minimum of two semesters or three quarters (equivalent of one academic year) of calculus, strong quantitative skills, and undergraduate coursework in statistics/experimental design and life science/biomedical science, as evidenced by their transcripts.
- International applicants, whose native language is not English, should present a minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 79 (internet version), 213 (computer version) or 550 (paper version). Only official TOEFL scores from the Educational Testing Service will be considered acceptable. Students who have completed at least two academic semesters of full time college/university in the United States may request a waiver of this requirement. For further details please see the information on international graduate admissions.
- Three letters of recommendation, from individuals familiar with the applicants academic ability and potential to conduct original research at the doctoral level, will be required.
- Applicants will also be required to submit a Statement of Purpose (personal essay). This statement is an important element in the application packet. It has two related roles:
  - Indication of an applicants qualifications and motivation for the program. Applicants should briefly describe their qualifications for and motivation to undertake this program as well as their personal and career goals. Specifically, the statement should indicate the applicants background and career plans as they relate to the multidisciplinary nature of the BMEBT doctorate, and discuss their research experience (academic, industrial) and include any publications and grants or patents;
  - Indication of how an applicant will fit into the program. Applicants should describe their specific areas of interest within Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology, so that a fit between their interests and qualifications and the specific specialization options that the program offers can be determined. If the applicant has a specific interest in working with one or more of the program’s faculty, they should describe that specific interest and identify those faculty member(s). The Statement of Purpose should also exemplify the applicants writing skills.
- We invite applicants also to submit a personal rsum.

Admissibility will be determined by the AACC. The AACC may take into consideration individual circumstance. Extraordinary qualifications in some areas can be used to
outweigh weaknesses in others. Admissibility to the Program does not guarantee funding. Final acceptance into the program depends on the applicant securing the support of a research advisor in the form of a Research Assistant (RA), or a department that has an available Teaching Assistant (TA) position relevant to the student's background, or a combination of these two. Other sources of funding, such as scholarships and self-support, are also possible. Applicants may be offered admission contingent upon the successful completion of remedial courses to fill gaps in preparation or knowledge.

**Academic and Research Advisors**

It is the responsibility of the applicant to identify a faculty research advisor with the assistance of the Program. The research advisor will serve as the chair of the student’s dissertation committee. Academic advising is initially the responsibility of the AACC, and it pertains to the completion of the core courses (Requirement 1). The research advisor will also hold the responsibility of serving as academic advisor with respect to the selection of specialization courses (Requirement 2) that may be applicable to the student's research.

**Transfer of Credits/Advanced Standing**

For students who have previously completed graduate coursework, the AACC may approve the transfer of graduate credits for courses from an accredited college or university in the United States or Canada that received a grade of B (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better if those courses were not required by another earned degree. The graduate school at each campus will govern the maximum number of credits that may be transferred into the program. The transfer credit may replace core or specialization course requirements. No project/directed studies, seminar or dissertation research credits will be accepted for transfer from institutions outside of the UMass system.

The AACC may also approve to waive courses without transfer of course credit. Students would still be responsible for the full 31 credits required for the MS and 63 credits required for the Ph.D., but would not have to take the waived course.

To earn the en-route MS degree, a student must complete or transfer in credit to meet the core requirements (19 credits) and specialization requirements (12 credits) for Requirement 1 and Requirement 2, respectively. Transfer credits are not to exceed 24 in total.

Students who join the doctoral program with an earned masters degree may receive "Advanced Standing". For these students, the number of credits required to complete the Ph.D. will be determined by the AACC, but at a minimum 12 course credits (core or specialization), doctoral seminar (taken twice, 1 credit each) and 30 dissertation research credits will be required. Students with Advanced Standing will be required to submit a Doctoral Dissertation Proposal and pass the Doctoral Qualifying Examination before progressing to the dissertation stage. As part of its academic advising roles, Advanced Standing is initiated by the AACC, but the formal request is filed by the student via completing an Academic Petition with attached supporting documentation, such as transcripts and course syllabi. The AACC can request information from the student pertaining to courses taken at the previous institution(s) and other relevant material prior to making a final decision on what courses the student will be required to take at UMass Lowell. The AACC will prepare an Advanced Standing Letter, summarizing the academic requirements, including courses the student will have to take.

**Academic Program**

The curriculum is organized around common experiences, including common core courses, elective courses and specialization options, and a capstone project. The program makes some use of distance learning/on-line/faculty exchange for delivery of courses and seminars, and the campuses are close enough to permit commuting between them. The program encourages a multidisciplinary team approach during a variety of courses, including the capstone project, and in the selection of the dissertation committee. In addition, each student then completes a focused research project leading to a doctoral dissertation. Industry representation may occur in the capstone project, doctoral seminar series, and via participation in the Doctoral Dissertation Committee.

**General Program Requirements**

The program of courses is based on the MS curriculum and it includes a core requirement, including a capstone project (Requirement 1), elective specialization requirement (Requirement 2), and two credits of doctoral seminar. As students advance, they will have to pass a qualifying examination, which is combined with the defense of the dissertation proposal, complete a dissertation project with a minimum of 30 credits of research, and pass the dissertation defense.

The Ph.D. degree requires completion or transfer of at least 63 total credits (or a minimum of 44 credits for students with advanced standing due to an existing MS degree). Students must meet the specific academic requirements of their "home campus" for such matters as grade point averages, documentation of completion of requirements, registration for program continuation if needed, and submitting the final dissertation to the library along with other documents required for graduation. No course receiving a grade below C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) can receive credit to satisfy the minimum credit requirement. Grades earned below C are still calculated in the students grade point average.

Students are limited in the number of Directed or Independent Study course credits that they can apply toward their program. No more than 6 credits of coursework below the level of dissertation registration may be in the form of Directed or Independent Study. All courses must be conducted at the
graduate level.

Students must pursue and complete a program of study approved by their academic advisor. The interdisciplinary nature of this program makes close contact between each student and his or her advisor important. Academic petitions pertaining to approval of core of elective specialization courses that are not listed in the approved course list should be routed through the academic and/or research advisors before being submitted to the AACC for review.

Core Course Requirements (Requirement 1)

The core courses follow the MS curriculum. They provide a common foundation for all students, either from life science or physical science/engineering backgrounds. A detailed list of courses in the MS curriculum is provided in the Appendix. Briefly, core requirements consist of three compulsory courses and four additional courses selected from four categories of approved courses.

**Students shall complete the following three core courses:**

- BMBT.5000 (Introduction to Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology (3 cr))
- BMBT.5200 (Bioethics (1 cr))
- BMBT.6000 (Capstone (3 cr))

Students shall take one course from each of the following four core categories. Students are encouraged to consult their research and/or academic advisors for the most appropriate selection from the approved courses in each of these categories. Upon recommendation by their advisors, and with adequate justification expressed on the academic petition, approved courses may be substituted by other courses that substantively relate to these respective categories.

**Mathematics (3 cr)***

- BMEN.5 (Computational Biomechanics)
- CHEN.5390 (Math Methods for Engineers)
- CHEN.5480 (Engineering Process Analytics)
- MATH.5300 (Applied Math I)
- MATH.5 (Statistical Programming Using SAS)

**Physics (3-5 cr)**

- PHYS.5630 (Computational Methods in Physics)
- PLAS.5480 (Analytical and Numerical Methods in Plastics Processing)
- PUBH.5750 (Epidemiology and Biostatistics)
- PUBH.5770 (Biostatistics for Health Data)
- RADI.5820 (Numerical Methods in Radiological Sciences)
- RADI.6060 (Monte Carlo Simulation of Radiation Transport)

**Physiology (3-4 cr)**

- BIOL.5490L (Biology of Muscle and Lab (4 cr))
- BIOL.5620/5630L (Cardiovascular Physiology Lecture and Lab (4 cr))
- BIOL.5800/5810L (Developmental Biology and Lab (4 cr))
- BIOL.5900 (Human Neurobiology (3 cr))
- HSCI.5510 (Clinical Pathophysiology (3 cr))

**Laboratory (3-5 cr)**

- BIOL.5190/5210L (Biochemistry Techniques (5 cr))
- BIOL.5290 (Recombinant Protein Production Techniques (4 cr))
- BIOL.5320/5340L (Genomics and Lab (4 cr))
- BIOL.5760 (Cell Culture (4 cr))
- BIOL.5950 (Immunology Lecture and Lab (2 cr))
- CHEN.5860 (Biotech Processing Projects Lab (3 cr))
- EECE.5600 (Biomedical Instrumentation (3 cr))
- MLSC.6100/6101L (Clinical Toxicology and Lab (4 cr))
- NUTR.5650 (Lab Methods in Nutrition Assessment (3 cr))
Master of Science degree as a credential along the way toward the doctorate. Students must have at least a cumulative B average to receive the en-route MS degree and advance to the Doctoral Qualifying Examination. (Students not working up to that level are subject to review for dismissal from the program. Specific standards are set for graduate students on each “home campus” for continuation in graduate programs.) Doctoral students who enter the program with advanced standing will not earn the en-route MS degree.

### Doctoral Dissertation Proposal

The Dissertation Proposal is written under the direct supervision of the research advisor. It must be completed before the Doctoral Qualifier Examination is scheduled. The Dissertation Proposal will follow the format established for NIH proposals, including the page limits, and will include a review of the literature on the students chosen topic, present original hypotheses, design experiments to test the hypotheses, document the appropriate methodology that will be used, project anticipated results, and indicate how such results might be interpreted. The proposal must show application to current biomedical/biotechnological problems.

### Selection of the Doctoral Dissertation Committee

Students will select their Doctoral Dissertation Committee while they develop their Dissertation Proposal. The Committee must have at least three full-time faculty members from UMass Lowell, with the research advisor serving as the Chair. Participation of faculty outside the research group or outside the host research department is encouraged, and so is selection of one additional member of the Dissertation Committee from relevant and appropriate industry. Only one emeritus faculty is allowed.

Each students committee is approved by the campus AACC, which will also approve any changes to a previously approved committee.

### Qualifying Examination

The Qualifying Examination is combined with the Dissertation Proposal Defense. The two parts in combination are referred to as the Doctoral Qualifying Examination.

The Doctoral Qualifying Examination must be taken within one year after completion of the MS Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology requirements or within two years for students with advanced standing. It will consist of an oral presentation of the written dissertation proposal to an audience of peers and the Doctoral Dissertation Committee, followed by examination by the Committee.

At least two weeks prior to the date of the presentation of the dissertation proposal, an announcement must be submitted to the program graduate coordinator to be posted on UML Announcements. At the same time, the written copy of the proposal must be provided to the Dissertation Committee members.
The dissertation proposals presentation is open to the public. The presentation will outline the motivation for the research, give a summary of the related past work in the area and present the scope of the proposed dissertation research. The presentation should be no longer than 45 minutes. The presentation should clearly articulate the proposed contribution of the student to the knowledge base and how it differs from or complements past work. The examinee will be expected to answer questions from the audience to demonstrate his/her understanding of the proposed research, as well as his/her proficiency in the general research field related to the dissertation proposal.

Following the presentation, the Dissertation Committees examination will primarily focus on the subject of the proposal, but it may also include areas that may come up during the discussion, as appropriate.

After successfully defending the dissertation proposal and passing the concomitant examination, the student attains the designation doctoral candidate. If the student fails any part of the Doctoral Qualifier Examination, the Doctoral Dissertation Committee may recommend retaking it within one or two semesters, depending on the circumstances. Failure to pass the second Doctoral Qualifier Examination results in dismissal from the Ph.D. program.

**Doctoral Credit Requirements**

1. **Doctoral Seminar - 2 credits minimum (credits for a seminar depends on host department)**

   Doctoral students should present research in progress in an appropriately selected doctoral seminar. The selection of the most appropriate seminar will be based on the suggestion of the students research advisor. The seminar will emphasize not only research, but also communication and writing. Students will write summaries of each presentation and submit it to the AACC/graduate coordinator as a progress report. Course is graded pass-fail or satisfactory-unsatisfactory (depending on grading system in use for each department).

2. **Dissertation Research (variable credit each semester, 30 credits minimum)**

   Doctoral students will register for a minimum of 30 credits of doctoral research with their faculty advisor (dissertation chair). They will use these credits during preparation and defense of the dissertation proposal/qualifying examination, carrying out their dissertation research and preparation and defense of the doctoral dissertation.

   - BMBT.7590 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMBT/7590)
   - Dissertation Research (1-9 credits)

**Dissertation Defense**

The Doctoral Dissertation should be of publishable quality in an appropriate peer-reviewed journal. Ideally, one or more journal papers are published or at least submitted for publication to a journal or conference before the dissertation defense. Students should submit proof of submittal, acceptance, or the published paper.

At least two weeks prior to the date of the dissertation defense, an announcement must be submitted to the program graduate coordinator to be posted in UML Announcements.

The doctoral candidate will defend his/her written dissertation before the Doctoral Dissertation Committee, the University, and the outside community. The specific format of the defense is usually decided by the committee chair, but a typical format consists of the Ph.D. candidate first presenting an overview of the thesis research, then answering specific questions asked by the committee members. Questions may test anything from knowledge of the existing literature, to scrutiny of the material and methods or experimental design, to the assumptions in the research, to the interpretation of the results, to recommendations for future work. It is common for the committee to ask that certain minor revisions be made to the written dissertation before final submission. Successful defense of the dissertation and submission of the finished work to the library will result in the awarding of the Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology. Dissertations must be filed with Dissertation Abstracts International.

**Appendix** Elective Specialization Courses

**a. Courses in MEDICAL IMAGING AND INSTRUMENTATION**

- EECE.5100 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5100) Digital Signal Processing
- EECE.5110 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5110) Medical Diagnostic Imaging
- EECE.5410 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5410) Introduction to Biosensors
- EECE.5520 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5520) Microprocessor Systems II & Embedded Systems
- EECE.6150 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6150) Medical Image Reconstruction
- EECE.7100 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/7100) Selected Topics: Biomedical Imaging and Data Science

**b. Courses in BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOPROCESSING**

- CHEN.5340 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5340) Industrial Bioprocessing
- CHEN.5350 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5350) Cell and Microbe Cultivation
- CHEN.5380 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5380) Advanced Separations in Biotechnology
- CHEN.5450 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5450) Isolation and Purification of Biotech Products
- CHEN.5460 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5460)

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[Note: The links provided are for informational purposes only and may not be direct access to the course details as referenced in the academic catalog.]
Biomaterial Science
CHEN.5500
Biomedical Applications of Nanotechnology
CHEN.5550
Biopharmaceutical Regulatory Compliance

c. Courses in CLINICAL PATHOLOGY
MLSC.5120
Medical Bacteriology
MLSC.5500
Foundations in Biomedical Research
MLSC.5530
Emerging Topics in Clinical Chemistry
MLSC.5800
Clinical Applications of Molecular Genetics
MLSC.6130
Infectious Disease
MLSC.6150
Medical Mycology and Parasitology

d. Courses in MEDICAL PLASTICS DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING
CHEN.5530
Biopharmaceutical Regulatory Compliance
PLAS.5030
Mechanical Behavior of Polymers
PLAS.5180
Plastics Product Design
PLAS.5530
Medical Device Design I
PLAS.5540
Medical Device Design II
PLAS.5750
Biomaterials I
PLAS.5790
Problems in Biomaterials
PLAS.6020
Medical Device Development Regulation
PLAS.6750
Biomaterials II

e. Courses in MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOTECHNOLOGY
BIOL.5410
Topics in Cell Biology
BIOL.5600
Stem Cell Biology
BIOL.5690L
Molecular Techniques
CHEN.5350
Cell and Microbe Cultivation
CHEN.5450
Isolation and Purification

f. Courses in PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES
PHRM.6100
Principles of Pharmaceutical Sciences
PHRM.6410
Drug Delivery
PHRM.6600
Pharmacokinetics and Drug Metabolism

g. Courses in ERGONOMICS AND BIOMECHANICS
BMEN.5300
Ergonomics and Work
BMEN.5310
Occupational Biomechanics
BMEN.5380
Computational Biomechanics
BMEN.5400
Occupational Safety Engineering
BMEN.6380
Methods in Work Analysis
PUBH.5061
Environmental Health
PUBH.5510
Work Environment Policy & Practice

h. Additional Course Offerings

Biological Sciences:
BIOL.5050L
Bioinformatics
BIOL.5090
Photobiology
BIOL.5720
Virology
BIOL.5840
Comparative Vertebrate Embryology
BIOL.5930
Immunology
BIOL.5940
Advanced Topics in Immunology
BIOL. (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5062) Bioinformatic Tools in Sequence Analysis

Biomedical Engineering:
BMEN.5020 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5020) Biomedical Engineering
BMEN.5030 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5030) Biomaterials
BMEN.5040 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5040) Medical Device Design
BMEN.5110 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5110) Tissue Engineering
BMEN.5115 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5115) Advanced Tissue Engineering
BMEN.5325 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5325) Biofluid Mechanics
BMEN.5350 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5350) Respiratory Dynamics Devices
BMEN.5380 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5380) Computational Biomechanics
BMEN.5390 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5390) Computer Aided Engineering Design and Analysis
BMEN.5610 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5610) Drug Delivery

Chemical Engineering:
CHEN.5370 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5370) Nanomaterials Characterization I
CHEN.5410 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5410) Nanomaterials Characterization II

Chemistry:
CHEM.5130 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/5130) Spectroscopy
CHEM.5310 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/5510) Biochemistry I
CHEM.5350L (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/5550) Lab in Modern Biochemistry and Biophysics
CHEM.5600 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/5600) Advanced Physical Biochemistry
CHEM.5620 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/5620) Biopharmaceutical Development
CHEM.5700 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/5700) Protein Chemistry
CHEM.6310 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/6310) Principles of Medicinal Chemistry I

Electrical and Computer Engineering:
EECE.5160 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5160) Biomedical Imaging and Data Science
EECE.5440 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5440) Comp. Data-Driven Modeling I
EECE.5470 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5470) Comp. Data-Driven Modeling II
EECE.5560 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5560) Robotics
EECE.5590 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5590) Intro to Nanoelectronics
EECE.5680 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5680) Electro Optic Systems
EECE.5810 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5810) Comp Vision & Dig Image Proc
EECE.5950 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5950) Solid State Electronics
EECE.6690 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6690) Opto Electronic Devices

Mechanical Engineering:
MECH.5710 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5710) Quality Engineering
MECH.5750 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5750) Industrial Design of Experiments
MECH.5760 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5760) Engineering Project Management

Medical Lab Science:
MLSC.5310 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MLSC/5310) Clinical Immunohematology
MLSC.6000 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MLSC/6000) Biomarker Discovery & App
MLSC.6001 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MLSC/6001) Biomarker Discovery & App Lab

Nutritional Science:
NUTR.5630 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/NUTR/5630) Vitamins & Minerals
NUTR.6010 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/NUTR/6010) Nutrition Assessment
NUTR.6040 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/NUTR/6040) Nutrition Epidemiology

Pharmaceutical Science:
PFRM.6120 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHRM/6120) Principles of Pharm Sciences Lab
PHRM.6501 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHRM/6501) Drug Discovery

Plastics Engineering:
PLAS.5320 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5320) Adhesives and Adhesion
PLAS.5970 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5970) Plastics and the Environment
PLAS.6420 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6420) Characterization of Polymers and Plastics

Radiological Science/Medical Physics:
RADI.5010L (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/RADI/5010) Radiation Safety and Control I
RADI.5020L (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/RADI/5020) Radiation Safety and Control II
RADI.5240 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/RADI/5240) Environmental Health Physics
RADI.5330 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/RADI/5330) External Radiation Dosimetry and Shielding
RADI.5340 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/RADI/5340) Internal Radiation Dosimetry and Bioassay
RADI.5410 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/RADI/5410) Radiochemistry
RADI.5650 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/RADI/5650) Introduction to Radiation Therapy Physics
RADI.5820 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/RADI/5820) Numerical Methods in Radiological Science
RADI.5980 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/RADI/5980) Introduction to Medical Imaging
RADI.6030 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/RADI/6030) Radiation Interactions and Transport
RADI.6650 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/RADI/6650) Advanced Radiation Therapy Physics
RADI.6980 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/RADI/6980) Advanced Medical Imaging

Other:
XXXX.XXXX Other elective as approved by BMEBT Graduate Coordinator

Graduate Certificate Programs in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology

The Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology Program offers a graduate certificate in Biomedical and Biotechnology. With the approval of the degree granting department, graduate certificate course credit may be applied to master’s and doctoral degree programs.

The Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology Graduate Certificate is a multidisciplinary certificate program, spanning courses in the Francis College of Engineering, the Kennedy College of Sciences, and the Zuckerberg College of Health Sciences. The graduate certificate is comprised of a coordinated program of courses jointly offered by the participating departments. This certificate is a 12-credit program comprised of two required three-credit courses and two elective three-credit courses.

The BMEBT Graduate Certificate is intended for students who have successfully graduated with a baccalaureate degree and possibly interested in pursuing a master’s degree in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology, BMEBT, but do not wish to commit to the master’s degree at this time or who are simply interested in earning credentials beyond those from their undergraduate degree in the area of BMEBT.

Application Process

Individuals must apply and complete an application form in accordance with the university’s Graduate Admissions website. Applicants must submit an official undergraduate transcript indicating that a baccalaureate degree was awarded. GRE scores are not required for the certificate program. All applications will be reviewed by the Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology Program Director. A decision will be made in writing to the applicant.

Requirements to Complete the Graduate Certificate

To complete the certificate program, students must successfully complete 12-credits of coursework with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater, and with no more than three credits with a grade of less than B. For students who wish to continue onto the master’s degree in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology, all four of the certificate courses can be used towards satisfying the course requirements of the master’s degree program; students must meet all University requirements for earning the master’s degree. In addition, a waiver of the GRE requirement for the master’s degree will be provided to those students who achieve a GPA of 3.5 or greater.

BMEBT Certificate Curriculum:

Required Courses:
• BMBT.5000
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMBT/5000)
Introduction to Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology

• BIOL.5620/5630
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL)
Cardiovascular Physiology/Lab or HSCI.5510
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/HSCI/5510)
Clinical Pathophysiology

**Elective Courses: (Choose two of the 3-credit courses)**

• BIOL.6660
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/6660)
Selected Topics in Molecular and Cellular Biology

• MATH.5550
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/5550)
Applied Math for Life Scientists

• BMEN.5310
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5310)
Occupational Biomechanics

• PLAS.5530
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5530)
Medical Device Design

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Other departments affiliated with the program also offer graduate certificates relevant to the Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology program. Such certificates include the following:

• Biotechnology and Bioprocessing
• Clinical Pathology
• Ergonomics & Biomechanics
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf)
• Medical Imaging & Instrumentation
• Medical Plastics Design and Manufacturing
• Molecular and Cellular Biotechnology
• Pharmaceutical Sciences

Apply (https://www.uml.edu/Grad/Process/certificate-app.aspx)
BMBT.5000 Introduction to Biomedical Engineering & Biotechnology (Formerly IB 500) - Credits: 3

This introductory course envelopes a breadth of different topics and fundamental concepts in biomedical engineering and biotechnology (BMEBT) that will allow students to explore and identify areas that may be of interest to them. Topics covered in the course may include, but are not limited to, the following: engineering and ethics, anatomy and physiology, biomechanics, biomaterials, tissue engineering, bioinstrumentation, biomedical sensors, biosignal processing, radiation treatment and medical imaging. Speakers from industry may also be invited to present topics of contemporary importance.

BMBT.5120 Medical Image Processing (Formerly IB 512) - Credits: 3

This course will focus on post-acquisition manipulation and analysis used clinically and in research. Techniques for processing N-dimensional images acquired using several different medical image modalities will be studied including basic image visualization, filtering, segmentation and registration. The emphasis will be on engineering methods & techniques rather than a rigorous mathematical investigation of algorithms and theory. Programming will not be required, but homework and projects will require use of an open-source software tool, ImageJ, to perform image processing tasks. [NOTE: Many students in prior semesters have expressed a preference for using MATLAB from Mathworks for image processing. All assignments can be completed using either ImageJ OR MATLAB].

BMBT.5130 Biomedical Analytics & Informatics (Formerly IB 513) - Credits: 3

The focus of this course will be on the analysis of large biomedical data sets using the R Programming Language, an open-source programming language with several development platforms freely available for Windows, Mac, and Linux. The central topics will cover basic data analytics methods applying the widely used data analysis tool, R. This course will not focus on any specific biotechnology area. Many of the analytical skills obtained can be applied across a number of biomedical applications. The syllabus also covers an overview of major biomedical "Big Data" areas. Students may implement their final course project using a dataset in any biomedical application area of their choosing, i.e. genomics, medical imaging, health policy informatics, and personal health monitoring. There is no programming pre-requisite for this course. Students must have the willingness and capacity to learn how to apply R Programming.

BMBT.5160 Basic Principles of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Imaging (Formerly IB 516) - Credits: 3

The goal of this course is to provide the student with a general understanding of the physical principles of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and the instrumentation used to create a magnetic resonance image. This goal will be sought without deep exploration of any particular physical science or mathematical discipline. Background knowledge in freshman-level science and mathematics courses is assumed. The topics to be covered in this course include: 1) theoretical and experimental aspects of MRI and their application to problems in medicine and biology, 2) physical principles underlying the generation and detection of the nuclear magnetic resonance signal, 3) MRI instrumentation, and 4) Nuclear magnetic resonance relaxation parameters and how they affect contrast in a magnetic resonance image.

BMBT.5170 Embedded System Design in Medical Systems (Formerly IB 517) - Credits: 3

This course covers the design principles of embedded systems including both the hardware and software aspects. We will introduce the design methodology and cost effectiveness of embedded systems. We will discuss the microprocessor, memory and storage subsystems. The interfacing between the computer system and medical instruments will be reviewed. Firmware, operating systems, programming tools will be considered. The course will have a lab component that includes hands-on exercises of embedded Linux (or RTEMS) in an online virtual laboratory environment.

BMBT.5200 Ethical Iss. Biomedical (Formerly IB 520) - Credits: 1

The purpose of this course is to illustrate the ethical implications of engineering, and how to reason through these implications and make the best decisions possible. This course addresses ethical issues that arise in the discipline of biomedical engineering. Unlike most bioethics courses, this course draws from the literature in biomedical ethics and from engineering ethics, to cover important emerging issues that face biomedical engineers. Topics may include, but are not limited to, ethics related to general research, public health, robotic surgery, medical device validation, gene editing, artificial organs, longevity research, prosthetics, artificial intelligence, and brain-computer interfaces.

BMBT.5250 Introduction to Translational Science (Formerly IB 525) - Credits: 3

Introduction to Translational Science will introduce students to the elements of translational research and is targeted toward individuals who have no prior experience with clinical or translational research. This course will focus on the principles and practices of translational medicine as they apply to the
development of a new drug (small molecules and/or biologics),
device, or diagnostic. The course will cover the following
topics: Defining translational research, pre-clinical
development of novel targets and leads, clinical development,
the regulatory process, the design of the first-in-human clinical
trial, protecting human subjects and managing clinical data.

BMBT.5500 BMBT Laboratory Experience (Formerly IB 550) - Credits: 3
BMBT.5750 Quantitative Physiology (Formerly IB 575) - Credits: 3

This course presents physiology at the organ system level with
a quantitative approach. It helps integrate the curriculum for
individuals with life science and engineering undergraduate
backgrounds, permitting engineers and physical scientists an
appreciation of how organisms function from the organ/system
perspective and gives life scientists a more rigorous quantitative
approach to physiology than is usual in undergraduate courses.

BMBT.6000 Capstone Project (Formerly IB 600) - Credits: 3

Design or research project, either on campus or in industry,
that synthesizes the knowledge accumulated in the BMEBT
core curriculum. The course includes a brief project proposal,
final report and presentation to be overseen by a UMass Lowell
faculty member, as well as industry sponsor if conducting the
research in industry. All research must be publishable (i.e.
projects with strict IP are not allowed). Students should register
in their final semester of MS required coursework.

BMBT.6010 Sem: Biomedical Engineering &
Biotechnology (Formerly IB 601) - Credits: 3

The goal of the seminar is to have students develop effective
writing and speaking skills required for preparation of research
papers and professional presentations. The course emphasizes
the importance of clear, concise writing style and delivery of
presentations to both scientists and the lay public. Outside
readings are designed to critically evaluate contemporary issues
related to: disclosure and conflict of interest, publishing ethics,
the balance of research, security, and publishing censorship,
electronic science collaborations, and the social implications of
science. Preparation of research grant proposals, the
curriculum vitae, and poster presentations, and the submission
of manuscripts for publication are also reviewed.

BMBT.6050 1-Credit Continued Capstone Project
(Formerly IB 605) - Credits: 1

1-Credit Continued Capstone Project course is for students
who need an extra semester to complete their capstone. Part of
redced course load program for international students.

BMBT.7100 Directed Study (Formerly BMBT 710) -
Credits: 1-3
BMBT.7120 Directed Studies (Formerly IB 712) -
Credits: 2-3
BMBT.7200 Independent Study (Formerly IB 720) -
Credits: 3
BMBT.7210 Independent Study (Formerly IB 721) -
Credits: 1
BMBT.7220 Independent Study (Formerly IB 722) -
Credits: 2
BMBT.7560 Doctoral Dissertation (Formerly IB 756) -
Credits: 6
BMBT.7590 Dissertation Research (Formerly IB 759) -
Credits: 1-9
BMBT.7610 Continued Graduate Research - Credits: 1
BMBT.7700 CPT - Co-op Training (Formerly IB 770) -
Credits: 1

Course required to perform CPT

BMBT.7710 CPT-Co-op Training (Formerly IB 771) -
Credits: 0-1

Course required to perform CPT. "Variable credit course,
student chooses appropriate amount of credits when
registering."

BMBT.7800 Thesis Review (Formerly IB 780) -
Credits: 1

Thesis Review

BMEN.5020 Fundamentals of Biomaterials - Credits: 3

This course will provide an introduction to materials used in
biomedical applications. It will provide students with an
understanding of the fundamental principles and language
associated with current biomaterials research and to
understand the issues associated with medical applications of
these materials. The goal is to enable students in the course to
read the biomaterials literature with critical understanding. The
course will introduce principles of materials science and cell
biology underlying the design of medical implants, artificial
organs, and matrices for tissue engineering and covers surface
chemistry and physics of selected biomaterials, surface characterization methodology, acute and chronic response to implanted biomaterials, and molecular and cellular interactions.

BMEN.5035 Advanced Medical Device Development - Credits: 3

This course focuses on the events that occur after the “solution concept freeze” in the medical device development process, including device designs, clinical evaluation, quality systems, manufacturing processes, regulatory and legal compliance.

BMEN.5040 Medical Device Development Regulation - Credits: 3

A comprehensive and in-depth analysis of US medical device diagnostics development and approval requirements. Detailed analysis of quality assurance issues and regulatory reforms implemented under the Food and Drug Administration. Provides a step-by-step guide through the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) investigation device exemptions, premarket approval, 510(k) application process and product development protocol and review process.

BMEN.5110 Tissue Engineering - Credits: 3

Tissue engineering utilizes engineering materials, cells, and other biochemical factors to develop and manipulate cells, tissues, or organs which can replace and/or support biological functions. In this course, we will explore the principles underlying tissue structure-function relationships; how to rationally alter, restore, or improve cellular environments; and clinical implementations.

BMEN.5115 Advanced Tissue Engineering - Credits: 3

Tissue engineering research continues to attract the interest of researchers and the general public. Popular media outlets like the New York Times, Time, and Wired continue to engage a wide audience and foster excitement for the field as regenerative medicine inches toward becoming a clinical reality. This course will cover enabling technologies, and current applications of the tissue engineering field. The enabling technologies section will focus upon those strategies typically incorporated into tissue-engineered devices or utilized in their development, including advanced scaffolding techniques, bioreactors, and micro physiological systems. Finally, the applications section presents engineered tissues and organs that are currently under development for regenerative medicine applications.

BMEN.5130 Neural Engineering - Credits: 3

Neural Engineering represents the intersection between neuroscience and the technologies designed to measure and modulate the nervous system. This course will review the fundamental principles of cellular and systems neuroscience in the peripheral and central nervous systems, followed by surveys of cutting edge optical/electrical neural interfaces, in vivo/vitro synthetic model systems, prostheses, as well as ethical considerations in neuroscience/neural engineering.

BMEN.5300 Ergonomics and Work (Formerly BMBT.5300) - Credits: 3

An overview of the scientific basis for design of the workplace to optimize physical and mental interaction of workers with machines, tools, and work methods. Topics include work measurement, anthropometry, biomechanics, work physiology, cumulative trauma disorder and information presentation and processing.

BMEN.5305 Biomechanics - Credits: 3

The course provides an overview of musculoskeletal anatomy, the mechanical properties and structural behavior of biological tissues, and biodynamics. Specific course topics will include structure and function relationships in tissues and organs; application of stress and strain analysis to biological tissues; analysis of forces in human function and movement; energy and power in human activity; introduction to modeling viscoelasticity of tissues.

BMEN.5315 Biomechanics II - Credits: 3

This course prepares students with the mathematical preliminaries and theoretical framework to analyze the mechanics of biological materials and human movement. The course will focus on methods to model biological tissues as non-linear, elastic, homogeneous, anisotropic, incompressible materials, and analyze human movement, including the impulse-momentum and work-energy principles, as well as gait analysis.

BMEN.5320 Occupational Biomechanics Laboratory (Formerly BMBT.5320) - Credits: 3

A laboratory presentation of the biomechanical basis for understanding and predicting human motor capabilities using bioinstrumentation. Computerized data acquisition, electromyography and load cells for strength measurement are examples of the equipment used in this lab. Particular emphasis is placed on the evaluation of occupational activities.

BMEN.5325 Biofluid Mechanics - Credits: 3

This course will introduce fundamental principles and mathematical/physical models for air and blood flow in the physiological systems. Their practical applications will be
discussed, with an emphasis on modeling and the potential of flow studies for clinical research applications.

**BMEN.5350 Respiratory Dynamics and Devices - Credits: 3**

An aerosol is an assembly of particles suspended in a gaseous medium. They are omnipresent in our workplaces and outdoor environments. They include a wide range of phenomena such as dust, fume, smoke, mist, fog, haze, clouds and smog. Certain aerosols pose significant health threats, while others improve the quality of our lives. It is necessary to understand how airborne particles behave to control against their undesirable effects and to harness their beneficial potential. This course will explore the mechanics of aerosol behavior, including their generation, transformation, and fate occupational and environmental settings.

**BMEN.5380 Computational Biomechanics - Credits: 3**

Computational biomechanics is a powerful engineering method to model fluid-structure interaction in biological systems. While its traditional roots are in the realm of engineering, the techniques have found wide use in the biomedical engineering domain to simulate the biomechanical response and hemodynamics of the human body and medical devices. This course will prepare students with hands-on and practical skills using computational packages and software to solve biomechanical problems.

**BMEN.5390 Computer Aided Design for Biomedical Engineering - Credits: 3**

This course introduces the student to the use of CAD for construction of basic shapes and multi-view drawings. It is a project-oriented course introducing the student to graphic design using SolidWorks. Design, analysis and visualization of engineering components and systems using interactive computer programs with an emphasis on computer simulation.

**BMEN.5400 Occupational Safety Engineering (Formerly BMBT.5400) - Credits: 3**

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the principles of safety hazards in the work environment. This course is primarily designed to emphasize the safety aspects to the hazards at work. It begins with the historical development of occupational safety and health and progressively examines the fundamentals of recognition, measurement, evaluation, and control of occupational safety hazards.

**BMEN.5410 Biomedical Optics - Credits: 3**

This course will introduce fundamental principles of the interactions between light and biological tissue, including their applications in biology and medicine for detection, imaging, and treatment.

**BMEN.5610 Drug Delivery - Credits: 3**

This class describes the engineering of pharmaceutical delivery systems emphasizing design and application of materials and novel techniques to overcome challenges or barrier to effective drug delivery. Topics will include drug delivery fundamentals and transport mechanisms, drug formation for delivery, and applications.

**BMEN.5810 Data Analytics & Biostatistics for BME - Credits: 3**

Data analysis is a major skill that is required to solve problems as well as to design and develop biotechnology solutions and medical devices. A bioengineer must not only apply the long standard general statistical methods in order to analyze data but also master some of the unique aspects involved in the analysis of biomedical datasets. This course will require the student to become proficient in MATLAB and the Statistics and Machine Learning Toolbox in order to achieve course learning objectives. The student will also be required to demonstrate their bioanalytical proficiency through the implementation of an individual project.

**BMEN.6320 Advanced Biomechanics (Formerly BMBT.6320) - Credits: 3**

A course in advanced biomechanical modeling methods, covering three dimensional static models, optimization methods and dynamic models. Special emphasis will be placed on biomechanical models of the hand. Time will also be dedicated to reviewing current developments in the scientific literature.

**BMEN.6380 Methods of Work Analysis (Formerly BMBT.6380) - Credits: 3**

Criteria for selection of an approach to ergonomic job analysis depend on the combination of exposures (Micro- and Macro-level ergonomic stressors) observed to be present as well as the analytical goal. Many ergonomic analysis techniques are based on traditional industrial engineering approaches (time-motion study and work sampling), applied to the identification and evaluation of potential risks to workers' health. A variety of methods, both observational and instrumental, will be discussed; laboratory sessions will permit hands-on application of several of these for critical evaluation.
Biomedical Engineering
Department of Biomedical Engineering

The Department of Biomedical Engineering at UMass Lowell offers a:

- Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering

The Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell campuses of the University of Massachusetts offer a joint:

- Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology
- Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology
- Graduate Certificate in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology

Chemical Engineering
Department of Chemical Engineering

The Department of Chemical Engineering at UMass Lowell offers a variety of advanced degree programs:

- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
- Chemical Engineering Option
- Energy Engineering Option
- Doctorate in Philosophy in Physics (Ph.D.)
- Energy Engineering Option (see Physics Dept.)
- Master of Science in Engineering (M.S.E.)
- Chemical Engineering
- Energy Engineering (Nuclear Option)
- Graduate Certificates
- Biotechnology and Bioprocessing
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Modeling, Simulation, and Control of Systems and Processes
- Bachelors to Master's Engineering Program

The departmental programs encompass both traditional areas of chemical and nuclear engineering and modern frontier areas such as advanced engineered materials, biotechnology, and computer aided process design and controls. The department encourages cooperative university-wide efforts, especially in areas such as bioengineering, materials and recycling.

Advisors and Advisory Committee

The Graduate Coordinator will be the academic advisor for each student, to help remedy deficiencies in prerequisites, select electives of most value and plan the overall program of study. For those completing a thesis, the thesis advisor will chair the advisory committee, which will guide the student in his or her research and supervise the completion of thesis requirements.

Plan of Study

Each student shall file an approved plan of study with the Department Graduate Coordinator. This form will contain a listing of the courses, which will comprise the student’s program. Any changes must have the approval of the Department Graduate Coordinator.

Credit Requirements

The Master of Science degree in Chemical Engineering requires the successful completion of 30 credit hours. Students may elect one of two options:

Option 1 - 24 credit hours of course work, plus at least 6 credit hours in preparation of an acceptable thesis. Students who receive a research assistantship will be required to submit an acceptable thesis. A thesis must be defended in an oral defense conducted by the student’s thesis committee.

Option 2 - 30 credit hours of course work for the non-thesis option.

All students must enroll in the graduate seminar (CHEN.6010/6020) during their period of study. (These are zero credit seminars.)

Core Requirements

The core requirements will consist of the following courses:

- CHEN.5200
  (Advanced Thermodynamics)
- CHEN.5260
  (Advanced Kinetics and Reactor Design)
- CHEN.5280
  (Biotechnology and Bioprocessing)
Advanced Transport Phenomena
- CHEN.5390
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5390)
Mathematical Methods for Engineers

**Thesis**

Each student who chooses to complete a thesis will be required to complete six credits of thesis and must defend the thesis when completed according to University regulations. The research work for the thesis shall be conducted under the supervision of a department faculty advisor and a committee of two others for the thesis. The student must prepare and submit an acceptable proposal for the thesis prior to beginning the work.

During the period the student is enrolled in graduate thesis, he or she may be required to submit to the faculty of the department a brief monthly report, showing progress in his or her thesis or project and approval by his or her advisor.

**Elective Requirements**

The remainder of the course requirements are to be made up of elective courses. See the elective course listing under the Doctoral Program. The Elective course requirements are 12 credits beyond the core for thesis students and 18 credits beyond the core for students in the coursework only option.

See the elective course listing under the Doctoral Program.

**Doctoral Programs**

**Doctoral Programs in Chemical Engineering**

- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) - Chemical Engineering Option (see below)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) - Nuclear Engineering Concentration

**Objectives**

The Doctor of Philosophy degree is designed to prepare engineers for leadership positions in industry, academia and government. The program includes advanced graduate course work in engineering and allied subjects, and research culminating in a doctoral dissertation.

**Admission Requirements**

The applicant is required to have at least a B.S. degree in engineering or science. A student may apply to transfer 24 credit hours of applicable graduate course work toward the doctoral degree in accordance with University policy. Students who do not have adequate preparation in chemical engineering may be required to take additional courses to make up deficiencies.

**Degree Requirements**

A total of 63 credit hours of graduate level courses are required for the doctoral degree. The general degree requirements follow:

1. A minimum of 30 approved credit hours of graduate level engineering courses including the core requirements.
2. A minimum of twenty-one (21) credit hours of dissertation research.
3. Remaining credits for the degree (12) may be completed through additional elective coursework or dissertation credits.
4. Full-Time students must enroll in the graduate seminar each semester.
5. The student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 in order to graduate.

Exceptions may be made for students whose Masters Degree is in a discipline other than engineering.

**Core Requirements**

The core requirements consist of the following four courses (12 credits):

- CHEN.5200 Advanced Thermodynamics
- CHEN.5260 Advanced Kinetics and Reactor Design
- CHEN.5280 Advanced Transport Phenomena
- CHEN.5390 Mathematical Methods for Engineers

Students must obtain a grade point average of 3.250 or better in the core courses, with no more than one core course with a passing grade below B (3.00) in order to continue in the program.

**Elective Requirements**

A minimum of eighteen (18) credits of elective courses must be taken from the processing, materials or biotechnology/bioprocessing areas. The specific courses in those areas follow:

**Processing:**

- CHEN.5060 Colloidal, Interfacial and Nanomaterials
Science and Engineering
- CHEN.5300 Advanced Control Strategies
- CHEN.5330 Macromolecular Colloidal Science and Engineering
- CHEN.5340 Industrial Bioprocessing
- CHEN.5350 Cell and Microbe Cultivation
- CHEN.5450 Isolation and Purification
- CHEN.5480 Engineering Process Analytics
- MECH.5xxx (Any Department of Mechanical Engineering graduate level processing course approved by the student’s advisor and the Chemical Engineering Graduate Coordinator.)

Materials:
- CHEN.5060 Colloidal, Interfacial and Nanomaterials Science and Engineering
- CHEN.5080 Material Science and Engineering
- CHEN.5230 Nanodevices and Electronic Materials
- CHEN.5240 Self Assembly and Nanotechnology
- CHEN.5290 Advances in Nanotechnology and Green Chemistry
- CHEN.5330 Macromolecular Colloidal Science and Engineering
- CHEN.5370 Nanomaterial Characterization I
- CHEN.5410 Nanomaterial Characterization II
- CHEN.5460 Biomaterials Science and Engineering
- MECH.5xxx (Any Dept of Mechanical Engineering graduate level materials course approved by the student’s advisor and the Chemical Engineering Graduate Coordinator)
- PLAS.5xxx (Any Dept of plastics Engineering graduate level materials course approved by the student’s advisor and the Chemical Engineering Graduate Coordinator)

Biotechnology/Bioprocessing (in addition to the core courses):
- CHEN.5340 Industrial Bioprocessing
- CHEN.5350 Cell and Microbe Cultivation
- CHEN.5450 Isolation and Purification
- CHEN.5460 Biomaterials Science and Engineering
- CHEN.5480 Engineering Process Analytics
- CHEN.5550 Biopharmaceutical Regulatory Compliance
- BIOL.5xxx (Any Dept of Biological Sciences graduate level course approved by the student’s advisor and the Chemical Engineering Graduate Coordinator)

Qualifying Examination

1. An oral component will be a research proposal prepared by the student in an area related to the dissertation. The student will prepare the written research proposal and defend it orally before a committee selected by the Graduate Coordinator. The examination committee will exclude the research supervisor and will provide a pass/fail decision with recommendations. The research supervisor may attend the examination but will not have voting privileges. This examination usually will be taken within the first year after the student joins the Ph.D. program.

2. Students are permitted two attempts at passing the qualifying examination. Students who fail the qualifying exam twice will be dismissed from the doctoral program.

Dissertation

The research work for the dissertation shall be conducted under the supervision of a departmental faculty advisor and a committee of at least two faculty members. The student must defend and submit an acceptable proposal for the dissertation prior to beginning the research work. Students may register for no more than six credits of research in preparing a formal dissertation proposal. This proposal and the student’s ability to perform research must be orally defended before the student’s doctoral committee and other interested parties. This constitutes their candidacy examination. Upon passing the examination and completing all course requirements, the student becomes a candidate for the doctoral degree and may register for additional research credit with the advisor’s approval.

All College of Engineering and University requirements for the defense completion an publication of the final dissertation must be met.

Graduate Certificates

Graduate Certificates in Chemical Engineering
UMass Lowell offers the following graduate certificates in chemical engineering:

- Biotechnology and Bioprocessing
- Materials Sciences & Engineering
- Modeling, Simulation, and Control of Systems and Processes

### Biotechnology and Bioprocessing

**Biological Sciences Department & Chemical and Nuclear Engineering Department**

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The certificate is intended for students who hold a baccalaureate degree in science, engineering, health, or related disciplines. The courses emphasize biological and engineering principles, process concepts and the application of these to process design and improvement. Courses deliberately cross disciplinary boundaries and emphasize teamwork in a multidisciplinary environment as well as a result-oriented, document-driven approach to efficient project completion.

**Required Courses:**

- **BIOL.5350**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5350) -or-
  **CHEN.5350**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5350)
  Principles of Cell and Microbe Cultivation

- **BIOL.5450**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5450) -or-
  **CHEN.5450**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5450)
  Isolation and Purification of Biotech Products

- **BIOL.5550**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BIOL/5550) -or-
  **CHEN.5550**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5550)
  Biopharmaceutical Regulatory Compliance

- Plus One Approved 3 credit Elective

### Materials Sciences & Engineering

**Department of Chemical and Nuclear Engineering**

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This 12 credit certificate provides an advanced course of study in materials science and engineering that will broaden and enhance the capabilities and education of experienced professionals and technologists at the graduate level.

**Required Course:**

- **CHEN.5080**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5080)
  Introduction to Materials Sciences (3 credits)

**Elective Courses** (choose three):

- **CHEN.5060**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5060)
  Colloidal, Interfacial & Nanomaterials Science & Engineering (3 Credits)

- **CHEN.5230**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5230)
  Nanodevices and Electronic Materials (3 credits)

- **CHEN.5240**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5240)
  Self Assembly & Nanotechnology (3 credits)

- **CHEN.5290**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5290)
  Recent Advances in Nanotechnology and Green Chemistry (3 credits)

- **CHEN.5330**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5330)
  Macromolecular Colloidal Science and Engineering (3 credits)

- **ENGY.5370**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5370)
  Nanomaterials Characterization I (3 credits)

- **ENGY.5410**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5410)
  Nanomaterials Characterization II (3 credits)
Department of Chemical and Nuclear Engineering

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The sequence of courses provides advanced training in the modeling and analysis of complex systems with some special focus on thermo-fluid processes and general control system design and analysis. The courses are mathematically intensive and many require the use of modern computer analysis tools (Matlab, Simulink, Aspen, etc.). The graduate certificate program is appropriate for students and professionals interested in gaining skills in mathematical modeling and simulation techniques, and for those individuals interested in updating their knowledge and experience with modern control methods.

This is a 12 credit certificate.

Choose Four Courses:

- ENGY.5090
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5090)
  System Dynamics (3 credits)

- CHEN.5220
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5220)
  Computer-Aided Chemical Process Design (3 credits)

- CHEN.5280
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5280)
  Advanced Transport Phenomena (3 credits)

- CHEN.5300
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5300)
  Advanced Control Strategies (3 credits)

- CHEN.5390
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5390)
  Math Methods for Engineers (3 credits)

- CHEN.5480
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5480)
  Engineering Process Analytics

- A Technical Elective with the Approval of the Coordinator
  (3 credits)

Apply (https://www.uml.edu/Grad/Process/certificate-app.aspx)

Degree Pathways for Biomedical Engineering

The Department of Biomedical Engineering at UMass Lowell offers a Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering.

- Degree pathway (https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf)
CHEN.5020 Principles of Chemical Engineering  
(Formerly 10.502) - Credits: 3

Introduction to the field of chemical engineering and solution of problems involving units and dimensions, mass balances, flow sheets and gas relationships.

CHEN.5060 Colloidal, Interfacial and Nanomaterials Science and Engineering (Formerly 10.506) - Credits: 3

Unifying principle and the three main classes of colloids (dispersions, macromolecular solutions and micelles) are considered. Topics covered include surface tension, work and energy, effect of surface curvature, zeta potential, surface activity and diverse applications of interest to chemical engineers.

CHEN.5080 Material Science and Engineering  
(Formerly 10.508) - Credits: 3

An advanced overview of solid materials that are likely to be considered for engineering applications in, or be produced by the chemical process industries. They will be discussed from the viewpoints of their unit cell structures, appropriate phase diagrams, their chemical and physical attributes, and the association of these to end use applications. Discussion of metals, ceramics, polymers, and composites. For Non-UML graduates.

CHEN.5100 Advanced Separation Processes  
(Formerly 10.510) - Credits: 3

This course emphasizes separation processes requiring a rate analysis for adequate understanding, which includes most of the newer separation methods of industrial importance such as membrane, sorption and chromatographic separations. Unifying fundamental relations and concepts are emphasized. Graphical and numerical design procedures are covered.

CHEN.5120 Industrial Chemistry (Formerly 10.512) - Credits: 3

Survey of the major sources and uses of chemicals, industrial chemical processes, fundamental raw materials, and career paths available in the chemical industry. More intensive treatment of selected industrial processes with emphasis of green/sustainable chemical processes.

CHEN.5200 Advanced Thermodynamics (Formerly 10.520) - Credits: 3

Classical and statistical thermodynamics are applied to develop procedures for obtaining estimates of equilibrium properties required for chemical process design. An introduction to surface energy as an important parameter in the processing of colloids, especially in the nanometer size range, will also be undertaken.

CHEN.5220 Chemical Process Design (Formerly 10.522) - Credits: 3

Process synthesis, definition, and characterization. Introduction to modular process simulation packages such as ASPEN PLUS, Recycle and tear stream analysis. Stream convergence, Unit operations models, Flow sheet manipulation. Data records and physical property estimation techniques.

CHEN.5230 Nanodevices and Electronics Materials Processing (Formerly 10.523) - Credits: 3

Materials processing methods in electronics and related industries; crystal contamination control, growth, diffusion, etching, epitaxy, ion implantation, lithography, and other topics.

CHEN.5240 Self Assembly and Nanotechnology  
(Formerly 10.524) - Credits: 3

This course will describe two of the most fast-growing area/fields with both fundamental importance and practical relevance: self-assembly and nanotechnology. The first half of the course will discuss the theories and applications of self-assembly phenomena. The second half will focus on nanomaterials and nanotechnology.

CHEN.5250 Sustainable Chemistry and Engineering - Credits: 3

This course will provide an overview of the principles of sustainable or green chemistry and engineering. The first half of the course will review the fundamental chemical engineering principles (including chemical reactions, kinetics, catalysis, thermodynamics, separations, and equilibrium) that can be used to advance the field of green chemistry and engineering. The second half of the course will introduce several emerging green engineering topics, including waste treatment, alternative energy, and renewable materials and chemicals.

CHEN.5260 Advanced Kinetics and Reactor Design  
(Formerly 10.526) - Credits: 3

The course will cover advanced chemical reaction kinetics, rate laws and reactor design with an emphasis on heterogeneous and catalytic reaction systems involving interphase and mass transfer effects.
CHEN.5280 Advanced Transport Phenomena
(Formerly 10.528) - Credits: 3

An advanced study of the mechanisms of the transport processes. Transport equations are developed from both microscopic and macroscopic viewpoints. Analogies and similarities between the transport processes are discussed. Considerable emphasis is placed upon solutions to problems.

CHEN.5290 Recent Advances in Nanotechnology and Green Chemistry (Formerly 10.529) - Credits: 3

This course is designed to expose students to a variety of concepts in chemistry and challenge them to think critically about experiments used to interrogate these concepts. Organic polymer chemistry with an emphasis on electronically conducting polymers will be the main area of focus. Students would first be introduced to scientific subject matter outside their realm of familiarity and be expected to identify new concepts and links to existing experimental paradigms. The course is divided into 3 parts: (i) introduction to nanotechnology and green chemistry with a focus on nanoscale electronic polymers, (ii) green chemistry and the overlap area with nanotechnology, and (iii) green engineering.

CHEN.5300 Advanced Control Strategies (Formerly 10.530) - Credits: 3

An introduction to computer control and to some of the common control strategies applied to the design of complex chemical process control systems.

CHEN.5320 Principles of Chemical Engineering II
(Formerly 10.532) - Credits: 3

Continuation of Principles of Chemical Engineering including real gas relationships, humidity, energy balances, and combined mass-energy balance systems. Introduction to the first law of thermodynamics. Note: Non-majors only.

CHEN.5330 Macromolecular Colloidal Science and Engineering (Formerly 10.533) - Credits: 3

This course treats both synthetic and natural macromolecules (i.e., polymers, and biopolymers), Interrelating synthesis commercial manufacture, molecular, macroscopic and application properties as well as the colloidal nature of their solutions. Pertinent fundamental principles are reviewed.

CHEN.5340 Industrial Bioprocessing - Credits: 3

Students will learn principles and concepts of industrial bioprocessing. The course covers key concepts and practices of upstream, downstream and analytical bioprocessing technologies. In addition, recent FDA initiatives of Process Analytical Technology (PAT), Quality by Design, and Emerging Technologies will be covered. The course consists of 14 modules. Each module will cover subject matter provided by industry experts.

CHEN.5350 Cell and Microbe Cultivation (Formerly 10.535) - Credits: 3

This course presents the principles of biochemical engineering with an emphasis on the unit operation of cell cultivation for production of commercially important products, especially biopharmaceuticals. The bioreactor is viewed as a device for controlling the environment of recombinant and traditional cultures. Major topics include media design, kinetics of growth and production, expression systems, bioreactor types, cell physiology, and bioprocess economics.

CHEN.5370 Nanomaterials Characterization I
(Formerly 10.537) - Credits: 3

This lecture course will provide an in-depth introduction to the principles, instrumentation and applications of most common nanomaterial characterization techniques. Nanomaterial imaging, physical, chemical, and optical property analyses are the main focus of this class. Topics covered will include: electron microscopy (SEM/TEM), scanned probe microscopy (AFM), elemental analysis (EDX/XPS), crystal structure analysis (XRD/SAED), thermal analysis (DSC/TGA), laser based characterization (LSCM/DLS/Raman), chromatographic methods (GC), infrared spectroscopy, UV/Vis spectroscopy and contact angle goniometry. The analytical and quantitative applications of these techniques for investigating different types of nanomaterials will also be described. Lab demonstrations will be included in lectures.

CHEN.5380 Advanced Separations in Biotechnology
(Formerly 10.538) - Credits: 3

This course provides in depth analysis of the two methods used most often in Bioseparations, filtration and chromatography. For both techniques, basic concepts are reviewed. Membrane, depth, sterile and tangential flow filtration, as well as ion exchange, hydrophobic interaction, and hydroxyapatite chromatography are considered. The emphasis for both methods is on specific applications, scale-up, validation and cleaning.

CHEN.5390 Mathematical Methods for Engineers
(Formerly 10/24.539) - Credits: 3

Ordinary and partial differential equations, linear algebra, matrix/vector calculus, numerical methods, introduction to
optimization methods, and other topics as time permits. Both analytical and numerical techniques are integrated to give good analytical skills coupled with practical problem solving tools. Extensive computer work with the MATLAB package is required. (Same as 24.539).

CHEN.5410 Nanomaterials Characterization II (Formerly 10.541) - Credits: 3

This hands-on laboratory course will cover the practical aspects of light, electron and scanned probe microscopy techniques discussed in Nanomaterials Characterization I (10.540). A variety of nanomaterials samples systems will be characterized using laser scanning confocal microscopy (LSCM), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and atomic force microscopy (AFM). The laboratory experiments will provide practical experience in sample preparation techniques, optimization of instrumental conditions for imaging and spectroscopy, and data analysis and interpretation. Students will work on individual term projects involving real-world samples that are of interest to them, and use the techniques they learned in the course to characterize their samples.

CHEN.5440 Formulation of Biotherapeutics (Formerly 10.544) - Credits: 3

Biotherapeutics, particularly antibodies, are currently the fastest growing pharmaceuticals. Ideally, biotherapeutics are formulated in aqueous solutions and are often a great challenge due physical and chemical stability issues. This course addresses the latest trends and challenges in biologics formulation with a focus on the important role of preformulation in understanding the biological molecule itself for greater "formulatability" and "developability". The course will feature interactive discussions on early formulation screening, thorough biophysical and analytical characterization, improving the feedback loop in the early formulation-development interface, overcoming aggregation and other heterogeneity challenges, and improving overall product profile. In addition, the course will also cover an optimization of the formulation process through rational iterative approach and in-depth case studies. As a whole, this course focuses on providing you with additional tools and knowledge to help streamline solutions to formulation and stability issues for biologics.

CHEN.5450 Isolation and Purification (Formerly 81.545) - Credits: 3

Efficient isolation and purification of biological products, especially proteins, from complex natural mixtures.

CHEN.5460 Biomaterials Science and Engineering -

Credits: 3

The goal of this course is to provide an understanding for design, synthesis, fabrication, and characterization of biomaterials for medical applications. The course will also cover biomimetic engineering strategies to generate materials that can be used for improving human health such as drug delivery, tissue engineering, and regenerative medicine. Example topics include biocompatibility, protein adsorption, degradation, swelling, mechanical properties, biomaterial-tissue interactions, vaccines, micro/nano technologies, instructive biomaterials for stem cells, medical devices and implants, performance of implants, and modulation of cell behavior and function through biomaterial strategies.

CHEN.5480 Engineering Process Analytics (Formerly 10.548) - Credits: 3

This course covers multivariate statistical data analysis and experimental design. Students will learn how to extract information by analyzing various engineering datasets, and how to generate information-rich datasets via minimum experiments. Software for data analysis and experimental design will be utilized during tutorial and practice.

CHEN.5500 Biomedical Applications of Nanotechnology (Formerly 10.550) - Credits: 3

The course will aim to give students an introduction to the applications of nanotechnology in biomedicine. The course will cover the basics of nanomaterials including synthesis and characterization, use of nanotheranostics platforms for drug delivery and imaging, nanomaterials for tissue engineering; nanobiodevices and nanotoxicology. The course is designed for graduate students in the Chemical Engineering and the Biomedical Engineering/Biotechnology programs as well as seniors in Chemical Engineering.

CHEN.5520 Directed Study: Chemical Engineering (Formerly 10.552) - Credits: 3

CHEN.5550 Biopharmaceutical Regulatory Compliance (Formerly 10.555) - Credits: 3

This course examines the regulatory framework in which "drugs", "biologics" and "cellular therapies" are evaluated in the United States, including the laws, regulations and the state of industrial practice.

CHEN.5560 Materials for Aerospace and Energy Applications (Formerly 10.556) - Credits: 3

Material requirements for emerging applications in aerospace and energy sectors will be discussed. Mechanical, thermal and
electrical and barrier properties of filled polymers and polymer nanocomposites will be studied. The effect of resin structure, filler additives, reactive diluents on the resulting properties will be reviewed. Scale-up issues will be studied using basic principles of chemical engineering.

CHEN.5860 Biotechnology Processing Projects Laboratory (Formerly 10.586) - Credits: 3
Development of manufacturing processes for the products of biotechnology are followed through a series of process unit operations. Following the synthesis, purification and formulation of a specific enzyme throughout the course, students examine interactions between process steps and evaluate the impact of each on the total production process. As a final project, students assume the role of project team leader, developing a commercial-scale production process for the enzyme.

CHEN.5930 Cooperative Education (Formerly 10.593) - Credits: 0
CHEN.6010 Seminar (Formerly 10.601) - Credits: 0
Required for all graduate students.

CHEN.6020 Graduate Seminar (Formerly 10.602) - Credits: 0
Required for all graduate students.

CHEN.6500 Nanoscale Transport Phenomena for Manufacturing Nanodevices (Formerly 10.650) - Credits: 3
An interdisciplinary course taught by faculty from the Chemical, Mechanical and Plastics Engineering Departments, who have special knowledge in nanoscale fluid mechanics and heat transfer. The course on nanoscale transport phenomena constitutes a bridge between existing fluid and heat transfer courses in multiple disciplines and emerging nanoscale science and engineering concepts to reflect the forefront of nanomanufacturing. The course is designed to incorporate recent advances in manufacturing polymer-based nanodevices. Key issues of the implementation and maintenance costs for fabrication will be addressed. Hands-on laboratory experiments will be performed to complement the lectures with the ultimate goal of designing and building a complete nanodevice at the end of the course. The course will prepare graduates for employment focused on designing and manufacturing nano/microfluidic systems, lab-on-a-chip devices, electronics devices, medical devices, and other emerging technologies.

CHEN.7200 Special Projects in Chemical Engineering (Formerly 10.720) - Credits: 3
Special projects undertaken by a student to expand his/her knowledge in specific fields related to his/her master’s project.

CHEN.7330 Graduate Project - Chemical Engineering (Formerly 10.733) - Credits: 3
Advanced research project required of students electing non-thesis option performed under the supervision of a senior faculty member in the Chemical Engineering Program. The project must be approved by an examining committee and the Department Chairperson.

CHEN.7360 Graduate Project - Chemical Engineering (Formerly 10.736) - Credits: 6
CHEN.7410 Thesis Review (Formerly 10.741) - Credits: 1
CHEN.7430 Master’s Thesis - Chemical Engineering (Formerly 10.743) - Credits: 3
Advanced research work required of students electing thesis option performed under the supervision of a senior faculty member in the Chemical Engineering Program. The thesis must be approved by an examining committee and the Department Chairperson.

CHEN.7460 Master’s Thesis - Chemical Engineering (Formerly 10.746) - Credits: 6
CHEN.7500 Doctoral Dissertation Review (Formerly 10.750) - Credits: 1
Doctoral Dissertation Review

CHEN.7530 Doctoral Dissertation/Chemical Engineering (Formerly 10.753) - Credits: 1-3
Advanced research work required of students performed under the supervision of a senior faculty member in the Chemical Engineering Program. The dissertation topic must be approved by the doctoral committee.

CHEN.7560 Doctoral Dissertation/Chemical Engineering (Formerly 10.756) - Credits: 6
CHEN.7590 Doctoral Dissertation/Chemical Engineering (Formerly 10.759) - Credits: 9
CHEN.7CPT Curricular Practical Training for
Engineering Doctoral Candidates - Credits: 1

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) is a training program for doctoral students in Engineering. Participation in CPT acknowledges that this an integral part of an established curriculum and directly related to the major area of study or thesis.

ENGY.5040 Energy Engineering Workshop (Formerly 24.504) - Credits: 3

A group/individual design project. The design effort will integrate many aspects of the student's engineering background, including design concepts, technical analyses, economic and safety considerations, etc. A formal report and oral presentation are required.

ENGY.5050 Reactor Physics (Formerly 24.505) - Credits: 3

Advanced treatment of several topics in reactor physics, including cross sections and processing methods, development of transport theory, reduction to diffusion theory, and analyses of analytical and numerical solutions of the resultant balance equations.

ENGY.5070 Reactor Engineering and Safety (Formerly 24.507) - Credits: 3

Modeling and analysis of reactor thermal-hydraulics and safety systems. Topics include nuclear heat generation and transport, single and two-phase flow, boiling crisis, and safety analysis.

ENGY.5090 Dynamic Systems Analysis (Formerly 24.509) - Credits: 3

Mathematical foundation using the state-variable approach. Topics include matrix methods, Laplace and Fourier transforms, transfer functions, frequency response and stability analyses, and distributed/lumped parameter systems. Applications to mechanical and thermo-fluid systems. Modeling and simulation of systems using Matlab are emphasized. A comprehensive project, including formal written and oral reports, is required.

ENGY.5100 Nuclear Fuel Cycle (Formerly 24.510) - Credits: 3

This course will explore the various stages of the nuclear fuel cycle. The nuclear fuel cycle is broadly classified into three stages: front end, service stage, and back end. The course will introduce students to the various sub stages within the three broad stages of the nuclear fuel cycle. The course will explore the technology that is currently being used in these stages, then compare difference in approaches. Further modifications to the fuel cycle management will be discussed to make nuclear energy more sustainable. The course will provide an overview of front end fuel cycle including: mining, milling, enriching, fabrication; back end of the fuel cycle including: waste and recycling (or not); and in core fuel management, burnup calculations; and approaches to balance the cost of electricity production using nuclear reactors. The students will be introduced to nuclear burnup code such as ORIGEN. At the conclusion of the course students will be tasked to design and evaluate an aspect of the nuclear cycle that has been discussed in the class including but not limited to: enrichment plant, in-core fuel management, spent fuel management.

ENGY.5140 Chemical and Nuclear Waste (Formerly 24.514) - Credits: 3

History of nuclear waste disposal; engineering design of disposal systems. Present status of waste and the character and quantities of future wastes. Review of disposal concepts on a generic basis. The national plan for waste disposal.

ENGY.5160 Radiation Shielding and Protection (Formerly 24.516) - Credits: 3

This course will explore the fundamental principles of the interaction of nuclear and atomic radiation with matter and the transport of radiation through materials. The students will learn characterization of radiation fields and sources, and transport radiation through material. The course will discuss radiation exposure, dose, dose equivalent in context of radiation shielding and protection. Consequently, the students will compile each of these topics to learn how to design and analyze radiation shielding and protection. The students will learn how to use both the SOURCES and ORIGEN (or equivalent) code systems for calculating radiation sources and the MCNP (or equivalent) code system for the transport of radiation. At the conclusion of the course the students are expected to develop a shielding design for a given constraints typically encountered in the nuclear field.

ENGY.5180 Energy Technology, Economics and Policy - Credits: 3

Survey course where students integrate the knowledge form previous undergraduate courses to explore and interpret energy technologies, economics and policies. This course is an elective course for engineering students and requires a good basic understanding of technical concepts related to the measurement and calculation of energy conversion and engineering economics.

ENGY.5190 Reactor Operator Training (Formerly
24.519) - Credits: 3
Training, including in-reactor experience and topical lectures, as given to Reactor Operator Trainees who will undergo Federal testing for a Reactor Operator License.

ENGY.5200 Reactor Operator Training (Formerly 24.520) - Credits: 3
Continuation of 24.519. Upon completion of this course, the student will be given a simulated Reactor Operator examination, including a written test, an oral test about reactor systems, and a controls manipulation test.

ENGY.5310 Selected Topics in Engineering (Formerly 24.531) - Credits: 3
Special problems in nuclear science and engineering assigned to the individual student, with emphasis on modern research methods and preparation of results for publication.

ENGY.5320 Selected Topics: Energy Science (Formerly 24.532) - Credits: 3
Special problems in nuclear science and engineering assigned to the individual student, with emphasis on modern research methods and preparation of results for publication.

ENGY.5340 Fundamentals of Nuclear Security and Safeguards (Formerly 24.534) - Credits: 3
This course will include technical and policy matters related to nuclear security and safeguards. The students will explore in interplay between technical and social science disciplines. Students will be introduced to fundamental nuclear physics and engineering, material science, risk assessment, computational techniques, modeling and simulation, information technology, measurement techniques, and detector development. Those technical disciplines will be combined with social science fields such as political science, international relations, international law, energy policies, and regional studies.

ENGY.5360 Reactor Experiments (Formerly 24.536) - Credits: 3
A laboratory-based course using the U Mass Lowell Research Reactor (UMLRR) to illustrate, validate, and expand upon a mix of topics from reactor core physics, reactor operations, and balance-of-plant/energy removal considerations in nuclear systems. Typical experiments may include an approach to critical demo, reactivity measurements, generation of blade worth curves, analysis of various reactor kinetics and dynamic scenarios (including temperature and xenon effects), measurement of axial flux profiles and temperature/void coefficients, analysis of loss of flow and other pump transients, etc. Matlab will be used for data analysis and for reactor simulation. Other analysis tools such as VENTURE, MCNP, or PARET using existing models of the UMLRR may also be used. Comprehensive analysis reports that compare/contrast experimental and simulation data will be required. Oral presentations summarizing the results from the experiments will also be required.

ENGY.6010 Graduate Research Seminar (Formerly 24.601) - Credits: 0

ENGY.6510 Selected Topics in Energy Engineering (Formerly 24.651) - Credits: 3

ENGY.7050 Supervised Tchg - Nuclear Engineering (Formerly 24.705) - Credits: 0

ENGY.7330 Graduate Project - Energy Engineering (Formerly 24.733) - Credits: 3

ENGY.7390 Graduate Project - Energy Engineering (Formerly 24.739) - Credits: 9

ENGY.7410 Thesis Review (Formerly 24.741) - Credits: 1

ENGY.7430 Master's Thesis - Nuclear Engineering (Formerly 24.743) - Credits: 3

ENGY.7460 Master's Thesis - Energy Engineering (Formerly 24.746) - Credits: 6

ENGY.7490 Master's Thesis - Energy Engineering (Formerly 24.749) - Credits: 9

ENGY.7530 Doctoral Dissertation/Energy Engineering (Formerly 24.753) - Credits: 1-3
Advanced research work required of students performed under the supervision of a senior faculty member in the Nuclear Engineering Program. The dissertation topic must be approved by the doctoral committee.

ENGY.7560 Doctoral Dissertation/Energy Engineering (Formerly 24.756) - Credits: 6

ENGY.7590 Doctoral Dissertation/Energy Engineering (Formerly 24.759) - Credits: 9
Advanced research work required of students performed under the supervision of a senior faculty member in the Energy Engineering Program. The dissertation topic must be approved by the doctoral committee.
ENGY.7660 Continued Graduate Research (Formerly 24.766) - Credits: 6
ENGY.7690 Continued Graduate Research (Formerly 24.769) - Credits: 9
ENGY.7CPT Curricular Practical Training for Engineering Doctoral Candidates - Credits: 1

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Civil & Environmental Engineering

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

The UMass Lowell Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering offers a wide variety of graduate programs. Program options include environmental engineering, geoenvironmental engineering, geotechnical engineering, structural engineering, transportation engineering, and environmental studies.

- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Civil and Environmental Engineering Option
- Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
- Master of Science in Civil Engineering
- Master of Science in Environmental Studies
- Environmental Engineering Science Concentration
- Master of Science in Environmental Studies
- Atmospheric Sciences Concentration

Graduate Certificate Programs

- Environmental Biotechnology
- Sustainable Infrastructure for Developing Nations
- Bachelor’s-Master’s Engineering Program

Graduate study in Civil and Environmental Engineering is an intensive program of instruction at an advanced technical level. The program permits students to design, in consultation with their advisor, a plan of study that meets individual goals and career objectives.

Co-op Option in Engineering

- The Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering participates in the Graduate Master’s Co-op Option in Engineering. For detailed information about the Co-op Program and curriculum requirements, please see the Graduate Catalog Engineering Co-op page (https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf).

Masters Program

Civil Engineering Master’s Programs

The UMass Lowell Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering offers master’s degree programs in Civil Engineering and in Environmental Studies. Options within the Master of Science in Civil Engineering include: Environmental Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering, Geoenvironmental, Structural Engineering, and Transportation Engineering. There are two concentrations within the Master of Science in Environmental Engineering - one in Atmospheric Sciences, and another in Environmental Engineering Sciences.

- Master of Science in Civil Engineering
  - Environmental Engineering Option
  - Geotechnical Engineering Option
  - Geoenvironmental Option
  - Structural Engineering Option
  - Transportation Engineering Option
- Master of Science in Environmental Studies
  - Atmospheric Sciences Concentration
  - Environmental Engineering Sciences Concentration
- Co-op Option in Engineering

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Master of Science in Civil Engineering

Program Description and General Requirements

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Program options include environmental engineering, geoenvironmental engineering, geotechnical engineering, structural engineering and transportation engineering.

Admission to a particular engineering option is open to applicants with undergraduate degrees in engineering, mathematics or science. The degree requires successful completion of 30 credit hours of course work, or 24 credit hours of instruction and a publishable thesis, or 27 hours of course work and preparation of a project report.

Courses are scheduled in the late afternoon and evening to provide study opportunities for students with full-time employment.
employment. Successful completion of undergraduate prerequisite courses is required prior to registering for graduate courses. However, undergraduate prerequisites and selected graduate courses, that do not have prerequisites, may be taken during the first year of study, but only with the written permission of the students advisor. Required undergraduate prerequisite courses are listed in descriptions of the core graduate courses shown below.

Applicants who satisfy graduate admission requirements will be assigned to a faculty member who will serve as their academic advisor. Students receiving a teaching or research assistantship will normally be required to submit a publishable thesis. Those admitted to graduate study as non-degree students may apply for matriculated status. However, no more than 12 credits of work completed while in non-degree student status or transferred from another department or college will be used toward a degree. Matriculated status is preferred before initial registration and is mandatory prior to registration for second semester courses. Faculty will review a petitioners performance in all courses attempted.

Visit the Civil & Environmental Engineering Department website for more information.

Master of Science in Civil Engineering (Environmental Engineering Option)?

The program offers an opportunity to pursue a broad range of interests in the field of environmental engineering. The course of study is designed to meet an individual student's interests and career goals. Programs consist of civil engineering courses in water and wastewater treatment, groundwater remediation, solid waste management, environmental chemistry, hydrology, hydraulics, air pollution control and may include courses from allied disciplines such as biological and health sciences, environmental studies, chemistry and work environment. The program of study consists of five core courses and elective courses. Undergraduate core course prerequisites must be completed before beginning graduate course work.

Prerequisite Undergraduate Courses for MS Environmental Engineering Option

In order to obtain the MS Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering, Environmental Engineering Option, a student is required to have completed undergraduate courses in the areas of chemistry, physics, mathematics and engineering. At a minimum, the following courses are required. University of Massachusetts Lowell (UML) course numbers are provided for reference purposes. Course work that is equivalent to the UML courses specified are acceptable. However, an official determination of prerequisite course equivalency will be conducted by UML faculty that teach the specified undergraduate course, or by the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Graduate Coordinator, only after the student has applied and been accepted into the graduate program. This list represents the minimum prerequisite course requirements. Additional undergraduate course work may be required to remedy academic deficiencies. Students will be notified of deficiencies in an acceptance letter. All deficiencies must be eliminated before a student can be classified as "fully matriculated".

The undergraduate prerequisite courses are as follows:

- CHEM.1210
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/1210) Chemistry I
- CHEM.1230L
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/1230L) Chemistry I Lab
- CHEM.1220
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/1220) Chemistry II
- CHEM.1240L
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/1240L) Chemistry II Lab
- MATH.1310
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/1310) Calculus I
- MATH.1320
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/1320) Calculus II
- MATH.2310
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/2310) Calculus III
- MATH.2340
  (https://stage.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/2340) Differential Equations
- PHYS.1410
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/1410) Physics I
- PHYS.1410L
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/1410L) Physics I Lab
- CIVE.2030
Core Courses (5 total)

- CIVE.5610
  Physical and Chemical Treatment Processes
- CIVE.5620
  Physical and Chemical Hydrogeology
- CIVE.5670
  Environmental Aquatic Chemistry
- CIVE.5680
  Environmental Fate and Transport
- CIVE.5780
  Biological Wastewater Treatment

Elective Courses (select 5)

Individual student programs consist of a complement of elective courses usually taken from the following list:

- CIVE.5270
  Geotechnical and Environmental Site Characterization
- CIVE.5290
  Engineering with Geosynthetics
- CIVE.5640
  Hydraulics and Hydrology
- CIVE.5660
  Environmental Applications & Implications of Nanomaterials
- CIVE.5670
  Environmental Aquatic Chemistry
- CIVE.5690
  Micropollutants in the Environment
- CIVE.5720
  Marine and Coastal Processes
- CIVE.5730
  Solid Waste Engineering
- CIVE.5750
  Groundwater Modeling
- CIVE.5760
  GIS Applications in Civil & Environmental Engineering
- CIVE.5950
  Hazardous Waste Site Remediation
- ATMO.5230
  Air Pollution Control
- ATMO.5710
  Air Pollution Phenomenology
- CHEM.5140
  Advanced Analytical Chemistry
- ENVS.5010
  Wetl
Master of Science in Civil Engineering (Geotechnical Engineering Option)?

The master’s degree program in geotechnical engineering encompasses soil mechanics theory and applications in the fields of foundation and soil engineering. Course work emphasizes the engineering behavior of soil, soil property determination, and the use of advanced soil mechanics theory and soil-structure interaction in the solution of soil and foundation engineering problems. Elementary courses in soil mechanics, statics, strength of materials and fluid mechanics are required as prerequisites for graduate core courses. Students receiving a teaching or research assistantship are required to submit a publishable thesis.

The program of study consists of one required course: CIVE.5310 (Advanced Soil Mechanics), any five courses from a list of core geotechnical electives and four other elective courses, selected with the consent of a students faculty advisor. Additional advanced structural, geoenvironmental and geology courses may be taken as electives after consultation with a faculty advisor and approval from the Department. Program and course details are included in the graduate course list and the graduate catalog.

Core Courses

- CIVE.5310 (Advanced Soil Mechanics)
- CIVE.5270 (Geotechnical and Environmental Site Characterization)
- CIVE.5280 (Drilled Deep Foundations)
- CIVE.5290 (Engineering with Geosynthetics)
- CIVE.5300 (Driven Deep Foundations)
- CIVE.5320 (Theoretical and Numerical Soil Mechanics)
- CIVE.5330 (Advanced Foundation Engineering)
- CIVE.5340 (Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering)
- CIVE.5360 (Soil Engineering)
- CIVE.5370 (Experimental Soil Mechanics)
- CIVE.5380 (Soil Behavior)
- CIVE.5390 (Ground Improvement)

Elective Courses (4 total)

- CIVE.5040
- CIVE.5270
- CIVE.5280
- CIVE.5290
- CIVE.5300
- CIVE.5320
- CIVE.5330
- CIVE.5340
- CIVE.5360
- CIVE.5370
- CIVE.5380
- CIVE.5390
Advanced Strength of Materials
- CIVE.5110 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5110)
  Inspection and Monitoring of Civil Infrastructure
- CIVE.5210 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5210)
  Reliability Analysis in Engineering
- CIVE.5460 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5460)
  Pavement Design
- CIVE.5500 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5500)
  Behavior of Structures
- CIVE.5560 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5560)
  Finite Element Analysis
- CIVE.5620 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5620)
  Physical and Chemical Hydrogeology
- CIVE.5720 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5720)
  Marine and Coastal Processes
- CIVE.5750 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5750)
  Groundwater Modeling
- CIVE.5760 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5760)
  GIS Applications in Civil & Environmental Engineering
- CIVE.5810 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5810)
  Engineering Systems Analysis
- GEOL.5560 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/GEOL/5560)
  Applied Geophysics

Master of Science in Civil Engineering (Geoenvironmental Option)?

The solution of environmental problems related to soil and/or groundwater often requires knowledge of both Geotechnical and Environmental Engineering. The Geoenvironmental program provides fundamental training in soil mechanics, groundwater hydrology, environmental chemistry, and soil engineering. Course work is offered in each area as well as in courses that combine disciplines generally required in the solution of complex site problems, such as, landfill design, remediation of hazardous waste sites, dewatering and soil improvement.

Core Courses (2 total)
- CIVE.5310 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5310)
  Advanced Soil Mechanics
- CIVE.5620 (https://stage.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5620)
  Physical and Chemical Hydrogeology

Geotechnical Core Course (Select 1; courses not taken may be used as electives):
- CIVE.5270 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5270)
  Geotechnical Environmental Site Characterization
- CIVE.5290 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5290)
  Engineering with Geosynthetics
- CIVE.5360 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5360)
  Soil Engineering
- CIVE.5380 (https://stage.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5380)
  Soil Behavior

Environmental Core Course (Select 1; courses not taken may be used as electives):
- CIVE.5670 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5670)
  Environmental Aquatic Chemistry
- CIVE.5950 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5950)
  Hazardous Waste Site Remediation

Elective Courses (6 total)
Additional advanced courses may be taken as electives after consultation with a faculty advisor and approval from the Department.

Master of Science in Civil Engineering (Structural Engineering Option)?

The structural option within Civil Engineering offers instruction and research in advanced concepts and techniques to develop innovative solutions for critical and challenging problems in Structural Engineering. A student seeking an MS Engineering in Structural Engineering must have at least one core course from each group (A, B, and C) to meet the core course requirements. Student study programs in structural engineering are developed with a faculty advisor to meet the needs of the individual. Students should also meet the prerequisite requirement in each graduate-level course by receiving an approval from the instructor.

**Core Course Requirement (3 total)**

Group A (Design; select 1; courses not taken may be used as elective):

- CIVE.5510 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5510) Advanced Steel Design
- CIVE.5520 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5520) Design of Concrete Structures
- CIVE.5580 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5580) Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering
- CIVE.5670 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5670) Experimental Soil Mechanics
- CIVE.5390 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5390) Ground Improvement
- CIVE.5610 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5610) Physical and Chemical Treatment Process
- CIVE.5640 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5640) Hydraulics and Hydrology
- CIVE.5660 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5660) Environmental Applications & Implications of Nanomaterials
- CIVE.5680 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5680) Environmental Fate and Transport
- CIVE.5690 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5690) Hydraulics and Hydrology
- CIVE.5700 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5700) Experimental Soil Mechanics
- CIVE.5730 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5730) Solid Waste Engineering
- CIVE.5760 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5760) GIS Applications in Civil & Environmental Engineering
- ENVS.5810 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENVS/5810) Understanding the Massachusetts Contingency Plan
Bridge Design

Group B (Analysis; select 1; courses not taken may be used as elective):

- CIVE.5030 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5030) Computer-Based Analysis of Structures
- CIVE.5040 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5040) Advanced Strength of Materials
- CIVE.5500 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5500) Behavior of Structures
- CIVE.5560 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5560) Finite Element of Analysis (or equivalent)

Group C (Dynamics, Stability, and Materials; select 1; courses not taken may be used as elective):

- CIVE.5050 Concrete Materials (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5120)
- CIVE.5120 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5120) Structural Stability
- CIVE.5150 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5150) Cementitious Materials for Sustainable Concrete
- CIVE.5570 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5570) Structural Dynamics

Elective Courses (7 total)

- CIVE.5080 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5080) Practice of Structural Engineering
- CIVE.5110 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5110) Inspection and Monitoring of Civil Infrastructure
- CIVE.5210 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5210) Reliability Analysis in Engineering
- CIVE.5310 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5310) Advanced Soil Mechanics
- CIVE.5330 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5330) Advanced Foundation Engineering
- CIVE.5360 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5360) Soil Engineeering
- CIVE.5390 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5390) Ground Improvement
- CIVE.5410 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5410) Traffic Engineering
- CIVE.5460 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5460) Pavement Design
- CIVE.5530 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5530) Wood Structures
- CIVE.5540 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5540) Prestressed Concrete Design
- CIVE.5590 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5590) Masonry Design
- CIVE.5760 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5760) GIS Application in Civil and Environmental Engineering
• CIVE.5810
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5810)
  Engineering Systems Analysis
• CIVE.5830
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5830)
  Stochastic Concepts for Engineering

Notes:

1. Additional geotechnical and geoenvironmental courses and appropriate advanced courses from the Departments of Mathematics and Mechanical Engineering may be taken as electives after consultation with a faculty advisor and with the approval of the Department.
2. With the approval of the Department, a student may substitute one of the core requirements with another advanced Mathematics or Engineering course.

Master of Science in Civil Engineering (Transportation Engineering Option)?

The program in Transportation Engineering offers courses in planning, design and operation of multimodal transportation facilities. It emphasizes the interdisciplinary nature of the subject, supplementing engineering concepts with techniques from management, economics, operations research and environmental studies. It is designed to provide students with advanced technical knowledge for addressing transportation problems in a variety of practical situations. Specialization in a specific area can be achieved through thesis and project work. Graduate study plans are designed based upon student interest, professional needs and undergraduate preparation. Students are expected to have completed or show proficiency in the following courses in partial fulfillment of degree requirements:

The undergraduate prerequisite courses are as follows:

• MATH.1310
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/1310)
  Calculus I
• MATH.1320
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/1320)
  Calculus II
• MATH.2310
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/2310)
  Calculus III
• MATH.2340
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/2340)
  Differential Equations
• CIVE.2860
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/2860)
  Prob. & Stat. for Engineers
• PHYS.1410
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/1410)
  Physics I
• PHYS.1410L
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/1410L)
  Physics I Lab
• CIVE.3400
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/3400)
  Transportation Engineering
• CIVE.3720
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/3720)
  Civil Engineering Systems

Core Courses Requirements (Select 3; courses not taken may be used as elective)

• CIVE.5400
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5400)
  Urban Transportation Planning
• CIVE.5410
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5410)
  Traffic Engineering
• CIVE.5420
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5420)
  Transportation Network Analysis
• CIVE.5480
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5480)
  Traffic Management and Control
• CIVE.5490
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5490)
  Traffic Flow and Emerging Transportation Technologies

Elective Courses (7 total)
Other than the above listed elective courses, students may take courses from other appropriate disciplines such as engineering, management, computer science, and mathematics as electives after consultation with a faculty advisor and with the approval of the Department. A few examples are:

- **Engineering**: CIVE.5210  
  Reliability Analysis in Engineering; MECH.5760  
  Engineering Project Management; CHEN.5390  
  Mathematical Methods for Engineers

- **Management**: MIST.6030  
  Database Management; MIST.6170  
  Advanced Machine Learning; MIST.7060  
  Data Analytics; MIST.6160  
  Advanced Data Mining; MIST.6060  
  Business Intelligence and Data Mining; POMS.4050  
  Predictive Data Analytics; POMS.6220  
  Decision Analytics

- **Math and Science**: COMP.5730  
  Data Base I; COMP.5450  
  Machine Learning; MATH.5910  
  Linear Statistics Modeling and Regression; MATH.5750  
  Applied Statistics with R; MATH.5500  
  Mathematical Modeling; COMP.4200  
  Artificial Intelligence; COMP.6040  
  Network Optimization; MATH.5720
Master of Science in Environmental Studies?

Environmental Engineering Sciences Concentration?

This interdisciplinary program offers a Master of Science in Environmental Studies with a thesis or a non-thesis track. Enrollment in the program is open to individuals with a baccalaureate degree in technology, biology or a physical science. Others may be admitted with the approval of the Graduate Coordinator. Such students may make up course prerequisite deficiencies while in the program, although those credits will not count toward the total required for the masters degree. Frequently, students entering the program are required to take a number of undergraduate courses to develop analytical skills and to prepare for advanced level course work. Undergraduate courses may include calculus, statistics, chemistry, computer programming or courses designed to develop problem-solving skills. Course requirements are determined by discussion with the Program Coordinator. The thesis track requires completion of an approved program of study involving a minimum of 24 credits of core courses and electives, and 6 credits of thesis, consisting of laboratory research or scholarly investigation, for a total of 30 credits. Students may only register for thesis research with the prior approval of a thesis advisor. The thesis work is to be guided by a principal advisor who is a member of the University of Massachusetts Lowell faculty and by two additional committee members, at least one of whom must be a member of the faculty. Committee selection and the thesis topic are subject to the approval of the graduate coordinator. The non-thesis track requires completion of an approved program of study involving 30 credits of core courses and electives. All individual programs of study must include the core courses listed below.

Prerequisite Undergraduate Courses for M.S. Environmental Studies Option?

In order to obtain the M.S. Degree in Environmental Studies, a student is required to have completed undergraduate courses in the areas of chemistry, physics, and mathematics. At a minimum, the following courses are required. University of Massachusetts Lowell (UML) course numbers are provided for reference purposes. Course work that is equivalent to the UML courses specified are acceptable. However, an official determination of prerequisite course equivalency will be conducted by UML faculty that teach the specified undergraduate course, or by the Environmental Studies Graduate Coordinator, only after the student has applied and been accepted into the graduate program. This list represents the minimum prerequisite course requirements. Additional undergraduate course work may be required to remedy academic deficiencies. Students will be notified of deficiencies in an acceptance letter. All deficiencies must be eliminated before a student can be classified as "fully matriculated".

The undergraduate prerequisite courses are as follows:

- **CHEM.1210**
  - Chemistry I
- **CHEM.1230L**
  - Chemistry I Lab
- **CHEM.1220**
  - Chemistry II
- **CHEM.1240L**
  - Chemistry II Lab
- **MATH.1310**
  - Calculus I
- **MATH.1320**
  - Calculus II
- **PHYS.1410**
  - Physics I
- **PHYS.1410L**
  - Physics I Lab

Core Courses

- **CIVE.5670**
  - Environmental Aquatic Chemistry
- **CIVE.5730**
  - Solid
Waste Engineering
- ATMO.5230
  [Course Link]
  Air Pollution Control or ATMO.5710
  [Course Link]
  Air Pollution Phenomenology

Elective Courses
- CIVE.5610
  [Course Link]
  Physical and Chemical Treatment Processes
- CIVE.5620
  [Course Link]
  Physical and Chemical Hydrogeology
- CIVE.5640
  [Course Link]
  Hydraulics and Hydrology
- CIVE.5660
  [Course Link]
  Environmental Application & Implications of Nanomaterials
- CIVE.5680
  [Course Link]
  Environmental Fate and Transport
- CIVE.5690
  [Course Link]
  Micropollutants in the Environment
- CIVE.5720
  [Course Link]
  Marine and Coastal Processes
- CIVE.5750
  [Course Link]
  Groundwater Modeling
- CIVE.5760
  [Course Link]
  GIS Applications in Civil and Environmental Engineering
- CIVE.5780
  [Course Link]
  Biological Wastewater Treatment

Biological Wastewater Treatment
- CIVE.5950
  [Course Link]
  Hazardous Waste Site Remediation
- CHEM.5140
  [Course Link]
  Advanced Analytical Chemistry
- ENVI.5200
  [Course Link]
  Methods in Environmental Impact Assessment and Analysis
- ENVI.5720
  [Course Link]
  Energy and Environment
- ENVS.5010
  [Course Link]
  Wetlands Ecology
- ENVS.5020
  [Course Link]
  Freshwater Ecology
- ENVS.5810
  [Course Link]
  Understanding the Massachusetts Contingency Plan
- GEOL.5100
  [Course Link]
  Geology of New England
- GEOL.5250
  [Course Link]
  Groundwater Modeling

ATMOSPHERIC Sciences Concentration?

Enrollment in this program is open to individuals with a bachelor’s degree in sciences, mathematics and engineering. Others may be admitted with the approval of the Graduate Program Coordinator. Such students may make up course prerequisite deficiencies while in the program, although these credits will not count toward the total required for the masters degree. Frequently, students entering the program are required to take a number of undergraduate courses to develop the analytical skills, and to prepare for the advanced level courses.

The M.Sc. program requires the completion of 30 credits, 9 in
core courses, and 15 in elective courses listed below. Six credits may be achieved by completing a Master's Thesis. The thesis involves original laboratory or theoretical work, usually publishable in accredited and peer reviewed technical journals. With the Graduate Program Coordinators approval, the thesis work may be performed at home or at the students employment facilities. The thesis advisory committee will consist of a Principal Advisor who is the member of the EEAS faculty, and two members chosen from EEAS or associated UMass Lowell faculty. One member may be from outside the University, with the approval of the Graduate Coordinator. Students may elect to take additional courses instead of writing a thesis.

Most of the courses are offered in the evening, usually from 6 to 9 p.m., once per week. This enables working students to complete the course requirements while the student is employed. A maximum of 5 years is allowed for completion of the masters degree, including the thesis.

Core Courses

- **ATMO.5010**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ATMO/5010)
  Boundary Layer Meteorology
- **ENVI.5750**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENVI/5750)
  Physical Chemistry for Environmental Studies
- **Chem.5750**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEM/5750)
  Physical Chemistry for Environmental Studies
- Chose one of the following courses:
- **PUBH.527**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PUBH/527)
  Environmental Law and Policy
- **ECON.615**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ECON/615)
  Environmental and Natural Resources Economics

Elective Courses

- **ATMO.5020**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ATMO/5020)
  Advanced Synoptic Meteorology
- **ATMO.5030**

- **ATMO.5110**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ATMO/5110)
  Solar Terrestrial Relations
- **ATMO.5150**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ATMO/5150)
  Atmospheric Structure and Dynamics
- **ATMO.5230**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ATMO/5230)
  Air Pollution Control
- **ATMO.5710**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ATMO/5710)
  Air Pollution Phenomenology
- **ATMO.6730**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ATMO/6730)
  Air Pollution Laboratory/Measurement of Airborne Contaminants
- **ATMO.6740**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ATMO/6740)
  Air Quality Modeling
- **ENVI.5720**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENVI/5720)
  Energy and the Environment
- **PUBH.5140**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PUBH/5140)
  Aerosol Science
- **MATH.5500**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/5500)
  Mathematical Modeling
- **RADI.6130**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/RADI/6130)
  Environmental Monitoring and Surveillance (Radionuclides)

Doctoral Programs
The UMass Lowell Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering offers two doctoral programs.

- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
  Civil and Environmental Engineering Option
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Chemistry
  Environmental Studies Option

**Ph.D. - Civil & Environmental Engineering Option**

**Objectives**

The objective of the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering is to develop decision-making, research-oriented engineers with the ability to produce new engineering knowledge and analyze complex, cross-disciplinary issues. Successful applicants are expected to perform advanced research in one or more areas of concentration within the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and successfully complete both core courses and electives that may be drawn from a variety of disciplines. Beyond the core courses, the program can be tailored to the needs of each student through a formal arrangement between the student and his or her research advisor.

**Areas of Concentration**

The areas of concentration within the Doctor of Philosophy in Civil and Environmental Engineering are:

- Environmental Engineering
- Geoenvironmental Engineering
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Transportation Engineering
- Structural Engineering

**Program Curriculum**

In addition to the general degree requirements described earlier, students are required to take the Core Courses in one of the program concentration areas listed below.

- Core for Environmental Engineering Concentration
  CIVE.5610
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5610) Physical and Chemical Treatment Processes
  CIVE.5620
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5620) Physical and Chemical Hydrogeology
- Core for Geoenvironmental Engineering Concentration
  CIVE.5310
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5310) Advanced Soil Mechanics
  CIVE.5360
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5360) Soil Engineering
  CIVE.5620
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5620) Physical and Chemical Hydrogeology
- Core for Geotechnical Engineering Concentration
  CIVE.5290
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5290) Engineering with Geosynthetics
  CIVE.5380
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5380) Soil Behavior
  CIVE.5270
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5270) Geotechnical and Environmental Site Characterization
- Core for Geotechnical Engineering Concentration

and at least one of the following:

- CIVE.5670
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5670) Environmental Aquatic Chemistry
- CIVE.5680
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5680) Environmental Fate and Transport
- CIVE.5780
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5780) Biological Wastewater Treatment
- CIVE.5950
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5950) Hazardous Waste Site Remediation

- Core for Geoenvironmental Engineering Concentration

- Core for Geotechnical Engineering Concentration
Advanced Soil Mechanics

(and any four of the following:)

- CIVE.5270
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5270) Geotechnical and Environmental Site Characterization
- CIVE.5290
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5290) Engineering with Geosynthetics
- CIVE.5300
- CIVE.5320
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5320) Theoretical Soil Mechanics
- CIVE.5330
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5330) Advanced Foundation Engineering
- CIVE.5340
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5340) Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering
- CIVE.5360
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5360) Soil Engineering
- CIVE.5370
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5370) Experimental Soil Mechanics
- CIVE.5380
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5380) Soil Behavior
- CIVE.5390
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5390) Ground Improvement

- Core for Transportation Engineering Concentration
  CIVE.5400
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5400) Urban Transportation Planning
- CIVE.5410
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5410) Traffic Engineering
- CIVE.5810
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5810) Engineering Systems Analysis
- CIVE.5830
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5830) Stochastic Concepts

- Core for Structural Engineering Concentration
  CIVE.5040
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5040) Advanced Strength of Materials
- CIVE.5510
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5510) Design of Steel Structures or
- CIVE.5520
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5520) Design of Reinforced Concrete Structures
- CIVE.5560
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5560) Finite Element Analysis or equivalent
- CIVE.5570
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CIVE/5570) Structural Dynamics

**Admissions Requirements**

Admission to applicants who have at least one degree in engineering from an accredited university and department requires high academic standing in all prior course work. Admission may be also offered to applicants who hold a Bachelor’s and/or Master’s degree in non-engineering fields. In such cases, the applicant must successfully complete all requirements for a Master of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering prior to being considered a candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

**Plan of Study**

Within about one academic year of initiation of doctoral study, each student must work with his/her research advisor to develop a Plan of Study that complies with doctoral program and University policies. Courses substitutions in the Plan of
Study must be reviewed by the Departmental Graduate Committee. Formal requests for substitutions are made by the student’s Research Advisor. The student’s Research Advisor is the supervisor of the student’s research activities. The Advisor will work with the student to develop Dissertation research focus and request the service of appropriately qualified persons in the student’s Dissertation Committee. The Dissertation Committee will comprise a minimum of 4 persons of which at least 2 will be full time, regular faculty members of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. The function of the Dissertation Committee is to ensure that the final edition of the student’s dissertation meets the high technical standards expected in doctoral work and that the student successfully defends his/her findings prior to the award of the doctorate degree. Dissertation Committee members are not necessarily co-investigators of the student's research topic.

**Qualifying Examination**

Upon the completion of a maximum of 45 credit hours of graduate work that count towards the doctoral degree, the student will apply to the Dissertation Committee to take a Qualifying Examination. In addition, students who were admitted as non-engineering degree holders into the Doctor of Philosophy program must satisfy all requirements for the award of the M.S. degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering before they are allowed to take the Qualifying Examination. The Qualifying Examination may be written and oral. The Dissertation Committee members will submit their grades to the Doctoral Program Coordinator who will tally them and report the overall grade on a pass/fail basis, to the student and his/her advisor. Students who successfully complete the Qualifying Examination will be designated as Candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy degree. For each doctoral student, a maximum of two Qualifying Examinations will be allowed. A doctoral student who fails the Qualifying Examination two times will not be allowed to continue in the doctoral program. Shortly after passing the Qualifying Examination, the Doctoral degree candidate will be expected to develop a thesis plan in collaboration with his/her advisor, and defend it successfully before the Doctoral Committee.

**Ph.D. Program in Chemistry - Environmental Studies Option**

A Ph.D. in Chemistry with an option in Environmental Studies is offered jointly by the Department of Chemistry and the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. The program is described in detail in the Chemistry Department section of this catalog.

**Graduate Certificates**

Graduate Certificates in Civil &Environmental Engineering

**Environmental Biotechnology**

Environmental biotechnology refers to the application of biological technologies to monitor, understand, and remediate environmental problems. This certificate combines courses that explore the ecological impact of anthropogenic environmental change with courses that provide training in current biological technologies that can be brought to bear on environmental problems. Recent advances in biotechnology are providing new avenues for investigating biologically mediated environmental processes, many of which were inaccessible using traditional approaches. New biological technologies are being developed to mitigate environmental problems. These include the biological remediation of pollutants, biological treatment of wastewater and drinking water, source tracking of microbial pathogens, and mitigation of toxic algal blooms. As environmental resources are increasingly strained and new biological technologies with the potential to improve our environment become available, the demand for professionals with training in environmental biotechnology will continue to increase.

**Required Courses (choose two):**

- BIOL.5040 Environmental Microbiology (3 credits)
- BIOL.5230 Biology of Global Change (3 credits)
- CIVE.5780 Biological Wastewater Treatment (3 credits)

**Elective courses (choose six to eight credits):**

- CHEM.5800 Advanced Analytical Biochemistry (3 credits)
- CHEM.5140 Advanced Analytical Chemistry (3 credits)
- BIOL.5050/5070 Bioinformatics (4 credits)
- CHEM.5260 Chromatography (3 credits)
- CIVE.5670 Environmental Aquatic Chemistry (3 credits)
- CIVE.5680 Environmental Fate and Transport (3 credits)
- CIVE.5950 Hazardous Waste Site Remediation (3 credits)
- BIOL.5670 Recombinant DNA Techniques (3 credits)
- BIOL.5690L Recombinant DNA Techniques Laboratory (2 credits)

Total: 12-14 credits
Apply (https://www.uml.edu/Grad/Process/certificate-app.aspx)
CIVE.5010 Civil Engineering Research Seminar - Credits: 0

Research seminar for doctoral and Master’s students to listen to researchers from academia, industry, and government of research-related topics in civil and environmental engineering. Invited speakers will present recent research advances in fields of environmental engineering, geotechnical engineering, structural engineering and transportation engineering. Attendance is mandatory for doctoral and MS students with thesis option. Thesis requirements and research methods will be introduced in various talks.

CIVE.5030 Computer Based Analysis of Structures (Formerly 14.503) - Credits: 3

The course is an introduction to the finite element displacement method for framed structures. It identifies the basic steps involved in applying the displacement method that can be represented as computer procedures. The course covers the modeling and analysis of 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional structures, such as cable-stayed structures, arches, and space trusses, space frames, shear walls, and so on. The analysis is done for both static and dynamic loading. The study is done by using MATLAB, GTSTRUDL, and Mathcad software.

CIVE.5040 Advanced Strength Of Material (Formerly 14/10.504) - Credits: 3

Stress and strain at a point; curved beam theory, unsymmetrical bending, shear center, torsion of non-circular sections; theories of failure; selected topics in solid mechanics.

CIVE.5050 Concrete Materials (Formerly 14.505) - Credits: 3

This course introduces fundamental and advanced topics on the properties of concrete materials. Fundamental topics include the formation, structure, mechanical behavior, durability, fracture, and deterioration of concrete. Theoretical treatments on the deformation, fracture and deterioration of concrete are also addressed. Advanced topics include the electromagnetic properties of concrete, high performance concrete (HPC), high-strength concrete (HSC), fiber-reinforced concrete, other special concretes, and the green construction of concrete.

CIVE.5080 Practice of Structural Engineering (Formerly 14.508) - Credits: 3

This course covers the practice of structural engineering as it deals with the design of structures such as buildings and bridges, the identification of loads, and design variables, and design detailing for concrete and steel structures. The emphasis will be placed on the use and interpretation of the ACI318-09, AISD and AASHTO codes and the GTSTRUDL software.

CIVE.5110 Inspection and Monitoring of Civil Infrastructure (Formerly 14.511) - Credits: 3

In this course, principles and applications of inspection and monitoring techniques for the condition assessment of aged/damaged/deteriorated civil infrastructure systems such as buildings, bridges, and pipelines, are introduced. Current nondestructive testing/evaluation (NDT/E) methods including optical, acoustic/ultrasonic, thermal, magnetic/electrical, radiographic, microwave/radar techniques are addressed with a consideration of their theoretical background. Wired and wireless structural health monitoring (SHM) systems for civil infrastructure are also covered. Applications using inspection and monitoring techniques are discussed with practical issues in each application.

CIVE.5120 Structural Stability (Formerly 14.512) - Credits: 3

This course provides a concise introduction to the principles and applications of structural stability for their practical use in the design of steel frame structures. Concepts of elastic and plastic theories are introduced. Stability problems of structural members including columns, beam-columns, rigid frames, and beams are studied. Approaches in evaluating stability problems, including energy and numerical methods, are also addressed.

CIVE.5150 Cementitious Materials for Sustainable Concrete - Credits: 3

This course is designed for introducing advanced topics in cement hydration chemistry, materials characterization and concrete sustainability. Advanced topics in chemistry of commonly used cementitious materials, micro-structure, mechanical properties, durability ad sustainability will be offered. Students will learn and practice to characterize and analyze the roles of chemical admixtures and supplementary cementitious materials in concrete property improvement. Chemical issues involved in the engineering behavior of concrete will be offered. A service-learning project about sustainable concrete will be provided. Emerging topics such as self-healing concrete, self-consolidating concrete, mart concrete, 3D concrete printing and ultra-high performance concrete will also be covered.

CIVE.5210 Reliability Analysis (Formerly 14.521) - Credits: 3

A review of the elementary principles of probability and statistics followed by advanced topics including decision
CIVE.5270 Geotechnical and Environmental Site Characterization (Formerly 14.527) - Credits: 3

This course is designed to give students a comprehensive understanding of various site investigation and site assessment technologies employed in geotechnical and environmental engineering. The course begins with introduction to site investigation planning and various geophysical methods including: seismic measurements, ground penetrating radar, electrical resistivity, electromagnetic conductivity, time domain reflectometry. Drilling methods for soil, gas and ground water sampling; decontamination procedures; and long term monitoring methods are studied. Emphasis in this course is placed on conventional and state-of-the-art in situ methods for geotechnical and environmental site characterization: standard penetration test, vane shear test, dilatometer test, pressuremeter test and cone penetration tests. Modern advances in cone penetrometer technology, instrumented with various sensors (capable of monitoring a wide range of physical and environmental parameters: load, pressure, sound, electrical resistivity, temperature, PH, oxidation reduction potential, chemical contaminants) are playing a major role in site characterization. Principles underlying these methods along with the interpretation of test data will be covered in detail. The course will also look into emerging technologies in the area of site characterization. (3-0-3)

CIVE.5280 Drilled Deep Foundations (Formerly 14.528) - Credits: 3


CIVE.5290 Engineering with Geosynthetics (Formerly 14.529) - Credits: 3

Rigorous treatment in the mechanism and behavior of reinforced soil materials. Laboratory and insitu tests for determining the engineering properties of geosynthetics (geotextiles, geomembranes, geogrids and geocomposites). Design principles and examples of geosynthetics for separation, soil reinforcement and stabilization, filtration and drainage.
This course addresses the dynamic properties of soils and basic mechanical theory of dynamic response. It will apply these results to analysis and design of dynamically loaded foundations. A basic understanding of earthquakes - where they occur, their quantitate description, how the complicated patterns of motions are captured by techniques such as the response spectrum, and how engineers design facilities to withstand earthquakes, will be addressed. In particular, the course will consider three topics of current professional and research interest: probabilistic seismic hazard analysis (PHSA), soil liquefaction, and seismically induced displacements. The emphasis will be on geotechnical issues, but some time will be devoted to structural considerations in earthquake resistant design.

CIVE.5360 Soil Engineering (Formerly 14.536) - Credits: 3

The study of soil as an engineering material, and its use in earth structures (e.g. dams, road embankments), flow control, and compacted fills. Stability of natural and man made slopes, soil reinforcement and stabilization.

CIVE.5370 Experimental Soil Mechanics (Formerly 14.537) - Credits: 3

Application of testing procedures to the evaluation of soil type and engineering properties. Testing for classification, permeability, consolidation, direct and triaxial shear and field parameters. The technical procedures are followed by data analysis, evaluation and presentation. Critical examination of standard testing procedures, evaluation of engineering parameters, error estimation and research devices.

CIVE.5380 Soil Behavior - Credits: 3

Study of the physico-chemical and mechanical behavior of soil. Topics include: soil mineralogy, formation, composition, concepts of drained and undrained stress-strain and strength behavior, frozen soils.

CIVE.5390 Ground Improvement (Formerly 14.539) - Credits: 3

Design and construction methods for strengthening the properties and behavior of soils. Highway embankments, soil nailing, soil grouting, landslide investigation and mitigation, dynamic compaction, stone columns.

CIVE.5400 Urban Transportation Planning (Formerly 14.540) - Credits: 3

Objectives and procedures of the urban transportation planning process. Characteristics and current issues of urban transportation in the United States (both supply and demand). Techniques of analysis, prediction and evaluation of transportation system alternatives. Consideration of economic, environmental, ethical, social and safety impacts in the design and analysis of transportation systems.

CIVE.5405 Advanced Highway Geometric Design - Credits: 3

Development of the principals of modern roadway design while addressing context specific design requirements and constraints. Topics will include guidelines for highway design, design and review of complex geometry, geometric design to address safety and operational concerns, multi-modal design for signalized and un-signalized intersections, complete streets design concepts, and superelevation. Course-work will also include principals to present transportation designs to the public, transportation advocates, and private clients.

CIVE.5410 Traffic Engineering (Formerly 14.541) - Credits: 3

Engineering principles for safe and efficient movement of goods and people on streets and highways, including aspects of (a) transportation planning; (b) geometric design; (c) traffic operations and control; (d) traffic safety, and; (e) management of transportation facilities. Topics include: traffic stream characteristics; traffic engineering studies; capacity and level-of-service analysis; traffic control; simulation of traffic operations; accident studies; parking studies; environmental impacts.

CIVE.5415 Hazardous Materials Transportation - Credits: 3

Hazmat transportation, safety and security are a convergence of operations, policies and regulation, and planning and design. This course will address the multimodal operations, vessels, technologies, packaging and placarding involved in the safe and secure transportation of hazmat. Safety and security rules, regulations, emergency preparedness and response, industry initiatives and programs, and U.S. government agencies governing hazmat transportation will be included, as well as international impacts on hazmat transportation safety and security.

CIVE.5420 Transportation Network Analysis (Formerly 14.542) - Credits: 3

This course is to introduce engineering students to basic transportation network analysis skills. Topics covered include fundamentals of linear and nonlinear programming, mathematical representations of transportation networks, various shortest path algorithms, deterministic user equilibrium
traffic assignment, stochastic user equilibrium traffic assignment, dynamic traffic assignment, heuristic algorithms for solving traffic assignment problems, and transportation network design.

CIVE.5430 Traffic Principles for Intelligent Transportation Systems (Formerly 14.543) - Credits: 3

The objective of this course is to introduce the student to the traffic principles that are pertinent for the planning, design and analysis of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). The course is oriented toward students that come from different disciplines and who do not have previous background in traffic or transportation principles. It is designed as an introductory course that will enable the student to pursue more advanced courses in transportation systems subsequently.

CIVE.5440 Transportation Economics and Project Evaluation (Formerly 14.544) - Credits: 3

The course offers an overview of the fundamental principles of transportation economics. Emphasizes theory and applications concerning demand, supply and economics of transportation systems. Covers topics such as pricing, regulation and the evaluation of transportation services and projects. Prerequisites: Students should have knowledge of transportation systems and basic microeconomics.

CIVE.5450 Public Transit Plan and Design (Formerly 14.545) - Credits: 3

Planning and design of public transportation systems and their technical, operational and cost characteristics. Discussion of the impact of public transportation on urban development; the different transit modes, including regional and rapid rail transit (RRT), light rail transit (LRT), buses, and paratransit, and their relative role in urban transportation; planning, design, operation and performance of transit systems (service frequency and headways, speed, capacity, productivity, utilization); routes and networks; scheduling; terminal layout; innovative transit technologies and their feasibility.

CIVE.5460 Pavement Design (Formerly 14.546) - Credits: 3

Fundamentals of planning, design, construction and management of roadway and airport pavements. Introduction to the theory and the analytical techniques used in pavement engineering. Principal topics covered: pavement performance, analysis of traffic, pavement materials; evaluation of subgrade; flexible and rigid pavement structural analysis; reliability design; drainage evaluation; design of overlays; and pavement distresses.

CIVE.5470 Airport Planning and Design (Formerly 14.547) - Credits: 3

Planning and design of civil airports. Estimation of air travel demand. Aircraft characteristics related to design; payload, range, runway requirements. Analysis of wind data, runway orientation and obstruction free requirements. Airport configuration, aircraft operations, and capacity of airfield elements. Design of the terminal system, ground access system, and parking facilities.

CIVE.5480 Traffic Management and Control (Formerly 14.548) - Credits: 3

The course presents modern methods of traffic management, traffic control strategies and traffic control systems technology. Main topics covered, include: transportation systems management (TSM); traffic control systems technology; control concepts - urban and suburban streets; control and management concepts - freeways; control and management concepts - integrated systems; traveler information systems; system selection, design and implementation; systems management; ITS plans and programs. The course will also include exercises in the use and application of traffic simulation and optimization models such as: CORSIM, TRANSYT and MAXBAND/ MULTIBAND.

CIVE.5490 Traffic Flow and Emerging Transportation Technologies (Formerly 14.549) - Credits: 3

Traffic flow theories seek to describe through precise mathematical models (a) the interactions between vehicles and the roadway system and (b) the interactions among vehicles. This course covers both conventional human-driven vehicles and the emerging connected and automated vehicles. Such theories form the basis of the models and procedures used in design and operational analysis of streets and highways. In particular, the course examines the fundamental traffic flow characteristics and the flow-speed-density relationship, as well as time and space headway, string stability, traffic flow stability, popular analytical techniques for traffic stream modeling at both microscopic and macroscopic levels, shock wave analysis, and simulation modeling of traffic systems.

CIVE.5500 Behavior of Structures (Formerly 14.550) - Credits: 3

Classical and matrix methods of structural analysis applied to complex plane trusses. Elementary space truss analysis. Elementary model analysis through the use of influence lines for indeterminate structures. The digital computer and problem oriented languages as analytical tools.

CIVE.5510 Advanced Steel Design (Formerly 14.551) -
Credits: 3
Elastic and plastic design of structural steel systems, residual stresses, local buckling, beam-columns, torsion and biaxial bending, composite steel-concrete members, load and resistance factor design.

CIVE.5520 Design of Concrete Structures (Formerly 14.552) - Credits: 3
The main objective of this course is to expand the students' knowledge and understanding of reinforced concrete behavior and design. Advanced topics at material, element, and system level are built on quick reviews of undergraduate level knowledge and are related to current design codes.

CIVE.5530 Wood Structures (Formerly 14.553) - Credits: 3
Review of properties of wood, lumber, glued laminated timber and structural-use panels. Review of design loads and their distribution in wood-frame buildings. Design of wood members in tension, compression and bending; and design of connections.

CIVE.5560 Finite Element Analysis (Formerly 14.556) - Credits: 3
Finite element theory and formulation, software applications, static and dynamic finite element analysis of structures and components.

CIVE.5570 Structural Dynamics (Formerly 14.557) - Credits: 3
Analysis of typical structures subjected to dynamic force or ground excitation using direct integration of equations of motion, modal analysis and approximate methods.

CIVE.5580 Bridge Design (Formerly 14.558) - Credits: 3
Analysis and design of modern bridges, using computer software for the 3-D modeling of sample bridges under dead and live loading and seismic excitation. AASHTO specifications are used for the design of superstructures and substructures (abutments, piers, and bearings) under group load combinations.

CIVE.5590 Design of Masonry Structures (Formerly 14.559) - Credits: 3
Fundamental characteristics of masonry construction. The nomenclature, properties, and material specifications associated with basic components of masonry. The behavior of masonry assemblages subjected to stresses and deformations. Design of un-reinforced and reinforced masonry structures in accordance with current codes.

CIVE.5610 Physical Chemical Treatment Processes (Formerly 14.561) - Credits: 3
Course provides a theoretical understanding of various chemical and physical unit operations, with direct application of these operations to the design and operation of water and wastewater treatment processes. Topics include colloid destabilization, flocculation, softening, precipitation, neutralization, aeration and gas transfer, packed &tray towers, oxidation, disinfection, reverse osmosis, ultrafiltration, settlings, activated carbon adsorption, ion exchange, and filtration.

CIVE.5620 Physical and Chemical Hydrology Geology (Formerly 14.562) - Credits: 3
Well hydraulics for the analysis of groundwater movement. A review of the processes of diffusion, dispersion, sorption, and retardation as related to the fate and transport of organic contaminants in groundwater systems. Factors influencing multi-dimensional contaminant plume formation and migration are addressed. It is the goal of this course to provide environmental scientists and engineers with the technical skills required to understand groundwater hydrology and contaminant transport within aquifers. A term paper and professional presentation in class regarding a relevant topic is required.

CIVE.5640 Hydrology & Hydraulics (Formerly 14.564) - Credits: 3
This course utilizes engineering principles to quantitatively describe the movement of water in natural and manmade environmental systems. Topics include: hydrologic cycle, steam flow and hydrographs, flood routing, watershed modeling, subsurface hydrology, and probability concepts in hydrology, hydraulic structures, flow in closed conduits, pumps, open channel flow, elements of storm and sanitary sewer design will be addressed.

CIVE.5660 Environmental Applications and Implications of Nanomaterials - Credits: 3
This course will cover (I) novel properties, synthesis, and characterization of nanomaterials; (II) environmental engineering applications of nanomaterials, with an emphasis on nano-enabled water and wastewater treatment technologies such as membrane processes, adsorption, photo-catalysis, and
disinfection; and (III) Health and Environmental impacts of nanomaterials, focusing on potential mechanisms of biological uptake and toxicity.

CIVE.5670 Environmental Aquatic Chemistry (Formerly 14.567) - Credits: 3

This course provides environmental understanding of the principles of aquatic chemistry and equilibria as they apply to environmental systems including natural waters, wastewater and treated waters.

CIVE.5680 Environmental Fate and Transport (Formerly 14.568) - Credits: 3

The fate of contaminants in the environment is controlled by transport processes within a single medium and between media. The similarities in contaminant dispersion within air, surface water and groundwater will be emphasized. Interphase transport processes such as volatilization and adsorption will then be considered from an equilibrium perspective followed by the kinetics of mass transfer across environmental interfaces. A professional presentation of a select paper or group of paper concerning a course topic is required.

CIVE.5690 Micropollutants in the Environment - Credits: 3

This course focuses on the generation, fate and transformation, transport, and the impacts of micropollutants in the environment, with emphasis on soil and water matrices. Topics will include nanomaterials and organic micropollutants such as pharmaceuticals, antimicrobials, illicit drugs, and personal care products. Course delivery will be a combination of lectures, experimental analysis, and discussions of assigned reading materials.

CIVE.5700 Wastewater Treatment and Storm Water Management Systems (Formerly 14.570) - Credits: 3

The era of massive subsidies for construction of sanitary sewers and centralized, publicly operated treatment works (POTWs) has passed. Non-point pollution from sources such as onsite disposal systems has become a major focus of concern in our efforts to protect and improve ground and surface water quality. Much of the new construction in areas not already served by centralized collection and treatment must use the alternative technologies. This course is designed oriented. The variously available technologies are studied in depth. Students evaluate various technologies as they may be applied to a complex problem for which information is available, and develop an optimum problem solution.

CIVE.5710 Surface Water Quality Modeling (Formerly 14.571) - Credits: 3

Theory and application of surface water quality modeling will be combined interactively throughout the course. Data from a stream will be utilized in order to bring a public domain model into operation.

CIVE.5720 Marine and Coastal Processes (Formerly 14.572) - Credits: 3

This course focuses on the coastal dynamics of currents, tides, waves, wave morphology and their effects on beaches, estuaries, mixing and sediment transport/accretion processes. Generalized global aspects of atmospheric and hydrospheric interactions with ocean currents are also presented.

CIVE.5730 Solid Waste Engineering (Formerly 14.573) - Credits: 3

Characterization, handling and disposal of municipal, industrial and hazardous wastes. Technologies such as landfills, recycling, incineration and composting are examined. A term paper and professional presentation in class regarding a relevant topic is required.

CIVE.5750 Groundwater Modeling (Formerly 14.575) - Credits: 3

Groundwater Modeling is designed to present the student with fundamentals, both mathematical and intuitive, of analytic and numeric groundwater modeling. An introductory course in groundwater hydrology is a prerequisite for Groundwater Modeling, and the student should be familiar with IBM computers in running text editors and spreadsheets. The semester will start with basic analytic solutions and image theory to aid in the development of more complex numeric models. Emphasis will then switch to numeric ground water flow models (MODFLOW) and the use of particle tracking models (GWPATH) to simulate the movement of solutes in ground water. The numeric modeling process will focus on forming the problem description, selecting boundary conditions, assigning the model parameters, calibrating the model, and preparing the model report. Course topics include: Analytic Methods, Numeric Methods, Conceptual Model and Grid design, Boundary Conditions, Sources, and Sinks, and Particle Tracking.

CIVE.5760 GIS Applications in Civil and Environmental Engineering (Formerly 14.576) - Credits: 3

This course is to introduce students to the basic concepts of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and GIS applications in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Topics to be covered
include GIS data and maps, queries, map digitization, data management, spatial analysis, network analysis, geocoding, coordination systems and map projections, editing. Examples related to transportation, environmental, geotechnical and structural engineering will be provided to help students better understand how to apply GIS in the real world and gain hands-on experience. This course will consist of lectures and computer work.

CIVE.5790 Green and Sustainable Civil Engineering (Formerly 14.579) - Credits: 3

This course focuses on various green and sustainable materials and technologies applicable to five areas of civil engineering: environmental engineering, water resources engineering, structural engineering, transportation engineering, and geotechnical engineering. This course also covers current green building laws and introduces fundamentals of entrepreneurship and patent/copyright laws.

CIVE.5810 Engineering Systems Analysis (Formerly 14.581) - Credits: 3

The course presents advanced methods of operations research, management science and economic analysis that are used in the design, planning and management of engineering systems. Main topics covered, include: the systems analysis methodology, optimization concepts, mathematical programming techniques, Network analysis and design, project planning and scheduling, decision analysis, queuing systems, simulation methods, economic evaluation. The examples and problems presented in the course illustrate how the analysis methods are used in a variety of systems applications, such as: civil engineering, environmental systems, transportation systems, construction management, water resources, urban development, etc.

CIVE.5830 Stochastic Processes for Engineering (Formerly 14.583) - Credits: 3

Stochastic processes are very common in engineering systems, such as distribution of pollutants, failure of infrastructure, and occurrence of traffic incidents. This course will cover the following topics (a) fundamentals of random variables; (b) Bernoulli process; (c) Random Walk; (d) Poisson process; (e) exponential process; (f) Markov Chains; and (f) Simulations for stochastic processes.

CIVE.5850 Transportation Safety (Formerly 14.585) - Credits: 3

Transportation Safety goes beyond the accepted standards for highway design. Providing a safe and efficient transportation system for all users is the primary objective of federal, state, and local transportation agencies throughout the nation. This class addresses fundamentals of highway design and operation, human factors, accident investigation, vehicle characteristics and highway safety analysis.

CIVE.5950 Hazardous Waste Site Remediation (Formerly 14.595) - Credits: 3

This course focuses on the principles of hazardous waste site remediation (with an emphasis on organic contaminants) using physical, chemical or biological remediation technologies. Both established and emerging remediation technologies including: bioremediation, intrinsic remediation, soil vapor extraction (SVE), in situ air sparging (IAS), vacuum-enhanced recovery (VER), application of surfactants for enhanced in situ soil washing, hydraulic and pneumatic fracturing, electrokinetics, in situ reactive walls, phytoremediation, and in situ oxidation, will be addressed. A term paper and professional presentation in class regarding a relevant topic is required.

CIVE.6930 Civil Engineering Individual Project (Formerly 14.693) - Credits: 3

CIVE.7050 Supervised Teaching in Civil Engineering (Formerly 14.705) - Credits: 0

CIVE.7330 Masters Project in Civil Engineering (Formerly 14.733) - Credits: 3

CIVE.7360 Masters Project in Civil Engineering (Formerly 14.736) - Credits: 6

CIVE.7410 Master's Thesis - Civil Engineering (Formerly 14.741) - Credits: 1

CIVE.7430 Master's Thesis - Civil Engineering (Formerly 14.743) - Credits: 3

CIVE.7460 Master's Thesis - Civil Engineering (Formerly 14.746) - Credits: 6

CIVE.7490 Master's Thesis - Civil Engineering (Formerly 14.749) - Credits: 9

CIVE.7510 Doctoral Dissertation - Civil Engineering (Formerly 14.751) - Credits: 1
CIVE.7520 Independent Study in Civil Engineering
(Formerly 14.752) - Credits: 3
CIVE.7530 Doctoral Dissertation (Formerly 14.753) -
Credits: 3
CIVE.7560 Doctoral Dissertation/Civil Engineering
(Formerly 14.756) - Credits: 6
CIVE.7570 Doctoral Dissertation (Formerly 14.757) -
Credits: 7
CIVE.7590 Doctoral Dissertation (Formerly 14.759) -
Credits: 9
CIVE.7610 Continued Graduate Research - Credits: 1
CIVE.7630 Continued Graduate Research (Formerly
14.763) - Credits: 3
CIVE.7660 Continued Graduate Research (Formerly
14.766) - Credits: 6
CIVE.7690 Continued Graduate Research (Formerly
14.769) - Credits: 9
CIVE.7CPT Curricular Practical Training for
Engineering Doctoral Candidates - Credits: 1

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) is a training program for
doctoral students in Engineering. Participation in CPT
acknowledges that this an integral part of an established
curriculum and directly related to the major area of study or
thesis.
ENGN.5010 Engineering for Teachers (Formerly 25.501) - Credits: 3

The course will focus on increasing teachers’ understanding of the Engineering Design Process. The linkage between science, engineering and technology will be discovered as teachers engage in a variety of home-based projects requiring them to apply design principles to the building, testing and evaluating of prototypes. Teachers will also gain knowledge of the various fields of engineering. Through their participation in the course, teachers will discuss how they might integrate engineering-technology concepts with other areas of their curriculum.

ENGN.5030 American Culture, Ethics and Communications in Engineering - Credits: 1

Overview of American culture and how it has been shaped by immigrants from the colonial era to the present and cultural influences from immigrants and their role in contributing to accomplishments in engineering, technology, science and the arts will be explored. Students will learn about the history of Lowell, MA in the context of key events. The concepts and practice of engineering ethics and the ethical principles and responsibilities that students should exercise in academia and professional careers will be introduced. The impact of engineering on society and the environment will be discussed through case studies. The course will promote communication skills through reading, listening and viewing assignments and responding with written reports and presentations to the class.

ENGN.5400 Designing Sustainable Products - Credits: 3

The course introduces students to the sustainability aspects of product design. Sustainable products are designed to conserve materials and energy, select low-impact materials, eliminate toxic substances, extend product life, re-use materials, and reduce the generation of wastes. The entire product life cycle will be considered including: material extraction, material processing, manufacturing, transportation, product use, and disposal. Students will learn the impact of design solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context. The students will learn strategies to identify the sustainability impacts throughout the product life cycle, as well as the application of sustainable product design principles and strategies to address these impacts.

ENGN.5500 Introduction to Nanotechnology (Formerly 25.550) - Credits: 3

The topics include an introduction to nanoscale phenomena; fundamental theoretical concepts and experimental techniques in nanotechnology; nanoscale manufacturing and processing; innovative nanomaterials for various applications; applications of the technology; and environmental and health impacts of nanotechnology.

ENGN.5700 Selected Issues in Nanomanufacturing (Formerly 25.570) - Credits: 0

A seminar course that examines the issues associated with high rate template-based nanomanufacturing, including: technologies for nanoscale templates, high rate assembly of nanoelements and polymer systems, registration at the nanoscale, interfacing with biological systems, measurement of nanoelements, and molecular modeling. Environmental, regulatory, and ethical issues associated with new technologies are also addressed. The course is co-taught by faculty from Northeastern University, the University of Massachusetts Lowell, and the University of New Hampshire. Meeting dates: January 27, February 10, February 24, March 10, March 24, and April 7. Time: 12:00 to 3:30, including lunch.

ENGN.5800 Thesis Review (Formerly 25.580) - Credits: 1

ENGN.5810 Project Review (Formerly 25.581) - Credits: 1

ENGN.5900 Graduate Industrial Cooperative Educational Experience I (Formerly 25.590) - Credits: 1

Industrial experience credit for co-op and internships with industry. Students must register with department co-op coordinator.

ENGN.5910 Graduate Industrial Cooperative Educational Experience II (Formerly 25.591) - Credits: 1

Industrial experience credit for co-op and internships with industry. Students must register with department co-op coordinator.

ENGN.5920 Graduate Industrial Cooperative Educational Experience III (Formerly 25.592) - Credits: 1

Industrial experience credit for co-op and internships with industry. Students must register with department co-op coordinator.
ENGN.5930 Graduate Industrial Cooperative Educational Experience (Formerly 25.593) - Credits: 3
Industrial experience credit for co-op and internships with industry. Students must register with department co-op coordinator.

ENGN.5980 Seminar for Teaching Assistants in Engineering - Credits: 0
Prepare graduate students for their role as teaching assistants in labs and lectures. Topics include: (1) classroom management, (2) grading strategies, (3) how to prepare for lecture and lab, (4) understanding the cultural differences that come with the diverse campus population, (5) balancing teaching and research responsibilities, (6) how to do graduate-level research. This course is mandatory for all new teaching assistants in the College of Engineering.

Credits: 0-1
This one-credit course is for co-op internship experience. There will be one credit whether the co-op experience is for three or six months. Learning objectives a s mutually agreed upon by the student and co-op supervisor will be required to be submitted at the beginning of the experience. A final evaluation by supervisor will be due before final grading. Full-time co-op is typically expected to be at a minimum of 30 hours per week. "Variable credit course, student chooses appropriate amount of credits when registering."

ENGN.6040 Workforce Development - Credits: 1
Optional seminar series which will be comprised of weekly speakers from industry, government, academia and non-profit sectors with a focus on workforce development talks.

ENGN.6010 Academic and Technical Writing for Research in Engineering - Credits: 0
This course addresses the complex nature of academic language and academic writing by focusing on sentence, paragraph and text structures, purposeful and appropriate word choices, and the writing process. Through attention to details and critical reading of various materials, students will enhance their writing skills by applying effective planning, drafting, rewriting and editing strategies. Students will further become adept at critically and creatively evaluating, analyzing, constructing and presenting their ideas and arguments. As a workshop class, the final product of the class will be one or more of (1) a journal paper that is ready for submission, (2) a conference paper, and (3) one or more chapters of a dissertation or thesis. Please Note: Advanced English language proficiency required.

ENGN.6020 Graduate Professional Development for Engineers - Credits: 1
This course is designed to provide master's students with the requisite preparation in understanding the expectations of the workplace and tools needed to engage in an effective job search process. The course will facilitate the transition and preparation to meet the increased expectations of a graduate student while on a graduate cooperative experience. The course will be comprised of a series of workshops and offer resources intended to provide students a good understanding of the US work environment, work culture and expectations. Topics include: workplace culture and expectations, professional communication skills, job search strategies, resume writing, mock interviews, technical writing.

ENGN.6030 Graduate Cooperative Experience -
Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering

Graduate Degrees:

- Master’s of Science in Electrical Engineering (M.S.E.)
- Master’s of Science in Computer Engineering (M.S.E.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering (Ph.D.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Engineering (Ph.D.)

Graduate Certificates:

- Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - Communications Engineering
  - Microwave and Wireless Engineering
  - VLSI and Microelectronics

Co-op Option in Engineering

The Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering participates in the Graduate Master’s Co-op Option in Engineering. For detailed information about the Co-op Program and curriculum requirements, please see the Graduate Catalog Engineering Co-op page (https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf).

Interdisciplinary

- Biomedical Engineering
- Energy Conversion
- Integrated Engineering Systems
- Nanotechnology
- Photonics and Optoelectronics
- Telecommunications

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering graduate program provides an education based on excellent teaching and cutting-edge research to qualify students as leaders in both industrial and academic environments. It is distinguished by an extensive set of courses in all of the major disciplines within electrical and computer engineering fields. Our mission is supported by six research centers, over ten research laboratories and a world-class faculty with ongoing research in a broad set of disciplines. The program offers masters degrees in both Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering, as well as two doctoral degrees, Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Engineering, in Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering.

Research

Research is conducted and courses offered in the following areas:

- Artificial/Machine Intelligence
- Bio-Engineering/Bio-Informatics/Bio-Sensors
- Computational Engineering
- Computer Architecture and Embedded Systems
- Computer/Telecommunications/Sensor Networks
- Control Systems
- Distributed Systems and Networks
- Electric Vehicles and Battery Technology
- Electromagnetics
- Metamaterials
- Microwave Engineering
- Mobile/Wireless Communications
- Optoelectronic and Semiconductor Devices
- Power Systems
- Printable Electronics
- Quantum/Nano Electronics
- Signal/Image Processing and Computer Vision
- Solar Energy and Photovoltaics
- Stochastic Processes
- Storage and I/O Systems
- VLSI Design and Fabrication

Graduate Certificates

Three graduate certificates in Electrical and Computer Engineering and six interdisciplinary certificates in corporation with other departments are also offered. These certificates allow students who are not in a degree program to further their education. Approvals to take courses associated with these certificates are subject to approval of the certificate coordinator. Because there is no transfer policy for certificates, students should not take any course for certificates before being accepted.

Master’s Programs

Master’s of Science in Engineering (M.S. Eng.) - Electrical Engineering (EE)

Co-op Option in Graduate Engineering
The Electrical & Computer Engineering Department participates in the Graduate Master’s Co-op Option in Engineering. For detailed information about the Co-op Program and Curriculum requirements, please see the Graduate Catalog Engineering Co-op page (https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf).

Graduate Admissions Requirements

1. General requirement for all applications:

   All applicants must submit the application materials supplied by the Graduate Admissions Office as well as the official score report for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Aptitude Test.

2. With a BS in Engineering and related areas:

   - Applicants to the MS Engineering in EE or CP programs should hold a BS degree in EE, CP, areas related to EE or CP, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, or other Engineering disciplines, with acceptable quality of undergraduate work from an accredited college or university.
   - Applicants to the MS Engineering in EE or CP should possess the following backgrounds and their pre-requisites.

Electrical Engineering

- EECE.2160
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/2160) A high-level programming language such as C/C++
- EECE.2650
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/2650) Logic Design I
- EECE.3110
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/3110) Electronics Lab I
- EECE.3170
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/3170) Microprocessor Systems Design I
- EECE.3600
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/3600) Engineering Electromagnetics I
- EECE.3620
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/3620) Signal and Systems I
- EECE.3650
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/3650) Electronics I
- EECE.4130
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/4130) Linear Feedback Systems

Computer Engineering

- EECE.2160
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/2160) A high-level programming language such as C/C++
- EECE.2650
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/2650) Logic Design
- EECE.3110
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/3110) Electronics Lab I
- EECE.3170
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/3170) Microprocessor Systems Design
- EECE.3620
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/3620) Signal and Systems
- **EECE.3640**
  ([https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/3640](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/3640))
  Engineering Mathematics (or another appropriate advanced course beyond MATH.2310)
  ([https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/2310](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/2310))
  Calculus III and MATH.2360
  ([https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/2360](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/2360))
  Engineering Differential Equations

- **EECE.3650**
  ([https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/3650](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/3650))
  Electronics I

Applicants who lack any of the above backgrounds and their prerequisites are required to make up their deficiencies as conditions for acceptance.

### 3. With a BS in Technology

Students who lack the BS Engineering in EE or CP but hold a bachelors degree in Electrical or Computer Engineering Technology, or Electronics Technology may be admitted under special circumstances. These circumstances include an academic record of high achievement in their undergraduate studies in Technology as evaluated at the discretion of the Graduate Coordinator.

In addition, such students must complete a series of analytically oriented courses in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Massachusetts Lowell.

### 4. Applicants applying for the Accelerated Bachelor’s to Master’s program

The Bachelor’s to Master’s program is an accelerated program offered by the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering to encourage its outstanding undergraduate students to continue study at graduate level. Undergraduate students who have a GPA of 3.00 or better at the end of their junior year and are interested in this program must apply for this program before they complete the undergraduate graduation requirements. Students who apply for the BS/MS program are not required to submit the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores and are exempted from the application fee. With the approval of the Graduate Coordinator, students in the BS/MS program may use up to six credits of graduate courses with an earned grade of B or better for both graduate and undergraduate degrees.

Technical electives are Electrical and Computer Engineering graduate course and concentration courses. Students may choose their technical electives in their area of concentration and across other areas to establish a broad knowledge base. Graduate courses in Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, and other engineering disciplines may be taken as technical electives only if they are pre-approved by the Graduate Coordinator for non-thesis option, or concurrently by the Graduate Coordinator and the students thesis advisor for thesis option.

The credits for Advanced Graduate Project (EECE.7330) cannot be counted toward the requirement for the thesis-option. It can be replaced with a 3-credit technical elective for the non-thesis option.

### 2. Core Requirement

The objective of the core requirement is to guarantee broad analytical strength for the MS Engineering students.

**Required Core Courses for MS in Electrical Engineering** (choose 3 courses)

- **EECE.5070**
  ([https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5070](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5070))
  Electromagnetic Waves and Materials

- **EECE.5080**

### 1. Credit Requirements

#### Non-Thesis Option

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With the approval of the Graduate Coordinator, students in the BS/MS program may use up to six credits of graduate courses with an earned grade of B or better for both graduate and undergraduate degrees.
Students in Electrical Engineering must take three of the above courses that may be pertinent to their area of concentration.

**Required Core Courses for MS in Computer Engineering**
(choose 3 courses)

- **EECE.5530**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5530) Software Engineering
- **EECE.5610**
- **EECE.5620**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5620) VHDL/Verilog Synthesis and Design
- **EECE.5730**
- **EECE.5740**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5740) Advanced Logic Design
- **EECE.5830**

Students in Computer Engineering must take three of the above courses that may be pertinent to their area of concentration.

### 3. Concentration

A concentration is generally defined by a coordinated and approved sequence of at least four graduate courses. Each student can choose to work out a concentration either with the graduate coordinator or with his/her academic advisor. Completion of a specific concentration is not required for graduation. The course sequences in the concentrations serve as a starting point for establishing a program of study in consultation with the Graduate Coordinator or the students academic/thesis advisor to meet his/her educational objectives. It is expected that the courses comprising the concentration will complement the work the student will undertake in fulfillment of the research requirement.

### 4. Research for Thesis Option

The research requirement may be fulfilled by completion of an MS Thesis, including registration for six credits of 
- **EECE.7430** (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/7430)
- **EECE.7460** (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/7460) - MS Thesis Research, oral defense of the thesis and submission of the written document.

### Areas of Concentration

In addition to the required three core courses (9 credits), three additional courses from a concentration are recommended depending upon whether a thesis is selected or not.

#### 1. Concentration courses in Electrical Engineering

- Information Systems (Telecommunications) **EECE.5100**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5100)
- Digital Signal Processing **EECE.5110**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5110)
- Medical Imaging Diagnosis **EECE.5460**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5460)
- Computer Telecommunications **EECE.5480**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5480)
Coding and Information Theory EECE.5820
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5820)
Wireless Communications EECE.5860
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5860)
Stochastic Modeling in Telecommunications EECE.6170
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6170)
Modeling and Simulation Techniques for Communication Networks EECE.6180
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6180)
Performance of Wireless Communications

Networks EECE.6610
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6610)
Local Area/Computer Networking EECE.6840
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6840) Time Series Analysis EECE.6850
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6850)
Statistical Theory of Communications EECE.6870
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6870)
Stochastic Estimation

- Information Systems (Communications Engineering) EECE.5330
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5330)
- Microwave Engineering EECE.5460
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5460)
- Computer Telecommunications EECE.5480
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5480)
- Coding and Information Theory EECE.5710
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5710)
- Radar Systems EECE.5820
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5820)
- Wireless Communications EECE.5860
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5860)
- Stochastic Modeling in Telecommunications EECE.6170
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6170)
- Modeling and Simulation Techniques for Communication Networks EECE.6180
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6180)
- Performance of Wireless Communications

- Power and Energy Engineering EECE.5140
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5140)
- Power Systems Transmission EECE.5150
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5150)
- Power Electronics EECE.5160
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5160)
- Advanced Machine Theory EECE.5250
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5250)
- Power Systems Distribution EECE.5280
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5280)
- Alternative Energy Sources EECE.5290
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5290)
- Electric Vehicle Technology EECE.6150
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6150)
- Solid State Drives Systems EECE.6160
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6160)
- Computational Power Analysis

- Opto-Electronics EECE.5080
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5080)
- Quantum Electronics for Engineers EECE.5180
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5180)
- Electromagnetic Materials for Optical Engineering EECE.5190
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5190)
- Engineering of Submicron Machines EECE.5230/4230
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE)
- Introduction to Solid State Electronics EECE.5320
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5320)
Computational Electromagnetics [EECE.5830](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5830)
Wave Propagation in Plasmas [EECE.5900](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5900)
Optic Communications [EECE.5950](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5950)
Solid State Electronics [EECE.6070](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6070)
Electromagnetics of Complex Media [EECE.6080](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6080)
Scattering and Diffraction of EM Waves [EECE.6100](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6100)
Optics for Information Processing [PHYS.6310](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/6310)
Non-Linear Optics

Opto-Electronics is an option in cooperation with the Department of Physics, and may be pursued by students enrolled in the MS Eng in EE program. This option contains required and recommended courses designed to provide a fundamental background in optical devices and systems, as well as in optical physics and in the electro-optical properties of materials.

In addition to the required three core courses, students pursuing this option must take 16.568 Electro-Optics and Integrated Optics and two other courses from the above list.

Other concentrations in Electrical Engineering can be found from the clusters of courses specified as ECE certificates in the “Graduate Certificates” section.

2. Concentration courses in Computer Engineering

- Computer Networking and Distributed Systems [EECE.5580](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5580)
- World Wide Web programming [EECE.5830](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5830)
- Network Design: Principles, Protocols and Applications [EECE.5900](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5900)
- Fiber Optic Communications [EECE.6570](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6570)
- High-Speed Integrated Networks: Design and Evaluations [EECE.6580](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6580)
- Computer Network Security [EECE.6590](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6590)
- Distributed Systems [EECE.6600](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6600)
- Mobile IP Networking [EECE.6610](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6610)
- Local Area/Computer Networking [EECE.6660](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6660)
- Storage Area Networks

- Computing and Embedded Systems Hardware and Architecture [EECE.5020](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5020)
- VLSI Design [EECE.5040](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5040)
- VLSI Fabrication [EECE.5170](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5170)
- MMIC Design and Fabrication [EECE.5500](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5500)
- Advanced Digital Systems Design [EECE.5520](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5520)
- Microprocessors II and Embedded Systems [EECE.5530](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5530)
- Software Engineering [EECE.5570](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5570)
- Object Oriented Design [EECE.5720](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5720)
- Embedded Real-time Systems [EECE.5740](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5740)
- Advanced Logic Design [EECE.5750](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5750)
- FPGA Logic Design Techniques [EECE.6500](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6500)
- Advanced Computing Systems Hardware Architecture [EECE.6520](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6520)
- Parallel and Multi-processor Architecture [EECE.6560](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6560)
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(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6560) Fault Tolerance Systems DesignEECE.6630
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6630) Compiler Structures

- Artificial and Machine Intelligence EECE.5110
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(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/7500) Advanced Robotics and Machine Intelligence

- Multimedia Digital Signal and Image Processing and Applications EECE.5020
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5020) VLSI DesignEECE.5100
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Graduate Certificates

Electrical and Computer Engineering Graduate Certificates:

- Additive Manufacturing (AM) in Radio Frequency (RF) & Microwave (MW) Applications
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf) Communications Engineering
- Engineering Data Analytics
- Field Programmable Gate Array
- Field Programmable Gate Array - Enhanced (corporate)
- Microwave and Wireless Engineering
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf) VLSI and Microelectronics

Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificates:

- Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology
- Energy Conversion
- Integrated Engineering Systems
- Medical Imaging and Instrumentations
- Photonics and Optoelectronics

Graduate certificate programs are ideal for bachelor’s degree-prepared engineers who wish to continue their studies without making the commitment of a master’s program. Students may want to brush-up on new developments in their field or investigate another specialty. Certificates are earned by taking four courses from a list associated with each certificate. ECE certificates can be used as concentrations in the ECE Masters programs.

Credits earned from these graduate certificates may be used toward a graduate degree with the approval of the graduate
program coordinator.

Each of these certificates are described below and include the name and contact information of the certificate coordinator.

About Graduate Certificates

Most graduate certificates are comprised of four courses (12 graduate credits) designed to provide specific knowledge and expertise vital to today’s changing and complex needs in the workplace. In most cases courses may be applied toward a degree program.

Requirements to Complete a Graduate Certificate

The four courses must be completed within a five year period with a minimum 3.0 grade point average, and with no more than 6 credits below B. Courses completed for one certificate may not be used for another certificate.

Certificate Application Process

Individuals must complete a simplified application, provide an official undergraduate transcript indicating that a baccalaureate degree has been awarded, and submit a nominal application fee. GRE’s are not required.

Communications Engineering Certificate

Electrical and Computer Engineering Department

Contact: Kavitha Chandra, Ph.D., 978-934-3356, kavitha_chandra@uml.edu

This certificate provides a fundamental background in the understanding of information transmission, statistical properties of signals and noise, and both analog and digital modulation/demodulation techniques. Advanced topics in modern communications and the characterization of communication channels are covered in optional courses in coding, error correction, information measures, stochastic system modeling and wireless communications. The holder of the certificate will have both analytical and practical competence to contribute significantly to the design and development of new and updated communications systems.

This is a 12 credit certificate; all courses are 3 credits each.

Required Courses:

- EECE.5430 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5430) Communications Theory

Elective Courses: (Choose two of the following)

- EECE.5480 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5480) Coding and Information Theory
- EECE.5820 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5820) Wireless Communication
- EECE.6180 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6180) Performance of Wireless Communications Networks
- EECE.6850 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6850) Statistical Communication Theory

Engineering Data Analytics

Contact: Kavitha Chandra - Phone: 978-934-3356, Email: Kavitha_Chandra@uml.edu

The Engineering Data Analytics Graduate Certificate is a 12 credit program designed to provide engineers the knowledge and skills for transforming data derived from various applications to information that enables optimal decision-making. It introduces the requisite background in probability, statistics and stochastic processes to better understand the performance and validation of machine learning algorithms. Through an interactive computing platform, students will learn to develop computational models for prediction and classification. The skills for for applying stochastic models to represent time-varying data and extraction of relevant features for identification of anomalies are developed. Methods for prescriptive analytics that include operation research techniques such as optimization, scheduling and risk-analysis will be developed through case studies.

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Field Programmable Gate Array

Electrical and Computer Engineering Department

Contact: Yan Luo, Ph.D., phone: 978-934-2592, Email: Yan_Luo@uml.edu (mailto:yan_luo@uml.edu).

The 12-credit certificate is a valuable credential for engineering professionals in the private and public sectors who wish to master the theoretical and practical skills in FPGA development and applications. Certificate holders will acquire additional academic credentials to advance within their organization or to change their career paths and improve their competitive position in the job market. For many employees working in the technical and scientific fields without any FPGA background, the GCFPGA will provide them with the knowledge needed for effectively applying FPGA’s in the design of mission-critical and reliable digital systems.

Required three 3-credit courses:

- EECE.5750 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5750)
  FPGA Logic Design Techniques
- EECE.5620 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5620)
  VHDL/Verilog Synthesis and Design
- EECE.5770 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5770)
  Verification of Digital Systems

Elective: (Choose one) 3-credit courses:

- EECE.6510 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6510)

Advanced Embedded System Design and FPGA

- EECE.5780 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5780)
  Modeling and Implementation of Digital System using MATLAB
- EECE.6540 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6540)
  Heterogeneous Computing
- EECE.5500 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5500)
  Advanced Digital System Design
- EECE.5520 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5520)
  Microprocessor Systems II and Embedded System Design
- EECE.5530 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5530)
  Software Engineering
- EECE.5610 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5610)
  Computer Architecture & Design
- EECE.5720 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5720)
  Embedded Real-Time System
- EECE.7150 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/7150)
  Special Topics

Field Programmable gate Array Lab - Enhanced (Corporate)

This 16 credit lab-enhanced version of the Field Programmable Gate Array graduate certificate is only available to our corporate partners. This program provides advanced hands-on practice and builds upon the theory established in the coursework.

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Curriculum Summary

- Total number of courses required for the degree: 4
- Total credit hours required for the degree: 12

Field Programmable Gate Array
VLSI & Microelectronics Certificate

Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering

Contact: Kanti Prasad, phone: 978-934-3326, Email: Kanti_Prasad@uml.edu (mailto:kanti_prasad@uml.edu).

The purpose of this certificate program is to provide essential background in solid state physical electronics and very large scale integrated (VLSI) circuit fabrication. These courses, combined with two electives, will provide a customized background to the subject but with sufficient depth in an area of choice to provide tangible useful expertise.

This is a 12 credit certificate; all courses are 3 credits each.

Required Courses: (Choose two of the following)

- EECE.5020 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5020) VLSI Design
- EECE.5950 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5950) Solid State Electronics
- EECE.5040 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5040) VLSI Fabrication
- EECE.5080 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5080) Quantum Electronics for Engineers

Elective Courses: (Choose two of the following)

- EECE.5020 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5020) VLSI Design
- EECE.5050 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5050) Microwave Electronics
- EECE.5070

### Curriculum Summary

| Total number of courses required for the degree | 8 |
| Total credit hours required for the degree | 16 |
| Sub-total # of Core Credits Required | 12 |
| Sub-total # of Elective Credits Required | 4 |
The Electrical and Computer Engineering Department also participates in the following interdisciplinary certificate programs:

Biomedical Engineering & Biotechnology Certificate

Electrical & Computer Engineering Department

The Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology Graduate Certificate is a multidisciplinary certificate program, spanning courses in the Francis College of Engineering, the Kennedy College of Sciences, and the College of Health Sciences. The graduate certificate is comprised of a coordinated program of courses jointly offered by the participating departments. This certificate is a 12-credit program comprised of two required three-credit courses and two elective three-credit courses.

The BMEBT Graduate Certificate is intended for students who have successfully graduated with a baccalaureate degree and possibly interested in pursuing a Master’s degree in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology, BMEBT, but do now wish to commit to the master’s degree at this time or who are simply interested in earning credentials beyond those from their undergraduate degree in the area of BMEBT.

Application Process

Individuals must apply and complete an application form in accordance with the university's Graduate Admissions website at: www.uml.edu/grad/. Applicants must submit and official undergraduate transcript indicating that a baccalaureate degree was awarded. GRE scores are not required for the certificate program. All applications will be reviewed by the Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology Program Director. A decision will be made in writing to the applicant.

Requirements to Complete the Graduate Certificate

To complete the certificate program, students must successfully complete 12-credits of coursework with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater, and with no more than three credits with a grade of less than B. For students who wish to continue onto the Master’s degree in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology, all four of the Certificate courses can be used towards satisfying the course requirements of the master’s degree program; students must meet all University requirements for earning the Master’s degree. In addition, a waiver of the GRE requirement for the master’s degree will be provided to those students who achieve a GPA of 3.5 or greater.

BMEBT Certificate Curriculum:

- BMBT.5000
- BMBT.5500
- BMBT.5750

- Elective Courses: (Choose any two 3-credit courses)
  - BMBT.5500
  - BIOL.6660
  - MATH.5550
  - PUBH.5311
  - PLAS.5530

For more information, contact: Susan Pryputniewicz, MS by email: Susan_Pryputniewicz@uml.edu.

Energy Conversion Certificate

Electrical and Computer Engineering Department
Energy conversion is a discipline that spans across three departments: Electrical, Mechanical and Chemical & Nuclear Engineering. Interest is rising for practical applications in the housing industry to supply houses with clean sources of energy to meet electrical supply needs, as well as for space heating/cooling. All renewable energy sources will be considered (e.g., wind energy and photovoltaics). Information about batteries, battery charging stations, battery chargers and energy conversion devices (such as rectifiers, inverters, choppers, controllers) is presented as related to the development of low emission vehicles.

Choose four of the following courses:

- **EECE.5150**
  - [Power Electronics](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5150)
- **EECE.5250**
  - [Power Systems Distribution](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5250)
- **EECE.5280**
  - [Alternative Energy Sources](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5280)
- **EECE.5290**
  - [Electric Vehicle Technology](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5290)
- **MECH.5210**
  - [Fundamentals of Solar Energy Engineering](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5210)
- **MECH.5270**
  - [Solar Energy Engineering](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5270)

**Integrated Engineering Systems Certificate**

**Applied Physics, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Materials Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Plastics Engineering Departments**

**Contact:** Xuejun Lu, Ph.D. - Phone: 978-934-3359, Email: xuejunlu@uml.edu

As companies increasingly undertake engineering projects that bring together a wide range of disciplines for manufacturing an integrated product, it is often necessary to assemble teams of experts in these various disciplines, and prepare managers who have a fundamental, overall understanding of several different engineering areas. The certificate is designed to respond to the need for trained professionals who are responsible for managing complex engineering systems integrating algorithms, information, software and hardware. Completion of certificate courses in areas complementary to the individual’s specific training will serve as an important starting point for engineering managers (and prospective managers) who need to solve complex interdisciplinary problems at the interfaces of electrical, computer, mechanical, materials engineering, and computer science and applied physics.

The program consists of six clusters:

- Applied Physics
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Materials Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

Within each cluster, there are a number of carefully selected courses ranging from introductory graduate level to more advanced, specialized electives.

Students must successfully complete four courses (12 credits), one or two of which may be taken in their area of expertise. The remaining courses must be taken in separate and different cluster areas. Courses are selected in consultation with one (or more) graduate program coordinators to best meet the student’s needs in terms of background, interests, and work requirements. It may be necessary for students to take prerequisite course(s) if they do not have appropriate backgrounds for a particular cluster course.

**CLUSTER AREAS AND DESIGNATED COURSES:**

**Applied Physics**

- **PHYS.5530**
  - [Electromagnetism I](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5530)
- **PHYS.5540**
  - [Electromagnetism II](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5540)
- **PHYS.5400**
  - [Image Processing (4 credits)](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5400)
- **PHYS.5780**
Integrated Optics: Wave Guide and Lasers

- PHYS.5350
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5350)
  Introduction of Quantum Mechanics I
- PHYS.5470
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5470)
  Laser Physics and Applications
- PHYS.5380
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5380)
  Physical Optics and Waves
- PHYS.5770
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5770)
  Solid State Electronic and Opto-Electronic Devices
- PHYS.5210
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5210)
  Statistical Thermodynamics

**Computer Engineering**

- EECE.5500
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5500)
  Advanced Digital System Design
- EECE.5610
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5610)
  Computer Architecture Design
- EECE.5810
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5810)
  Computer Vision and Digital Image Processing
- EECE.5100
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5100)
  Digital Signal Processing
- EECE.5720
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5720)
  Embedded Real-Time Systems
- EECE.5750
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5750)
  FPGA Logic Design Techniques
- EECE.5520
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5520)
  Microprocessors Systems II and Embedded Systems

- EECE.5820
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5820)
  Wireless Communications
- EECE.5730
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5730)
  Operating Systems and Kernel Design
- EECE.5210
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5210)
  Real Time DSP
- EECE.5020
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5020)
  VLSI Design
- EECE.5040
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5040)
  VLSI Fabrication

**Computer Science**

- COMP.5610
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5610)
  Computer Security I
- COMP.5620
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5620)
  Computer Security II
- COMP.5630
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5630)
  Data Communications I
- COMP.5640
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5640)
  Data Communications II
- COMP.5490
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5490)
  Mobile Robots
- COMP.5150
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5150)
  Operating Systems I
- COMP.5160
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5160)
  Operating Systems II
• COMP.5480
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5480)
  Robot Design

**Electrical Engineering**

• EECE.5280
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5280)
  Alternative Energy Sources

• EECE.5060
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5060)
  Antenna Theory and Design

• EECE.5320
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5320)
  Computational Electromagnetics

• EECE.5130
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5130)
  Control Systems

• EECE.5290
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5290)
  Electric Vehicle Technology

• EECE.5070
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5070)
  Electromagnetic Waves and Materials

• EECE.5190
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5190)
  Engineering of Submicron Machines

• EECE.5900
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5900)
  Fiber Optic Communications and Networks

• EECE.5430
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5430)
  Theory of Communication

• EECE.5090
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5090)
  Linear System Analysis

• EECE.5050
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5050)
  Microwave Electronics

• EECE.5330
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5330)
  Microwave Engineering

• EECE.5150
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5150)
  Power Electronics

• EECE.5840
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5840)
  Probability and Random Processes

• EECE.5710
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5710)
  Radar Systems

• EECE.5170
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5170)
  MMIC Design and Fabrication

**Materials Engineering**

• PLAS.5440
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5440)
  Advanced Plastics Materials

• CHEN.5060
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5060)
  Interfacial Science and Engineering and Colloids

• PLAS.5030
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5030)
  Mechanical Behavior of Polymers

• CHEN.5230
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5230)
  Nanodevices and Electronic Materials

• CHEN.5410
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5410)
  Nanostructural Characterization by SEM, TEM, and AFM

• PLAS.5180
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5180)
  Plastics Product Design

**Mechanical Engineering**

• MECH.5120
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5120)
  Applied Finite Element Analysis
### Medical Imaging & Instrumentations Certificate (MIIC)

The Medical Imaging and Instrumentations Graduate Certificate is an interdisciplinary certificate spanning courses in the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering in the Francis College of Engineering and the Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology (BMEBT) Program across the UMass system. This certificate provides and excellent opportunity to learn the principles and applications of imaging technology. It is comprised of a coordinated collection of courses, laboratories and advanced simulation experiences and allows for in-person and remote enrollment. Students are required to complete 12 credits of coursework, comprised of four elective three-credit courses from two different pools of electives. Students must successfully complete two courses from Group A and two from Group B. The Medical Imaging and Instrumentations Graduate Certificate is intended for individuals who have successfully graduated with a baccalaureate degree and are interested in pursuing a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, or Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology (BMEBT).

### Application Process:

Individuals must apply and complete an application form in accordance with the university’s Graduate Admissions website. Applicants must submit an official undergraduate transcript indicating that a baccalaureate degree was awarded. GRE scores are required for the certificate program. All applications will be reviewed by the Medical Imaging and Instrumentation Certificate coordinator. A decision will be made in writing to the applicant.

### Requirements to Complete the Graduate Certificate

To complete the certificate program, students must successfully complete a 12-credits of coursework with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater, and with no more than three credits with a grade of less than 3.00.

For students who wish to continue onto the Master’s degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering, or Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology Program completed courses of the Certificate can be used towards satisfying the course requirements of the master’s degree program. In addition, a waiver of the GRE requirement for the master’s degree will be provided to those students who achieve a GPA of 3.5 or greater.

### Program of Study:

Students must successfully complete two elective courses from Group A and two elective courses from Group B.
• **Group A**: EECE.5110
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5110) Medical Imaging Diagnosis
  EECE.5410
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5410) Introduction to Biosensors
  EECE.5600
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5600) Biomedical Instrumentation
  EECE.6150
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6150) Medical Image Reconstruction

• **Group B**: EECE.5100
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5100) Digital Signal Processing
  EECE.5520
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5520) Embedded System Design
  EECE.7100
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/7100) Selected Topics: Biomedical Imaging and Data Science
  BMBT.5000
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMBT/5000) Introduction to Biomedical Imaging and Data Science
  BMBT.5120
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMBT/5120) Medical Image Processing
  BMBT.5130
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMBT/5130) Biomedical Analytics and Informatics
  BMBT.5160
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMBT/5160) Principles of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Imaging

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**Photonics & Opto-Electronic Devices Certificate**

**Physics Department and Electrical & Computer Engineering Department**

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The certificate is offered jointly by the Electrical & Computer Engineering & Physics Departments and reflects the strong interests in the physics and technologies of electro-optics. Extensive research facilities include: new materials growth (molecular beam epitaxy) and device fabrication and testing laboratories.

**Required Courses:**

- PHYS.5770
- PHYS.5390
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5390) Electro-optics

-OR-

- EECE.5950
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5950) Solid State Electronics
- EECE.5680
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5680) Electro Optics and Integrated Optics

**Elective Courses**: (choose two of the following):

- EECE.5070
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5070) Electromagnetic Waves and Materials
- EECE.5080
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5080) Quantum Electronics for Engineers
- EECE.5900
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5900) Fiber Optic Communications
- EECE.6070
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6070) Electromagnetics of Complex Media
- EECE.6690
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/6690) Opto Electronic Devices
- PHYS.5470
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5470) Laser Physics & Applications
- PHYS.6310
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/6310)
VLSI & Microelectronics Certificate

Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering

**Contact:** Kanti Prasad, phone: 978-934-3326, Email: Kanti_Prasad@uml.edu.

The purpose of this certificate program is to provide essential background in solid state physical electronics and very large scale integrated (VLSI) circuit fabrication. These courses, combined with two electives, will provide a customized background to the subject but with sufficient depth in an area of choice to provide tangible useful expertise.

This is a 12 credit certificate; all courses are 3 credits each.

**Required Courses:** (Choose two of the following)

- **EECE.5020** ([VLSI Design](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5020))
- **EECE.5950** ([Solid State Electronics](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5950))
- **EECE.5040** ([VLSI Fabrication](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5040))
- **EECE.5080** ([Quantum Electronics for Engineers](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5080))

**Elective Courses:** (Choose two of the following)

- **EECE.5020** ([VLSI Design](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5020))
- **EECE.5050** ([Microwave Electronics](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5050))
- **EECE.5070** ([Electro Optics and Integrated Optics](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5070))
- **EECE.5080** ([Quantum Electronics for Engineers](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5080))
- **EECE.5170** ([MMIC Design and Fabrication](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5170))
- **EECE.5650** ([Analog Devices](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5650))
- **EECE.5680** ([Electro Optics and Integrated Optics](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5680))

Electromagnetic Waves and Materials

- **EECE.5080** ([Quantum Electronics for Engineers](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5080))
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EECE.5040 VLSI Fabrication (Formerly 16.504) - Credits: 3
Fabrication of resistors, capacitors, p-n junction and Schottky Barrier diodes, BJTs and MOS devices and Integrated circuits. Topics include: silicon structure, wafer preparation, sequential techniques in micro-electronic processing, testing and packaging, yield and clean room environments. MOS structures, crystal defects, Fick’s laws of diffusion; oxidation of silicon, photolithography including photoresist, development and stripping. Metallization for conductors, Ion implantation for depletion mode and CMOS transistors for better yield speed, low power dissipation and reliability. Students will fabricate circuits using the DSIP Laboratory.

EECE.5050 Microwave Electronics (Formerly 16.505) - Credits: 3
Review of p-n junction theory, depletion layer width and junction capacitance, Schottky barrier diodes, pin diodes and applications in switches and phase shifters, varactors and step recovery diodes, tunnel diodes and circuits, Gunn devices and circuits, avalanche diodes, IMPATT, TRAPATT and BARRITT diodes, microwave bipolar junction transistors (BJT) and field effect transistors (FET), small signal amplifier design, new devices like HEMT and Si-Ge devices, traveling wave tubes and klystrons.

EECE.5060 Antenna Theory and Design (Formerly 16.506) - Credits: 3

EECE.5070 Electromagnetic Materials and Waves (Formerly 16.507) - Credits: 3
This is a graduate core course, which serves the needs of students who study electromagnetics as a basis for a number of electromagnetic technologies including photonic technologies. Study of Electromagnetic Wave Interactions with Bounded Simple Media: transmission lines, Green’s function, fibers, conducting waveguides and cavity resonators, Plane waves in Complex Electromagnetic Materials: plasmas, dispersive dielectrics, mixing formulas, optical waves in metals, superconductors, chiral media, crystals, magnetized plasma and time-varying media, layered and periodic media.

EECE.5080 Quantum Electronics for Engineers (Formerly 16.508) - Credits: 3
Introduction to the fundamental postulates of quantum theory: Planck’s quantization hypothesis; wave-particle duality; time-dependent & time-independent Schrödinger’s Equation; simple quantum mechanical systems. Radiation and quanta; quantization of the radiation field and cavity modes; absorption and emission of radiation; coherence functions; coherent states; importance of quantum fluctuations and quantum nature of light; laser amplifiers and amplifier nonlinearity; electromagnetics and quantum theory of laser oscillators; photons in semiconductors; semiconductor photon sources and detectors.

EECE.5090 Linear Systems Analysis (Formerly 16.509) - Credits: 3

EECE.5100 Digital Signal Processing (Formerly 16.510) - Credits: 3

EECE.5110 Medical Diagnostic Imaging (Formerly 16.511 & IB.511) - Credits: 3
This course covers the physics and electrical engineering aspects of how signals are acquired from which images will be formed, and the principal methods by which the signals are processed to form useful medical diagnostic images. Modalities studied include: x-rays, ultrasound, computed tomography, and magnetic resonance imaging. The principles of signal processing via Fourier transform will be reviewed. Noise and other artifacts that degrade the medical diagnostic of images
are considered. MATLAB is heavily used in simulation and verification.

EECE.5120 Mixed-Signal VLSI Design (Formerly 16.512) - Credits: 3

The course covers a wide spectrum of topics related to challenges in modern VLSI design. Students will learn the skills of overcoming these problems when two opposing signal domains are integrated onto a single chip. Understanding physical layout representation and the effects of alternative layout solutions on circuit and system specifications is critical in modern designs. Students will learn to use the CAD tools widely used by the semiconductor industry for layout, schematic capture, advanced simulation, parasitic extraction, floorplanning and place and route. Specifically, the course provides a review of fundamentals of semiconductor components. In the next step, basic building blocks of digital and analog design are described. The course concludes with challenges of large scale integration under varying operation conditions. An individual project involving a layout design from specification to implementation is included.

EECE.5130 Control Systems (Formerly 16.513) - Credits: 3

System representations, state variables, transfer functions, controllability and observability, phase variables, canonical variables, representation of nonlinear systems, Lagrange's equations, generalized co-ordinates, time response of linear systems, state transition matrix, Sylvester's expansion theorem, stability and state function of Liapunov, transient behavior estimation, optimal control, state function of Pontryagin, variational calculus, Hamilton Jacobi method, matrix Riccati equation, linear system synthesis.

EECE.5140 Integrated Power Systems (Formerly 16.414/514) - Credits: 3

Power System Operations and Electricity Markets provide a comprehensive overview to understand and meet the challenges of the new competitive highly deregulated power industry. The course presents new methods for power systems operations in a unified integrated framework combining the business and technical aspects of the restructured power industry. An outlook on power policy models, regulation, reliability, and economics is attentively reviewed. The course lay the groundwork for the coming era of unbundling, open access, power marketing, self-generation, and regional transmission operations.

EECE.5160 Biomedical Imaging and Data Science - Credits: 3


EECE.5170 MMIC Design and Fabrication (Formerly 16.517) - Credits: 3

The domain of microwave monolithic integrated circuits (MMIC) design and fabrication engineer stretches from realms of device physics and microwave circuit theory in the frequency range from 300MHz to 300 GHz. The main goal of the course is to embody most of the application of the spectrum that have been deployed during the past five decades due to advances of many microwave solid-state devices. The principles of semiconductors emphasizing 1) the properties which predominate at microwave frequencies, 2) the theories for circuit design techniques required to utilize them at microwave frequencies, and 3) practical engineering applications for controlling microwave signals in amplitude and phase using semiconductors, will be treated in great details. Special emphasis will be laid on correlation of S'parameters with microwave device parameters and their usage in designing Low-noise amplifiers, High-power amplifiers and oscillators and their integration in MMIC design.

EECE.5180 Wireless Communications (Formerly 16.582/EECE.5820) - Credits: 3

Cellular systems and design principles, co-channel and adjacent channel interference, mobile radio propagation and determination of large scale path loss, propagation mechanisms like reflection, diffraction and scattering, outdoor propagation models, Okumura and Hata models, small scale fading and multipath, Doppler shift and effects, statistical models for multipath, digital modulation techniques QPSK, DPSK, GMSK, multiple access techniques, TDMA, FDMA, CDMA, spread spectrum techniques, frequency hopped systems, wireless systems and worldwide standards.

EECE.5190 Engineering of Submicron Machines (Formerly 16.519) - Credits: 3

Recently fabrication of Very Large Scale Integrated circuits has spun-off a new technology of micro-machines (MEMS) and
sensors on a semiconductor wafer. These new devices are ideally located next to a microprocessor on the same wafer or a separate chip. The data transfer to and from a miniature machine, sensor or transducer is processed and controlled on site. Topics include design of mechanical, electrical and biological transducers; properties of electronic materials; pattern generation on a semiconductor wafer; interface of a micromachine and processor; applications and markets for submicron machines.

EECE.5200 Computer Aided Engineering Analysis (Formerly 16.520) - Credits: 3

An advanced programming course, which considers the digital computer as a tool for solving significant engineering problems. The course is based on a specific area in engineering which will be selected from such topics as digital and image processing, spectral estimation, optimization techniques, etc. Typical algorithms related to the specific topic will be studied. User oriented programs or subroutine packages will be developed in a project.

EECE.5210 Real Time Digital Signal Processing (Formerly 16.521 & IB.511) - Credits: 3

This course provides an introduction to real-time digital signal processing techniques using the TMS320C3x floating point and TMS320C5x fixed point processors. The architecture, instruction set and software development tools for these processors are studied via a series of C and assembly language computer projects where real time adaptive filters, modems, digital control systems and speech recognition systems are implemented.

EECE.5230 Introduction to Solid State Electronics (Formerly 16.523) - Credits: 3


EECE.5240 Computational Methods for Power System Analysis (Formerly 16.424/524) - Credits: 3

The course explores some of the mathematical and simulation tools used for the design, analysis and operation of electric power systems. Computational methods based on linear and nonlinear optimization algorithms are used to solve load flow problems, to analyze and characterize system faults and contingencies, and to complete economic dispatch of electric power systems. Real case studies and theoretical projects are assigned to implement the techniques learned and to propose recommendations. Different software applications will be used concurrently including ATP, PowerWorld Simulator, Aspen, MatLab with Simulink and Power System Toolbox, PSCAD, etc.

EECE.5250 Power Distribution Systems (Formerly 16.525) - Credits: 3

An intermediate course in analysis and operation of electrical power distribution systems using applied calculus and matrix algebra. Topics include electrical loads characteristics, modeling, metering, customer billing, voltage regulation, voltage levels, and power factor correction. The design and operation of the power distribution system components will be introduced: distribution transformers, distribution substation, distribution networks, and distribution equipment.

EECE.5260 Power Systems Stability and Control (Formerly 16.426/526) - Credits: 3


EECE.5280 Alternative Energy Sources (Formerly 16.528) - Credits: 3

PV conversion, cell efficiency, cell response, systems and applications. Wind Energy conversion systems: Wind and its characteristics; aerodynamic theory of windmills; wind turbines and generators; wind farms; siting of windmills. Other alternative energy sources: Tidal energy, wave energy, ocean thermal energy conversion, geothermal energy, solar thermal power, satellite power, biofuels. Energy storage: Batteries, fuel cells, hydro pump storage, flywheels, compressed air.

EECE.5290 Electric Vehicle Technology (Formerly 16.529) - Credits: 3

Electric vehicle VS internal combustion engine vehicle. Electric vehicle (EV) saves the environment. EV design, EV motors, EV batteries, EV battery chargers and charging algorithms, EV instrumentation and EV wiring diagram. Hybrid electric vehicles. Fuel cells. Fuel cell electric vehicles. The course
includes independent work.

**EECE.5310 RF Design (Formerly 16.531) - Credits: 3**

Two-port network parameters, Smith chart applications for impedance matching, transmission line structures like striplines, microstrip line and coaxial line, filter designs for low-pass, high-pass and band-pass characteristics, amplifier design based on s-parameters, bias network designs, one port and two port oscillator circuits, noise in RF systems.

**EECE.5320 Computational Electromagnetics (Formerly 16.532) - Credits: 3**


**EECE.5330 Microwave Engineering (Formerly 16.533) - Credits: 3**

An introductory course in the analysis and design of passive microwave circuits beginning with review of time-varying electromagnetic field concepts and transmission lines. Smith Chart problems; single and double stub matching; impedance transformer design; maximally flat and Chebyshev transformers; microstrip transmission lines, slot lines, coplanar lines; rectangular and circular waveguides; waveguide windows and their use in impedance matching; design of directional couplers; features of weak and strong couplings; microwave filter design; characteristics of low-pass, high-pass, band-pass, band-stop filter designs; two-port network representation of junctions; Z and Y parameters, ABCD parameters, scattering matrix; microwave measurements; measurement of VSWR, complex impedance, dielectric constant, attenuation, and power. A design project constitutes a major part of the course.

**EECE.5340 Microwave Engineering Lab - Credits: 1**

This lab course is offered as a practical supplement to the material taught in EECE.5330 Microwave Engineering. The students will develop skills in EM modeling (Ansys HFSS) and measurement of microwave transmission lines, waveguides and passive structures such as combiners and filters. Students will design basic microwave structures utilizing EM modeling tools, measure the resulting performance and provide justification of differences. Students will also perform basic antenna measurements of gain and patterns in an anechoic chamber. This course will consist of five three-hour labs, each requiring a detailed report of the results.

**EECE.5350 Microwave Metrology - Credits: 3**

Laboratory measurement techniques that are typical of those used to characterize wireless devices and systems, including network analyzer calibration, measurements of noise in amplifiers, mixers and oscillators; measurements of distortion in amplifiers and mixers; and characterizing the dynamic range of a receiver.

**EECE.5360 Microwave Metrology Lab - Credits: 1**

This lab course is offered as a practical supplement to the material taught in EECE.5350 Microwave Metrology. Students will calibrate test equipment and perform measurements of the following parameters: phase noise, noise figure, intermodulation distortion, translated frequency, gain compression, and high-power characterization. Students will also perform probe measurements and demonstrate de-embedding techniques. This course will consist of five three-hour labs, each requiring a detailed report of the results.

**EECE.5370 Microwave Systems Engineering - Credits: 3**

This course will explore concepts related to the design, analysis, and construction of systems and will examine the fundamental tradeoffs governing microwave system design: the hardware components and technologies that comprise working systems, the models used for characterizing the transmission and reception of signals, the physics of wave propagation and interaction, and estimation theory which seeks to separate signals from sources of error and guide algorithms for extracting information from received signals.

**EECE.5380 Microwave Systems Engineering Lab - Credits: 1**

This lab course is offered as a practical supplement to the material taught in EECE.5370 Microwave Systems Engineering. The students will perform cascade analyses using measured data to compare with analysis computed from nominal values given in component specifications. Monte Carlo analyses will also be performed to predict performance variation. Students will configure test setups to illustrate signal generation, up/down conversion and signal detection. Additionally, the students will configure a radiated test setup in an anechoic chamber to measure and validate link budget calculations based on the Friis transmission equation. This course will consist of five three-hour labs, each requiring a detailed report of the results.

**EECE.5430 Theory of Communication (Formerly 16.543) - Credits: 3**

Information transmission and deterministic signals in time and frequency domains. Relationship between correlation and power or energy spectra. Statistical properties of noise.
analysis and design of AM, FM and pulse modulation systems, continuous and discrete. AM, FM, and various pulse modulation methods, in the presence of noise. Digital modulation & demodulation technique.

**EECE.5440 Computational Data-Driven Modeling I - Credits: 3**

Computational Data-Driven Modeling (CDM) I is the first in a sequence of two courses designed to introduce the student to the art of exploratory data analysis and data-driven computational modeling using foundational concepts drawn from linear algebra, probability, statistics, random processes, time-series analysis and dynamical systems. In CDM-I students will learn to apply regression and classification algorithms on multivariate data and assess performance of these models. An interactive project-driven approach is taken using Python programming platform and its associated open-source libraries for statistical modeling, data analysis and machine-learning. A review of the tools and techniques from probability and statistics will be undertaken.

**EECE.5460 Communication Networks (Formerly 16.546) - Credits: 3**

An in depth survey of the elements of the modern computer based telecommunications system. Discussion of media used to transport voice and data traffic including twisted pair, baseband and broadband coaxial cable, fiber optic systems and wireless systems. Techniques for sending data over the media are presented including modems, baseband encoding, modulation and specific cases such as DSL, cable modems, telephone modems. Architecture and functionality of telephone system that serves as backbone for moving data, including multiplexing, switching, ATM, ISDN, SONET. Layered software architectures are discussed including TCP/IP protocol stack and the ISO/OSI seven layer stacks are examined in depth from data link protocols to transport protocols. LAN and WAN architectures including media access control (MAC) techniques are discussed for Ethernet, token ring and wireless LAN applications. Internetworking protocols and the role of repeaters, routers, and bridges. Voice over IP and state of the art applications.

**EECE.5470 Computational Data-Driven Modeling II - Credits: 3**

Computational Data-Driven Modeling (CDM) II is the second in a sequence of two courses designed to introduce the student to skills in exploratory data analysis and data-driven computational modeling. CDM-II extends the students' knowledge on application of regression and classification algorithms in CDM-I to more complex structures such as Bayesian networks and Hidden-Markov models. The focus will be on time-varying data using time-series and stat-space models such as Kalman filters, Markov Processes and Particle filters for prediction and forecasting. The application of neural networks and deep-learning will be discussed. Students will undertake case-studies in data analytics with collaboration from professionals in industry.

**EECE.5480 Coding and Information Theory (Formerly 16.548) - Credits: 3**

Probabilistic measure of information. Introduction to compression algorithms including L-Z, MPEG, JPEG, and Huffman encoding. Determination of the information handling capacity of communication channels and fundamental coding theorems including Shannon’s first and second channel coding theorems. Introduction to error correcting codes including block codes and convolutional coding and decoding using the Viterbi algorithm. Applications of information theory and coding to advanced coding modulation such as Trellis code Modulation (TCM) and turbo modulation.

**EECE.5490 Optimization Models and Decision Analysis - Credits: 3**

This course addresses the prototypical theme of how a system or organization can improve its decision-making and develops approaches for both prescriptive and predictive analytics. Whether it is a service or manufacturing entity, a firm should promulgate a mission statement with three evolving parts: strategy, tactics, and operations. For example, a strategic focus is to maximize profit, a tactical plan minimizes cost, and an operations manifesto establishes feasibility. Towards this objective, this course will present introductory and applied concepts on decision-making, optimization and simulation modeling under uncertainty. Case studies will supplement the theoretical concepts and enforce student learning. Background in engineering mathematics and/or permission of instructor. Undergraduate introduction to Probability and Statistics.

**EECE.5500 Advanced Digital System Design (Formerly 16.550) - Credits: 3**

Design of logic machines. Finite state machines, gate array designs, ALU and 4 bit CPU unit designs, micro-programmed systems. Hardware design of advanced digital circuits using Xilinx. Application of probability and statistics for hardware performance, and upgrading hardware systems. Laboratories incorporate specification, top-down design, modeling, implementation and testing of actual advanced digital design systems hardware. Laboratories also include simulation of circuits using VHDL before actual hardware implementation and PLDs programming.

**EECE.5520 Microprocessor Systems II & Embedded Systems (Formerly 16.552) - Credits: 3**
Continuation of 16.317. CPU architecture, memory interfaces and management, coprocessor interfaces, bus concepts, bus arbitration techniques, serial I/O devices, DMA, interrupt control devices. Including Design, construction, and testing of dedicated microprocessor systems (static and real-time). Hardware limitations of the single-chip system. Includes microcontrollers, programming for small systems, interfacing, communications, validating hardware and software, microprogramming of controller chips, design methods and testing of embedded systems.

**EECE.5530 Software Engineering (Formerly 16.553)** - Credits: 3

Introduces software life cycle models, and engineering methods for software design and development. Design and implementation, testing, and maintenance of large software packages in a dynamic environment, and systematic approach to software design with emphasis on portability and ease of modification. Laboratories include a project where some of the software engineering methods (from modeling to testing) are applied in an engineering example.

**EECE.5540 Data Intensive Computing - Credits: 3**

This course deals with various topics in data-intensive computing to address challenges in managing large-scale data and methods for extracting values from big data. Specifically, we explore state-of-the-art techniques to build parallel systems and applications for scalable data analysis on a massive and complex dataset, those from scientific and engineering problems. Topics include: 1) Storage requirements of big data; 2) parallel and distributed computing systems in both high-performance computing (HPC) and commercial domains; 3) Data-parallel frameworks such as MapReduce/Hadoop/Spark; 4) parallel file systems such as HDFS/Lustre; 5) NoSQL data models such as Dynamo/BigTable/Cassandra; and 6) time-series data models such as InfluxDB/Prometheus.

**EECE.5560 Fundamentals of Robotics (Formerly 16.556) - Credits: 3**

The material in this course is a combination of essential topics, techniques, algorithms, and tools that will be used in future robotics courses. Fundamental topics relevant to robots (linear algebra, numerical methods, programming) will be reinforced throughout the course using introductions to other robotics topics that are each worthy of a full semester of study (dynamics, Kinematics, controls, planning, sensing). Students will program real robots to further refine their skills and experience the material fully.

**EECE.5590 Introduction to Nanoelectronics (Formerly 16.459/559) - Credits: 3**

This course introduces the use of nanomaterials for electronic devices such as sensors and transistors. Synthesis methods for nanoparticles, nanotubes, nanowires, and 2-D materials such as graphene will be covered. The challenges in incorporating nanomaterials into devices will also be discussed. These methods will be compared to techniques used in the semiconductor industry and what challenges, technically and financially, exist for their widespread adoption will be addressed. Finally, examples of devices that use nanomaterials will be reviewed. The course will have some hands on demonstrations.

**EECE.5600 Biomedical Instrumentation (Formerly 16.460/560) - Credits: 3**

A survey of biomedical instrumentation that leads to the analysis of various medical system designs and the related factors involved in medical device innovation. In addition to the technical aspects of system integration of biosensors and physiological transducers there will be coverage of a biodesign innovation process that can translate clinical needs into designs. A significant course component will be project-based prototyping of mobile health applications. The overall goals of the course are to provide the theoretical background as well as specific requirements for medical device development along with some practical project experience that would thereby enable students to design electrical and computer based medical systems.

**EECE.5620 VHDL/Verilog Synthesis & Design (Formerly 16.562) - Credits: 3**

Circuit and system representations including behavioral, structural, and physical descriptions using HDL. Modeling of short and narrow MOS transistors for submission applications. Overview of CMOS technology including oxidation, epitaxy, deposition, ion implantation and diffusion essential for multilayer vias. 2-0 and 4-0 memory structures, I/O structures and
PADS. System design including structural, hierarchy, regularity, modularity and programmable gate arrays. RTL synthesis, layout and placement, design capture tools, including schematic, netlist, verification and simulation. Fast adders, subtractors, multipliers, dividers, ALUs, CPUs, RAMs, ROMs, row/column decoders, FIFOS, and FSMs with detailed examples. A RISC microcontroller, pipeline architecture including logic blocks, data paths, floor planning, functional verification and testing. Layout and simulation of chips as well as of PCs based on VHDL, verilog, and HILO will be encouraged. A project of industrial vigor for fabrication at MOSIS is required.

EECE.5625L VHDL/Verilog Synthesis & Design Lab - Credits: 1

This lab course is offered to provide the student practical applications of advanced FPGA topics. The lab will focus on advanced language constructs and effective coding for synthesis. Timing closure techniques and synthesis optimization for speed vs power will be explored. Features of synthesis tools including partial reconfiguration, tool reports and clock domain crossing will be evaluated. This course will consist of seven 2-hour labs, each requiring either completion of a worksheet or a detailed report of the results.

EECE.5680 Electro Optic Systems (Formerly 16.568) - Credits: 3

Introduction to optoelectronics and laser safety; geometrical optics; waves and polarization; Fourier optics; coherence of light and holography; properties of optical fibers; acousto-optic and electro-optic modulation; elementary quantum concepts and photon emission processes; optical resonators; Fabry Perot etalon; laser theory and types; review of semiconductor lasers and detectors; nonlinear optics.

EECE.5700 Radar Systems Lab - Credits: 1

This lab course is offered as a practical supplement to the material taught in EECE.5710 Radar Systems. Students will build functional radar using a COTS-based radio system to demonstrate the detection of canonical targets (plates, spheres, corner reflectors) of known radar cross sections. This course will consist of five three-hour labs, each requiring a detailed report of the results.

EECE.5710 Radar Systems (Formerly 16.571) - Credits: 3


EECE.5720 Embedded Real Time Systems (Formerly 16.572) - Credits: 3

Designing embedded real-time computer systems. Types of real-time systems, including foreground/background, non-preemptive multitasking, and priority-based pre-emptive multitasking systems. Soft vs. hard real time systems. Task scheduling algorithms and deterministic behavior. Ask synchronization: semaphores, mailboxes and message queues. Robust memory management schemes. Application and design of a real-time kernel. A project is required.

EECE.5740 Advanced Logic Design (Formerly 16.574) - Credits: 3


EECE.5750 Field Programmable Arrays Logic Design Techniques (Formerly 16.575) - Credits: 3

Advanced logic design techniques using field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs), programmable logic devices, programmable array logic devices, and other forms of reconfigurable logic. Architectural descriptions and design flow will be covered as well as rapid prototyping techniques, ASIC conversions, in-system programmability, high level language design techniques, and case studies highlighting the tradeoffs involved in designing digital systems with programmable devices. This course is generally offered summers only.

EECE.5755 FPGA Logic Design Techniques Lab - Credits: 1

This lab course is offered to provide the student with the practical skills required to design and implement an FPGA. The student will design commonly used FPGA structures such as state machines and data processing elements and learn how to include library components such as FIFOs, memory interfaces and computer/debug interfaces. The student will work through all phases of development: coding, simulation, building and testing the FPGA on hardware. This course will consist of seven 2-hour labs, each requiring either completion of a worksheet or a detailed report of the results.

EECE.5760 Principles of Solid State Devices (Formerly
16.576) - Credits: 3
EECE.5770 Verification of Digital Systems (Formerly 16.577) - Credits: 3
EECE.5775L Verification of Digital Systems Lab - Credits: 1

This lab course is offered to provide the student with the practical skills to verify an FPGA design in simulation environment. The student will build various components of a test environment beginning with a basic testbench using manual verification and progressing to a more robust self-checking test environment. This includes generating constrained random stimulus and predicting, monitoring, and checking responses. The students will also create a regression test suite and evaluate coverage. This course will consist of seven 2-hour labs, each requiring either completion of a worksheet or a detailed report of the results.

EECE.5780 Modeling and Implementation of Digital Systems using MATLAB - Credits: 3

The course covers the methodology and tools to design digital systems with MATLAB. Topics include algorithm design and analysis with MATLAB, MATLAB Simulink development, conversion from algorithm to VHDL implementation, synthesis to FPGA and performance evaluation. Labs are included to practice design methodology and tools with FPGA or other platforms.

EECE.5800 Robotics, Automation and Machine Intelligence (Formerly 16.580) - Credits: 3

Covers advanced foundations and principles of robotic manipulation; includes the study of advanced robot motion planning, task level programming and architectures for building perception and systems for intelligent robots. Autonomous robot navigation and obstacle avoidance are addressed. Topics include computational models of objects and motion, the mechanics of robotic manipulators, the structure of manipulator control systems, planning and programming of robot actions. Components of mobile robots, perception, mechanism, planning and architecture; detailed case studies of existing systems.

EECE.5811 Operating Systems (Formerly 16.573/EECE.5730) - Credits: 3

Covers the components, design, implementation, and internal operations of computer operating systems. Topics include basic structure of operating systems, Kernel, user interface, I/O device management, device drivers, process environment, concurrent processes and synchronization, inter-process communication, process scheduling, memory management, deadlock management and resolution, and file system structures. Laboratories include examples of components design of a real operating system.

EECE.5821 Computer Architecture and Design (Formerly 16.561/EECE.5610) - Credits: 3


EECE.5830 Network Design: Principles, Protocols and Applications (Formerly 16.583) - Credits: 3

Covers design and implementation of network software that transforms raw hardware into a richly functional communication system. Real networks (such as the Internet, ATM, Ethernet, Token Ring) will be used as examples. Presents the different harmonizing functions needed for the interconnection of many heterogeneous computer networks. Internet protocols, such as UDP, TCP, IP, ARP, BGP and IGMP, are used as examples to demonstrate how internetworking is realized. Applications such as electronic mail and the WWW are studied.

EECE.5840 Probability and Random Processes (Formerly 16.584) - Credits: 3


EECE.5841 Computer Vision and Digital Image Processing (Formerly 16.581/EECE.5810) - Credits: 3

Introduces the principles and the fundamental techniques for Image Processing and Computer Vision. Topics include programming aspects of vision, image formation and representation, multi-scale analysis, boundary detection,
texture analysis, shape from shading, object modeling, stereovision, motion and optical flow, shape description and objects recognition (classification), and hardware design of video cards. AI techniques for Computer Vision are also covered. Laboratories include real applications from industry and the latest research areas.

EECE.5900 Fiber Optic Communication (Formerly 16.590) - Credits: 3

Optical fiber; waveguide modes, multimode vs single mode; bandwidth and data rates; fiber losses; splices, couplers, connectors, taps and gratings; optical transmitters; optical receivers; high speed optoelectronic devices; optical link design; broadband switching; single wavelength systems (FDDI, SONET, ATM); coherent transmission; wavelength division multiplexing and CDMA; fiber amplifiers.

EECE.5930 Industrial Experience (Formerly 16.593) - Credits: 1

EECE.5950 Solid State RF Electronics (Formerly 16.595) - Credits: 3

This course provides a physical understanding of advanced solid-state devices with an emphasis on high-speed designs for RF applications. Topics include semiconductor heterostructures, heterojunction bipolar transistors, field-effect transistors, high-electron-mobility transistors, hot-electron devices, charge transport, quantum confinement effects, and small-signal analysis. Technologies to be discussed draw from group IV elemental semiconductors (silicon, germanium), group III-V compound semiconductor families (arsenides, phosphides, nitrides), and emerging oxide materials. Case studies of state-of-the-art examples taken from the literature will be used to motivate more in-depth discussions.

EECE.5980 Seminar for Teaching Assistants (Formerly 16.598) - Credits: 0

This course will meet once per week and attendance in mandatory for all TAs. The course will cover an overview of laboratories for the following week.

EECE.5990 Thesis Review - Credits: 1
EECE.6010 Graduate Seminar (Formerly 16.601) - Credits: 0

There will be a series of seminars by distinguished researchers from academia and industry, in addition to UML faculty. Moreover, there will be seminars dedicated to instructional sessions in library services, introduction to Department and Faculty research, and information on thesis requirements and professional ethics. Attendance is mandatory for doctoral and MS students with thesis option. The students are required to write short reports summarizing the talk after each seminar. This course is offered in the fall semester.

EECE.6020 Graduate Seminar (Formerly 16.602) - Credits: 0

There will be a series of seminars by distinguished researchers from academia and industry, in addition to UML faculty. Moreover, there will be seminars dedicated to instructional sessions in library services, introduction to Department and Faculty research, and information on thesis requirements and professional ethics. Attendance is mandatory for doctoral and MS students with thesis option. The students are required to write short reports summarizing the talk after each seminar. This course is offered in the spring semester.

EECE.6120 Converged Voice and Data Network (Formerly 16.612) - Credits: 3

Covers the technologies and protocols used to transport voice and data traffic over a common communication network, with emphasis on voice over IP (VoIP). The specific topics covered include voice communication network fundamentals, data networking fundamentals, voice packet processing, voice over packet networking, ITU-T VoIP architecture, IETF VoIP architecture, VoIP over WLAN, access networks for converged services: xDSL and HFC networks, and IP TV service.

EECE.6150 Medical Image Reconstruction - Credits: 3

This course will deliver the students both traditional and state-of-the-art algorithms in a unified way, which can make the students qualify for a medical image reconstruction engineer. The topics includes central slice theorem, 2D parallel-beam, 2D fan-beam and 3D cone-beam reconstruction algorithms in terms of analytic and iterative methods. It will cover the state-of-the-art Katsevich algorithm, interior tomography, compressive sensing, and spectral CT.

EECE.6160 Computational Power Systems Analysis (Formerly 16.616) - Credits: 3

Power system matrics, power flow studies, fault studies, state estimation, optimal power dispatch, and stability studies.

EECE.6170 Modelling Of Communication Networks (Formerly 16.617) - Credits: 3

Overview of general architectures for B-ISDN and Internet, network layering, signaling, performance requirements, traffic management strategies, usage parameter control, connection admission control, congestion control, stochastic processes,
Markov chains and processes, stochastic models for voice, video and data traffic, Poisson processes, Markov-modulated processes, traffic analysis, queuing systems, M/M/1, M/M/m, M/G/1 queues, fluid buffer models, effective bandwidth approaches, simulation modeling, discrete event simulation of transport and multiplexing protocols using OPNET software, statistical techniques for validation and sensitivity analysis.

EECE.6500 Advanced Computing Systems Hardware Architecture (Formerly 16.650) - Credits: 3

Covers the latest advanced techniques in CPU design, floating point unit design, vector processors, branch prediction, shared memory versus networks, scalable shared memory systems, Asynchronous shared memory algorithms, systems performance issues, advanced prototype hardware structures, and future trends including TeraDash systems.

EECE.6510 Advanced Embedded System Design with FPGA - Credits: 3

This course covers the topics related to FPGA based embedded systems, including microprocessor architectures, embedded system architecture, firmware, bootloader, JTAG etc., bare metal processor vs embedded OS, ard core and soft core IP’s, interconnects between processor and FPGA, buses and interfaces, and external devices such as sensors and cameras. Labs are included for practice the design of FPGA based embedded systems.

EECE.6515L Advanced Embedded System Design with FPGA Lab - Credits: 1

This lab course is offered to provide the student with the practical skills required to use embedded processors in FPGAs. The student will design, implement, test, debug, and configure embedded systems in FPGAs using both soft and hard cores. Students will connect various memories, bus interfaces and external devices to build a system in an FPGA. Basic programming of the embedded processor will also be performed. This course will consist of seven 2-hour labs, each requiring either completion of a worksheet or a detailed report of the results.

EECE.6520 Parallel & Mp Architect (Formerly 16.652) - Credits: 3

EECE.6530 AI and Machine Learning (Formerly 16.653) - Credits: 3

EECE.6540 Heterogeneous Computing - Credits: 3

This course introduces heterogeneous computing architecture and the design optimization of applications that best utilize the resources on such platforms. The course topics include heterogeneous computer architecture, offloading architecture/API, operating systems for heterogeneous resources, GPU/FPGA acceleration, OpenCL programming framework, performance optimization, and software development. Labs are included to practice design methodology and tools.

EECE.6570 High Speed Integrated Network (Last Term 2004 Fall)(Formerly 16.657) - Credits: 3

EECE.6580 Computer Network Security (Formerly 16.658) - Credits: 3

This course will cover two categories of topics: One part is the fundamental principles of cryptography and its applications to network and communication security in general. This part focuses on cryptography algorithms and the fundamental network security enabling mechanisms. Topics include attack analysis and classifications, public key cryptography (RSA, Diffie-Hellman), Secret key cryptography (DES, IDEA), Hash (MD5, SHA-1) algorithms; Key distribution and management; Security handshake pitfalls and authentications; and well known network security protocols such as Kerberos, IPSec, SSL/SST, PGP & PKI, WEP. The second part covers the advanced topics on the security issues of MANET (including VANET), WSN, Smart Grid, Cognitive Radio Network, and Cloud Computing. This part involves diverse literature review on the unique security challenges and open issues faced by these emerging network technologies, and the state-of-the-art security solutions in literature. Pre-Req: Permission of Instructor.

EECE.6600 Mobile Communication Networks (Formerly 16.660) - Credits: 3

The goal of this course is to enable students to understand communication systems that permit a user to be either continuously or intermittently connected to a communication network as he/she moves from one place to another. The key issue in these communications systems, which are referred to as mobile communication systems, is that there is provision for handing a device, service or user, over from one network to another. That is, mobility management is an essential aspect of mobile communication networks. The learning objectives of the course include enabling the student to understand mobile radio propagation, antenna and communications systems; the so-called 2G, 2.5G, 3G and 4G networks; mobile IP and mobile TCP; mobile ad hoc networks; WiMAX networks; and cognitive radio networks.

EECE.6660 Storage Area Networks (Formerly 16.666) - Credits: 3

EECE.6690 Opto Electronic Devices (Formerly 16.669) - Credits: 3
EECE.6870 Applied Stochastic Estimation (Formerly 16.687) - Credits: 3

EECE.6880 Theoretical Acoustics (Formerly 16.688) - Credits: 3
EECE.6920 Directed Studies/Electrical Engineering (Formerly 16.692) - Credits: 3
Provides opportunity for students to get a specialized or customized course in consultation with a faculty member.

EECE.7100 Selected Topics (Formerly 16.710) - Credits: 3
Topics of current interest in electrical Engineering. Subject matter to be announced in advance.

EECE.7110 Special Topics (Formerly 16.711) - Credits: 3
Topics of current interest in Electrical Engineering. Subject matter to be announced in advance.

EECE.7120 Special Topics in Electrical Engineering (Formerly 16.712) - Credits: 3
Topics of current interest in Electrical Engineering. Subject matter to be announced in advance.

EECE.7150 Special Topics (Formerly 16.715) - Credits: 3

EECE.7290 Selected Topics in Electrical Engineering (Formerly 16.729) - Credits: 3
Advanced topics in various areas of Electrical Engineering and related fields. Prerequisite: specified a the time of offering.

EECE.7300 Thesis - Electrical Engineering (Formerly 16.730) - Credits: 6

EECE.7290 Systems Engineering Thesis (Formerly 16.732) - Credits: 3
EECE.7330 Advance Graduate Project (Formerly 16.733) - Credits: 3
The Advanced Project is a substantial investigation of a research topic under the supervision of a faculty member. A written proposal must be on file in the Electrical &Engineering Graduate Office before enrollment. A written report is required upon completion of the project. This course can be taken only once, and may evolve into a master’s thesis. However, credit for this course will not be given if thesis credit is received.

EECE.7360 Graduate Project - Electrical Engineering (Formerly 16.736) - Credits: 6
EECE.7390 Graduate Project - Electrical Engineering (Formerly 16.739) - Credits: 9
EECE.7400 Advanced Project In Electrical Engineering (Formerly 16.740) - Credits: 3
EECE.7430 Master’s Thesis in Electrical Engineering (Formerly 16.743) - Credits: 1-3
Master’s Thesis Research

EECE.7460 Master’s Thesis in Electrical Engineering (Formerly 16.746) - Credits: 6
Co-requisites: Minimum of 6 credit-hours of graduate courses at an acceptable level when registering for first three credits and 12 credit hours when registering for subsequent credits; matriculated status in the M.S. Eng. Program in Electrical, Computer or Systems Engineering; approval of a written proposal outlining the extent and nature of proposed research work. The report on the research work, performed under the supervision of a faculty member, must be published in appropriate form and presented to a committee of three faculty members appointed at the time of acceptance of the thesis proposal. The student is required to give an oral defense of the thesis before the committee and other faculty members.

EECE.7490 Master’s Thesis - Electrical Engineering (Formerly 16.749) - Credits: 9
EECE.7510 Doctoral Thesis (Formerly 16.751) - Credits: 1
EECE.7520 PhD Thesis (Formerly 16.752) - Credits: 2
EECE.7530 Doctoral Dissertation/EE (Formerly 16.753) - Credits: 3
Doctoral Dissertation Research

EECE.7540 Doctoral Thesis - Electrical Engineering (Formerly 16.754) - Credits: 4
EECE.7550 Doctoral Dissertation (Formerly 16.755) - Credits: 5
EECE.7560 Doctoral Dissertation/Electrical Engineering (Formerly 16.756) - Credits: 6
No more than 9 credits of doctoral dissertation research may be taken before passing the doctoral qualifying examination.
No more than 15 credits of doctoral dissertation research may be taken before passing the defense of the thesis proposal examination.

EECE.7570 Doctoral Dissertation (Formerly 16.757) - Credits: 7
EECE.7590 Doctoral Dissertation/Electrical Engineering (Formerly 16.759) - Credits: 9

EECE.7660 Continued Grad Research (Formerly 16.766) - Credits: 1-6
EECE.7710 Eng Sys Analysis I (Formerly 16.771) - Credits: 3
Study of the key areas in multiple engineering disciplines including Mechanical, Electrical, Software, Systems and Optical. Students are introduced to weekly topics and then work in multidiscipline teams to solve technical assignments. Topics covered include: Concept of Operations and Requirements development, integration, test and verification, vibration/shock analysis, thermal analysis, power supply design, digital electronics & FPGA, intro to optical engineering, SCRUM planning, continuous integration and UML/SW design. Content may vary year to year. This course is part of the Engineering Leadership Development Program (ELDP) and team taught by industry experts at BAE Systems.

EECE.7720 Eng Sys Analysis II (Formerly 16.772) - Credits: 3
Introduction and analysis of complex systems aligned with the key product lines of BAE Systems. Students are introduced to multiple types of systems and then work in multidiscipline teams to solve technical assignments. The systems covered include but are limited to: Electronic Warfare (EW), Communications Electronic Attack (Comms EA), Wide Area Airborne Surveillance (WAAS), Signal Intelligence (SIGINT), RADAR Navigation, Radio Communications, and Infrared Countermeasures (IRCM). Content may vary year to year. This course is part of the Engineering Leadership Development Program (ELDP) and team taught by industry experts at BAE Systems.

EECE.7730 Eng Sys Analysis III (Formerly 16.773) - Credits: 3
Study of project management concepts, product development methods, transition to operations and new business capture. Topics covered include but are not limited to risks and opportunities management, earned value management, lean product development, business strategy, design for manufacturability/maintainability (DFM^2), and request for information (RFI) response. Content may vary year to year. This course is part of the Engineering Leadership Development Program (ELDP) and team taught by industry experts at BAE Systems.

EECE.7CPT Curricular Practical Training for Engineering Doctoral Candidates - Credits: 1
Curricular Practical Training (CPT) is a training program for doctoral students in Engineering. Participation in CPT acknowledges that this an integral part of an established curriculum and directly related to the major area of study or thesis.
Energy Engineering

Energy Engineering Program

Graduate Programs offered:

- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Energy Engineering Option
- Master of Science in Engineering (M.S.E.) Renewable (Solar) Engineering Option - administered through the Mechanical Engineering Department
- Nuclear Engineering Option - administered through the Chemical Engineering Department
- Bachelor’s-Master’s Program

Energy Engineering offers professional training at the doctoral and master’s degree levels designed to prepare the student to perform state-of-the-art research and design work on energy systems.

Co-op Option in Engineering (Solar)

The Department of Energy Engineering participates in the Graduate Master’s Co-op Option in Engineering. For detailed information about the Co-op Program and curriculum requirements, please see the Graduate Catalog Engineering Co-op page (https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf).

For additional information, contact the graduate coordinator for Renewable (Solar) Engineering, Walter Thomas by email: walter_thomas@uml.edu (mailto:walter_thomas@uml.edu) or the graduate coordinator for Nuclear Engineering, Sukesh Aghara by email: sukesh_aghara@uml.edu (mailto:sukesh_aghara@uml.edu).

Master’s Program

Master of Science Degree Program in Energy Engineering

The UMass Lowell graduate program in Energy Engineering offers professional training at the master’s degree level designed to prepare the student to perform state-of-the-art work on energy systems. There are two options:

- Renewable (Solar) Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering

The programs are designed to achieve a balance between hands-on experience and theory. Energy engineering draws students from all branches of engineering, mathematics, physics and chemistry.

Visit Graduate Admissions (https://www.uml.edu/Grad/default.aspx) for more information.

Thesis, Project, and Course-Only Requirements

There are three pathways to earning an MS degree in Energy Engineering:

1. Thesis: 30 credits - 24 credits of courses (15 credits from core), plus 6 credits of thesis,
2. Project: 30 credits - 27 credits of courses (15 from core), plus 3 credits of project, (available to Nuclear option students only).
3. Course-Only: 30 credits - all from courses (15 from core, none from thesis or project credits)

A student’s thesis must be defended in an oral examination conducted by the student’s thesis committee.

Course Requirements

Students may choose to specialize in any area of interest in the college related to the energy field. Each student must take a series of core courses appropriate for the area of specialization. The exact makeup of the core curriculum will be guided and approved by the Graduate Committee of the Energy Engineering program. All students working toward the Master of Science Degree in Energy Engineering must take the following core courses:

Nuclear Option Required core courses:

- ENGY.5040 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5040)
  Energy Engineering Workshop
- ENGY.5050 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5050)
  Nuclear Reactor Physics
- ENGY.5070 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5070)
  Nuclear Reactor Engineering Analysis
- ENGY.5090 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5090)
  System Dynamics
• CHEN.5280
  Advanced Transport Phenomena

Renewable (Solar) Option Required core courses

All Solar Option students must take the following courses (the semesters in which they are normally taught are also listed):

One Advanced Mathematics course from the list:

• MECH.5200
  Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations (Spring)

• MECH.5260
  Transport Processes in Energy Systems (Spring)

• MECH.5540
  Dynamic Systems and Controls (Fall)

Three "core" courses from this list:

• MECH.5210
  Fundamentals of Solar Utilization (Fall)

• MECH.5220
  Wind Energy Fundamentals (Fall)

• MECH.5250
  Grid-Connected Solar Electric Systems (Spring)

• MECH.5270
  Solar Systems Engineering (Spring)

• MECH.5350
  Fundamentals of Sustainable Energy (Spring of even numbered years)

During their last or next to last semester:

• MECH.5040
  Energy Engineering Workshop (Fall or Spring)

For Both the Renewable and Nuclear Option

For all students, the remainder of the course requirements are to be made up of elective courses which should be approved by the appropriate graduate coordinator.

Courses that are typically taken as elective courses include, but are not restricted to:

• CHEN.5060
  Colloidal, Interfacial and Nanomaterials Science and Engineering

• CHEN.5080
  Material Science and Engineering

• CHEN.5100
  Advanced Separation Processes

• CHEN.5200
  Advanced Thermodynamics

• CHEN.5230
  Nanodevices and Electronic Materials

• CHEN.5350
  Principles of Cell and Microbe Cultivation

• CHEN / ENGY.5390
  Mathematical Methods for Engineers

• EECE.5130
  Control Systems

• EECE.5150
  Power Electronics

• EECE.5250
Power Distribution Systems
- EECE.5280
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5280)
Alternative Energy Systems
- EECE.5840
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5840)
Probability and Random Processes
- ENGY.5180
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5180)
Energy Technology, Economics and Policy
- MECH.5050
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5050)
  Directed Studies
- MECH.5130
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5130)
  Finite Element Analysis I
- MECH.5200
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5200)
  Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations
- MECH.5210
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5210)
  Fundamentals of Solar Utilization
- MECH.5220
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5220)
  Wind Energy Fundamentals
- MECH.5250
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5250)
  Grid-Connected Solar Electrical Systems
- MECH.5255
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5255)
  Hydropower
- MECH.5260
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5260)
  Transport Processes in Energy Systems
- MECH.5270
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5270)
  Solar Systems Engineering
- MECH.5280
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5280) PV
Manufacturing
- MECH.5285
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5285)
  Energy Policy and Energy Codes
- MECH.5290
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5290)
  Fuel Cell Fundamentals
- MECH.5320
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5320)
  Off-Grid Solar Electric Systems
- MECH.5330
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5330)
  Nanomaterials for Energy
- MECH.5340
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5340)
  Green Combustion and Bio-Fuels
- MECH.5350
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5350)
  Fundamentals of Sustainable Energy
- MECH.5540
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5540)
  Dynamic Systems and Controls
- MECH.5580
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5580)
  Aero/Wind Engineering
- MECH.5710
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5710)
  Quality Engineering
- MECH.5740
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5740)
  Design for Reliability Engineering
- MECH.5750
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5750)
  Industrial Design of Experiments
- MECH.5760
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5760)
  Engineering Project Management
- MECH.5810
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5810)
Energy Engineering Doctoral Program

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

The objective of UMass Lowell’s doctoral program in energy engineering is to prepare engineers for leadership positions in industry, academia and government to provide society with sustainable energy systems. Presently there are two areas of concentration: renewable and nuclear. The renewable concentration is administered by the Mechanical Engineering Department and the nuclear engineering concentration is administered by the Chemical Engineering Department.

Admission Requirements

The applicant is required to have an M.S. degree in engineering or other suitable technical area, or its equivalent, or to have completed fifteen credit hours of graduate study, with a minimum grade point average of 3.25.

Students may be required to make up prerequisites which they lack in comparison to the equivalent Engineering curriculum at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Students may apply for transfer of up to a maximum of 24 credits in acceptable graduate engineering courses (with grade of B or better) towards the doctoral program, upon approval by the Program Doctoral Committee.

Course Requirements

A total of 63 credit hours of graduate level courses are required for both the Ph.D. degree. The Ph.D. degree must involve a traditional research-based dissertation, plus:

- A minimum of 30 approved credit hours of graduate-level engineering including associated science and math courses.
- A minimum of 21 credit hours of doctoral dissertation.
- The balance of the remaining 12 credits can be a mix of graduate-level engineering including associated science and math course and dissertation credits at the discretion of the department, faculty advisor and dissertation committee.
- In addition to this 63 semester hours of approved graduate courses and dissertation: The student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 to graduate. The student is required to take and pass the doctoral qualifying examination.

Core Courses

The core requirements will consist of two courses in advanced mathematics, two courses in thermal/fluid processes, one course in materials, and one course in systems/controls. The specific courses follow:

Advanced Mathematics (select two of these or suitable alternatives with approval of the graduate coordinator):

- CHEN./ENGY.5090 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5090)
  Systems Dynamics
- CHEN./ENGY.5390 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5390)
  Mathematical Methods for Engineers
- MECH.5200 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5200)
  Numerical Methods for Engineers
- MATH.5300 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/5300)
Applied Math

- **MATH.5840**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/5840)
  Stochastic Process

**Thermal/Fluid Processes** (select two of these or suitable alternatives with approval of the graduate coordinator):

- **CHEN.5100**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5100)
  Advanced Separation Processes
- **CHEN.5200**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5200)
  Advanced Thermodynamics
- **CHEN.5280**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5280)
  Advanced Transport Phenomena
- **MECH.5260**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5260)
  Transfer Processes in Energy Engineering
- **MECH.5810**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5810)
  Advanced Fluid Mechanics
- **MECH.5890**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5890)
  Finite Element in Thermo-Fluids
- **MECH.5130**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5130)
  Finite Element Methods

**Materials** (select one of these or a suitable alternative with approval of the graduate coordinator):

- **CHEN.5060**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5060)
  Interfacial Science and Engineering and Colloids
- **CHEN.5080**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5080)
  Material Science and Engineering
- **CHEN.5230**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5230)
  Nanodevices and Electronic Materials
- **PLAS.5470**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5470)
  Materials for Renewable Energy and Sustainability
- **CHEN.5350**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5350)
  Principles of Cell and Microbe Cultivation
- **PHYS.5390**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5390)
  Electro Optics

**Systems/Controls** (select one of these or a suitable alternative with approval of the graduate coordinator):

- **EECE.5130**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5130)
  Control Systems
- **EECE.5840**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5840)
  Probability and Random Processes
- **MECH.5750**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5750)
  Industrial Design of Experiments
- **MECH.5540**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5540)
  Dynamic Systems and Control

**Concentration Courses**

A total of 12 credits of concentration courses must be taken, either from the renewable area or from the nuclear area. The specific courses in those areas follow:

**Renewable** (select four of these or suitable alternatives with approval of the graduate coordinator):

- **EECE.5150**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5150)
  Power Electronics
- **EECE.5280**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5280)
  Alternative Energy Systems
- **MECH.5040**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5040)
  Energy Systems Design Workshop
• MECH.5210 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5210)
  Solar Engineering Fundamentals
• MECH.5220 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5220)
  Wind Energy Fundamentals
• MECH.5230 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5230)
  Grid-Connected Solar Electric Systems
• MECH.5250 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5250)
  Hydropower
• MECH.5270 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5270)
  Solar Systems Engineering
• MECH.5280 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5280)
  PV Manufacturing
• MECH.5285 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5285)
  Energy Policy and Energy Codes
• MECH.5290 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5290)
  Fuel Cell Fundamentals
• MECH.5330 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5330)
  Nanomaterials for Energy
• MECH.5340 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5340)
  Green Combustion and Bio-Fuels
• MECH.5580 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5580)
  Aero/Wind Engineering
• MECH.5740 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5740)
  Design of Reliability Engineering
• PHYS.5770 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5770)
  Solid State Electronic and Optoelectronic Devices

**Nuclear** (select five of these or suitable alternatives with approval of the graduate coordinator):

• ENGY.5040 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5040)
  Energy Engineering Workshop
• ENGY.5050 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5050)
  Nuclear Reactor Physics
• ENGY.5060 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5060)
  Special Topics in Nuclear Reactor Physics
• ENGY.5070 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5070)
  Nuclear Reactor Engineering and Safety Analysis
• ENGY.5080 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5080)
  Special Topics in Nuclear Reactor Engineering
• ENGY.5110 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5110)
  Advanced Reactor Concepts
• ENGY.5140 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5140)
  Hazardous and Nuclear Waste Management
• ENGY.5190 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5190)
  Nuclear Reactor Operator Training I
• ENGY.5200 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5200)
  Nuclear Reactor Operator Training II

**For Nuclear Option Students**

**Qualifying Examination**

Students are required to take the qualifying examination within their first year of residency in the program. The first part of the exam is intended to cover knowledge of undergraduate engineering and is satisfied by passing the Professional Engineering Fundamentals Exam. The second part is intended to cover topics in an area of energy engineering of the student’s interest, with the approval of the student’s thesis advisor. The written part of this examination is closed book and composed of two sections, each of three hours duration. The examination is set and evaluated by the program Graduate Examination.
Committee, which determines whether or not a student shall be eligible to take the oral portion. Students who pass the written part of the qualifying examination must take the oral part of the examination within 6 weeks of notification of results of the written exam. The student is permitted two attempts at passing the qualifying examination which is administered on a declared schedule. Students who fail the qualifying examination the first time must retake the exam at its next scheduled offering. Students failing the doctoral exam twice will be automatically dismissed from the doctoral program.

Dissertation

Students may register for no more than six credit hours of research in preparing a formal dissertation proposal. This proposal, and the student’s ability to perform the research, must be orally defended before the student’s doctoral committee and other interested parties. The written proposal and oral defense constitute the candidacy examination. Upon passing this examination and completing all course requirements, the student becomes a candidate for the Ph.D. degree and may register for additional research credit with the adviser’s approval.

The research work for the dissertation shall be conducted under the supervision of a program faculty advisor and a committee of two others, at least one of whom must be a faculty member in the university with the appropriate background for the thesis topic.

For Renewable Option Students:

Combined Qualifying Examination and Dissertation Proposal

The Doctoral Qualifying Exam will consist of a written dissertation proposal (a document of typically 20 to 50 pages with appendices) and associated oral presentation by the examinee to an audience of peers and a committee of faculty members (minimum of three) where one of whom must be the examinee’s dissertation adviser. The committee may have in addition one of more members from outside UMass Lowell.

At least two weeks prior to the date of the presentation of the dissertation proposal, an announcement document must be submitted to the department graduate coordinator and to the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies in the College of Engineering by the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies.

The dissertation proposal is open to the public. The proposal will outline the motivation for the research, give a summary of the related past work in the area and present the scope of the proposed dissertation research. The presentation should be approximately 30 minutes. The proposal should clearly articulate the proposed contribution of the student to the knowledge base and how it differs from the past work. The examinee will be expected to answer questions from the audience that demonstrate his/her understanding of the proposed research, as well as demonstration his/her proficiency in the general research field related to the dissertation proposal.

Other Requirements

- The student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 in order to graduate.
Mechanical Engineering

Department of Mechanical Engineering

The UMass Lowell Department of Mechanical Engineering offers the following graduate programs:

- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Option in Industrial Engineering
- Option in Mechanical Engineering
- Master of Science in Industrial Engineering (M.S. Eng.)
- Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering (M.S. Eng.)
- Master of Science in Energy Engineering - Renewable (Solar) Option
- Bachelor’s/Master’s Program

The admission requirements of the University are to be followed for all degree programs in Mechanical Engineering. The student is required to submit official transcripts for all prior college level studies, official score report for the Graduate Record Examination Aptitude Test, and three letters of recommendation. Applicants for Master or Doctor of Engineering Degrees in Mechanical Engineering must be in possession of a bachelor’s degree in engineering or equivalent. Mechanical Engineering graduates can also apply for the Ph.D. degree in Applied Physics.

Co-op Option in Engineering

The Department of Mechanical Engineering participates in the Graduate Master’s Co-op Option in Engineering. For detailed information about the Co-op Program and curriculum requirements, please see the Graduate Catalog Engineering Co-op page (https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf).

Degree Requirement

All MSE degree candidates must satisfy each of the following four requirements. No course can count towards more than one requirement:

1. Three (3) credit hours of advanced mathematics from the following list:
   - MECH.5200

The Department of Mechanical Engineering offers both Master of Science in Engineering (MSE) program and a combined BSE/MSE program. These programs offer a choice of either a thesis track or a non-thesis track. To receive the MSE degree requires a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours of acceptable graduate work, including nine (9) credit hours of research for the thesis track.

The entrance requirement for the MSE program is a BSE in Mechanical Engineering, or other engineering discipline, at an acceptable grade point average providing strong performance in mathematics and science courses. Students with a non-ME bachelors degree can be required to take up to 5 undergraduate ME courses in order to ensure that the student has adequate background knowledge.

Students on the thesis track may register for thesis credits after submitting a thesis agreement signed by his/her thesis advisor to the graduate coordinator. Upon completing the thesis, the student is required to defend it orally before a committee of at least three faculty members including the advisor. The committee members must receive a completed version of the thesis manuscript at least 14 days before the thesis is defended.

Master of Science in Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

- Degree Requirements
- Mechanical Engineering Concentrations: Mechanics & Materials Concentration, Thermofluids Concentration, Energy Concentration, Vibration/Dynamics/Controls Concentration, Design and Manufacturing Concentration, Out-of-Department Concentrations
- Energy Engineering Option
- ME-Based Graduate Certificates
Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations

3. ENGY.5390
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5390)
   (CHEN.5390)
   Mathematical Methods for Engineers

4. MATH.5450
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/5450)
   Partial Differential Equations

5. MATH.5300
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MATH/5300)
   Applied Math I

6. Three (3) credit hours of solid mechanics courses from the following list:

7. MECH.5130
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5130)
   Theory of Finite Element Analysis

8. MECH.5620
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5620)
   Solid Mechanics I

9. MECH.5630
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5630)
   Dynamic behavior of Materials

10. MECH.5910
    (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5910)
    Mechanical Behavior of Materials

11. MECH.5960
    (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5960)
    Mechanics of Composite Materials

12. Three (3) credit hours of thermofluid courses from the following list:

13. MECH.5410
    (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5410)
    Advanced Heat Transfer

14. MECH.5491
    (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5491)
    Advanced Thermodynamics

15. MECH.5590
    (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5590)
    Multi-Scale Computational fluid Dynamics I

16. MECH.5810
    (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5810)
    Advanced Fluids Mechanics

17. MECH.5260
    (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5260)
    Transport Processes in Energy Systems

18. Either 1. or 2. below:

19. Thesis Track: Nine (9) credit hours of thesis research, twelve (12) credit hours of coursework approved by the thesis advisor, and at least one semester of the 0 credit research seminar (MECH.5010).

   M.S. students on the thesis track will design a student-specific curriculum sequence of twelve credit hours of coursework (in consultation with the thesis advisor and approved in writing by the student and their thesis advisor) within the first semester of graduate study. The contract will be sent to the graduate coordinator and to the Registrar’s office.

20. Non-Thesis Track: Nine (9) credit hours of course work in a Mechanical Engineering Concentration and twelve (12) credit hours of course work approved by the graduate coordinator. Nine (9) of these twelve credits may be taken in second concentration. In their first year students must submit on a non-thesis track must submit a plan of study to the graduate coordinator and obtain his/her approval. Any change to the submitted plan requires the approval of the graduate coordinator.

21. Mechanical Engineering Concentrations (for student on non-thesis track)

   1. Mechanics &Materials Concentration: MECH.5120
      (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5120)
      Applied Finite Elements

   2. Advanced Fluids Mechanics

   3. Transport Processes in Energy Systems

   4. Thesis Track: Nine (9) credit hours of thesis research, twelve (12) credit hours of coursework approved by the thesis advisor, and at least one semester of the 0 credit research seminar (MECH.5010).

   M.S. students on the thesis track will design a student-specific curriculum sequence of twelve credit hours of coursework (in consultation with the thesis advisor and approved in writing by the student and their thesis advisor) within the first semester of graduate study. The contract will be sent to the graduate coordinator and to the Registrar’s office.

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   1. Mechanics &Materials Concentration: MECH.5120
      (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5120)
      Applied Finite Elements

   2. Advanced Fluids Mechanics

   3. Transport Processes in Energy Systems
0) Finite Element Analysis of Composites MECH.5620
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5620)
0) Solid Mechanics IMECH.5630
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5630)
0) Dynamic Behavior of Materials MECH.5690
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5690)
0) Fracture Mechanics MECH.5910
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5910)
0) Mechanical Behavior of Materials MECH.5960
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5960)
0) Composite Materials MECH.5970
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5970)
0) Processing of Composites MECH.5980
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5980)
0) Experimental Characterization of Composite MECH.6010
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/6010)
0) Special Topics: Mechanics/Materials MECH.6150
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/6150)
0) Advanced Finite Elements Methods MECH.6150
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/6150)
0) Micromechanics of Composites and Metamaterials PLAS.5890
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5890)

2. Thermofluids Concentration: MECH.5220
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5220)
0) Wind Energy Fundamentals MECH.5260
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5260)
0) Transport Processes in Energy Systems MECH.5290
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5290)
0) Fuel Cell Fundamentals MECH.5340
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5340)
0) Green Combustion and Biofuels MECH.5490
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5490)
0) Advanced Heat Transfer MECH.5530
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5530)
0) MEMS & Microsystems MECH.5580
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5580)
0) Aero/Wind Engineering MECH.5590
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5590)
0) Multi-Scale Computational Fluid Dynamics IMECH.5600
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5600)
0) Multi-Scale Computational Fluid Dynamics II MECH.5810
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5810)
0) Advanced Fluid Mechanics MECH.5830
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5830)
0) Advanced Aerodynamics MECH.5840
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5840)
0) Ocean Engineering MECH.5890
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5890)
0) Finite Element in Thermofluids CHEN.5280
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5280)
0) Advanced Transport Phenomena

3. Energy Concentration: MECH.5040
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5040)
0) Energy Engineering Workshop MECH.5210
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5210)
0) Solar Fundamentals MECH.5220
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5220)
0) Wind Energy Fundamentals MECH.5250
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5250)
0) Grid-Connected Solar Electric Systems MECH.5255
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5255)
5) Hydropower MECH.5260
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5260)
0) Transport Processes in Energy Systems MECH.5270
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5270)
0) Solar Energy Engineering MECH.5280
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5280)
0) Photovoltaics Manufacturing MECH.5285
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/528)
5) Principles and Applications of Sensors for Engineering MECH.5230
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/523)
0) Energy Policy and Energy Codes MECH.5290
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/529)
0) Structural Health Monitoring MECH.5240
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/524)
0) Fuel Cell Fundamentals MECH.5320
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/532)
0) Fundamentals of Acoustics MECH.5300
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/530)
0) Off-Grid Electric System MECH.5330
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/533)
0) Autonomous Robotic Systems MECH.5305
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/530)
0) Nanomaterials for Energy MECH.5340
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/534)
0) Introduction to Legged Locomotion MECH.5315
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/531)
0) Fundamentals of Sustainable Energy MECH.5440
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/544)
5) Modern Controls Systems MECH.5500
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/550)
0) Vibration Analysis MECH.5520
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/552)
0) Combustion Modeling CHEN.5280
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/528)
0) Advanced Transport Phenomena ENGY.5050
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/505)
0) Reactor Physics ENGY.5070
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/507)
0) Reactor Engineering and Safety Analysis ENGY.5090
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/509)
0) Dynamics Systems
4. Vibration/Dynamics/Controls
Concentration: MECH.5100
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/510)
0) Dynamics and Diagnostics of Rotating Machinery MECH.5130
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/513)
0) Modal Analysis MECH.5160
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/516)
0) Experimental Modal Analysis MECH.5180
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/518)
0) Modal Analysis MECH.5160
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/516)
0) Signal Processing Techniques MECH.5190
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/519)
0) Engineering Spectral Analysis MECH.5195
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/519)
5. Design and Manufacturing
Concentration: MECH.5120
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/512)
0) Applied Finite Elements MECH.5490
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/549)
0) Cooling of Electronic Equipment MECH.5530
(https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/553)
22. Second Concentrations:

23. Students on a non-thesis track can take nine (9) credit hours in a second concentration which will normally consist of nine (9) credit hours from one of the graduate certificates listed below. Students can suggest their own second concentration, but prior approval must be obtained from the graduate coordinator.

24. Courses from one of the following graduate certificates offered out of the ME department are acceptable:

- Applied Statistics
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biotechnology & Bioprocessing
- Communications Engineering
- Elastomeric Materials
- Energy Conversion
- Environmental Biotechnology
- Environmental Risk Assessment
- Foundations of Business
- Identification & Control of Ergonomic Hazards
- Integrated Engineering Systems
- Materials Sciences & Engineering
- Medical Plastics Design & Manufacturing
- Microwave and Wireless Engineering
- Modeling, Simulation, and Control of Systems and Processes
- Molecular & Cellular Biotechnology
- Nanotechnology
- New Venture Creation
- Plastics Design
- Plastics Materials
- Plastics Processing
- Stochastic Systems
- Sustainable Infrastructure for Developing Nations
- Telecommunications
- VLSI & Microelectronics

25. Energy Engineering Option

26. The University offers a Master of Science degree in Energy Engineering. This unique area of concentration represents a separate multidisciplinary program that is administered jointly by the Mechanical Engineering Department (Solar Option) and the Chemical and Nuclear Engineering Department (Nuclear Option). The Energy Engineering Program has two M.S. degree options: Renewable (Solar) Engineering and Nuclear Engineering. Students interested in either of these program options should refer to the catalog section focused specifically on the Energy Engineering Program.

27. ME-Based Certificate Programs
28. Non-degree candidates who have a BS in engineering or a physical science are encouraged to apply to take a graduate certificate in which the ME department participates. A paper certificate will be awarded upon successful completion.

- Bachelor’s-Master’s Program

Master of Science in Engineering - Industrial Engineering

Industrial Engineering

- Degree Requirements
- Industrial Engineering Concentrations Analytics and Operation Concentration Ergonomics and Safety Concentration Healthcare System Engineering Concentration Manufacturing and Automation Concentration

The Department of Mechanical Engineering offers Master of Science in Industrial Engineering (MSIE) program. The program offers a choice of either a thesis track or a non-thesis track. To receive the MSE degree requires a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours of acceptable graduate work with at least 21 from Engineering. The thesis option including nine (9) credit hours of research for the thesis track.

The entrance requirement for the MSE program is a BSE in Industrial Engineering, or other engineering discipline, at an acceptable grade point average providing strong performance in mathematics and science courses. Students with a non-IE bachelors degree can be required to take up to 5 undergraduate IE courses in order to ensure that the student has adequate background knowledge.

Students on the thesis track may register for thesis credits after submitting a thesis agreement signed by his/her thesis advisor to the graduate coordinator. Upon completing the thesis, the student is required to defend it orally before a committee of at least three faculty members including the advisor. The committee members must receive a completed version of the thesis manuscript at least 14 days before the thesis is defended. The thesis defense is open to the public.

Co-op Option in Engineering

The Department of Mechanical Engineering participates in the Graduate Master’s Co-op Option in Engineering. For detailed information about the Co-op Program and curriculum requirements, please see the Graduate Catalog Engineering Co-op page (https://www.uml.edu/Catalog/Graduate/Engineering/co-opoption.aspx).

Degree Requirement

All MSIE degree candidates must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Core courses (four three-credit courses):

   - IENG.5010 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/IENG/5010)
     Advanced Deterministic Modeling & Analysis
   - IENG.5020 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/IENG/5020)
     Advanced Stochastic Modeling & Analysis
   - IENG.5050 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/IENG/5050)
     Industrial Automation
   - BMEN.5310 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMEN/5310)
     Occupational Biomechanics

2. In addition to the core, each student must complete either a thesis or non-thesis track.

   1. Thesis Track:
      Nine (9) credit hours of thesis research, nine (9) credit hours of coursework approved by the thesis advisor, and at least one semester of the 0 credit research seminar (MECH.5010 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5010)).
      M.S. students on the thesis track will design a student-specific curriculum sequence of twelve credit hours of coursework (in consultation with the thesis track and approved in writing by the student and their thesis advisor) within the first semester of
graduate study. The contract will be sent to the graduate coordinator and to the Registrar’s office.

2. Non-Thesis Track:
Six (6) credit hours of course work in an Industrial Engineering Concentration and twelve (12) credit hours of course work approved by the graduate coordinator.
In their first year students must submit on a non-thesis track must submit a plan of study to the graduate coordinator and obtain his/her approval. Any change to the submitted plan requires the approval of the graduate coordinator.

Industrial Engineering Concentrations

1. Analytics and Operations
   - Degree pathway (https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf)

2. Ergonomics and Safety
   - Degree pathway (https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf)

3. Health System Engineering
   - Degree pathway (https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf)

4. Manufacturing and Automation
   - Degree pathway (https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf)

Doctoral Program

Doctoral Program in Mechanical Engineering

The UMass Lowell Department of Mechanical Engineering offers a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Option in Mechanical Engineering.

Ph.D. Option in Mechanical Engineering

The intent of the Doctor of Philosophy program is to prepare engineers for leadership positions in industry, academia and government. The program includes advanced graduate course work in engineering and allied subjects and research, culminating in a doctoral dissertation.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have a minimum of a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, or a closely related field with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and a min GPA of 3.25 in science and engineering courses. Applicants with a M.S. in Mechanical Engineering, or a closely related field, must have a minimum graduate GPA of 3.25.

Transfer Credits

1. A student with a master’s degree in Engineering or a closely related field may apply to have coursework for the master’s degree up to a total of 24 credits.
2. A student with graduate-level work completed at an accredited US or Canadian university may apply for transfer of up to 24 semester credits in acceptable graduate engineering courses (with grade of B or better) towards the doctoral program, upon approval by the Department Graduate Coordinator.

Note: Students may be required to make up prerequisites which they lack in comparison to the equivalent Engineering curriculum at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Degree Requirements

A total of 63 credit hours of graduate level courses are required for the Ph.D. degree. The Ph.D. degree must involve a traditional research-based dissertation, plus:

- A minimum of 30 approved credit hours of graduate-level engineering courses, including associated science and math courses.
- A minimum of 21 credit hours of doctoral dissertation.
- The balance of the remaining 12 credits can be a mix of graduate-level engineering including associated science and math course and dissertation credits at the discretion of the department, faculty advisor and dissertation committee.
- At least two semesters of the 0 credit research seminar MECH.5010 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5010)

In addition to these 63 semester hours of approved graduate courses and thesis:

- The student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 in order to graduate.
- The student is required to take and pass the doctoral
qualifying examination.

Concerning graduate-level STEM courses, the Ph.D. candidate must take the following:

- One Course in advanced mathematics: MECH.5200

- At least twelve (12) credit hours (four courses), to be selected by the Ph.D. candidate in consultation with their dissertation advisor and approved in writing by both during the first semester of graduate study. The coursework contract will be sent to the graduate coordinator and the Registrar’s office.

**Combined Qualifying Examination and Dissertation Proposal**

The Doctoral Qualifying Exam will consist of a written dissertation proposal (a document of typically 20 to 50 pages without appendices) and associated oral presentation by the examinee to an audience of peers and a committee of faculty members (minimum of three) where one of whom must be the examinee’s dissertation advisor. The committee may have in addition one or more members from outside UML.

At least one week prior to the date of the presentation of the dissertation proposal, an announcement document must be submitted to the department graduate coordinator and to the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies in the College of Engineering by the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies.

The dissertation proposal is open to the public. The proposal will outline the motivation for the research, give a summary of the related past work in the area and present the scope of the proposed dissertation research. The presentation should be approximately 30 minutes. The proposal should clearly articulate the proposed contribution of the student to the knowledge base and how it differs from the past work. The examinee will be expected to answer questions from the audience to demonstrate his/her understanding of the proposed research, as well as his/her proficiency in the general research field related to the dissertation proposal.

**Doctoral Core Requirement**

Students must satisfy the following doctoral core requirement:

- One Course in solid mechanics
- One Course in Thermal fluids (approved by grad coordinator)
- Two Courses in advanced mathematics (approved by grad coordinator)
- Four courses from the following five areas of concentration:

1. **Mechanics & Materials Concentration:**
   - MECH.5120 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5120) Applied Finite Elements
   - MECH.5130 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5130) Finite Element Analysis I
   - MECH.5140 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5140) Finite Element Analysis of Composites
   - MECH.5690 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5690) Fracture Mechanics
   - MECH.5910 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5910) Mechanical Behavior of Materials
   - MECH.5960 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5960) Composite Materials
   - MECH.5970 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5970)
Processing of Composites
- MECH.6010
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/6010)
  Special Topics: Mechanics/Materials
- MECH.6140
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/6140)
  Finite Element Analysis II

2. Thermofluids Concentration:
- MECH.5400
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5400)
  Heat Conduction
- MECH.5420
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5420)
  Convective Heat and Mass Transfer
- MECH.5450
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5450)
  Advanced Industrial Heat and Mass Transfer
- MECH.5490
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5490)
  Cooling of Electronic Equipment
- MECH.5530
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5530)
  MEMS & Microsystems
- MECH.5580
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5580)
  Aero/Wing Engineering
- MECH.5590
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5590)
  Multi-Scale Computational Fluid Dynamics I
- MECH.5600
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5600)
  Multi-Scale Computational Fluid Dynamics II
- MECH.5810
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5810)
  Advanced Fluid Mechanics
- MECH.5830
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5830)
  Advanced Aerodynamics
- MECH.6020
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/6020)
  Special Topics: Thermofluids
- CHEN.5280
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5280)
  Advanced Transport Phenomena

3. Energy Concentration:
- MECH.5040
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5040)
  Energy Engineering Workshop
- MECH.5210
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5210)
  Solar Fundamentals
- MECH.5250
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5250)
  Grid-Connected Solar Electric Systems
- MECH.5260
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5260)
  Transport Processes in Energy Systems
- MECH.5270
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5270)
  Solar Energy Engineering
- MECH.5280
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5280)
  Photovoltaics Manufacturing
- MECH.5340
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5340)
  Green Combustion and Biofuels
- CHEN.5280
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5280)
  Advanced Transport Phenomena
- ENGY.5050
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5050)
  Reactor Physics
- ENGY.5070
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGY/5070)
  Reactor Engineering and Safety Analysis
- ENGY.5090
4. Vibrations/Dynamics/Controls Concentration:

- MECH.5100
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5100)
  Dynamics and Diagnostics of Rotating Machinery
- MECH.5130
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5130)
  Finite Element Analysis I
- MECH.5150
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5150)
  Modal Analysis
- MECH.5160
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5160)
  Experimental Modal Analysis
- MECH.5180
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5180)
  Signal Processing Techniques
- MECH.5240
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5240)
  Fundamentals of Acoustics
- MECH.5300
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5300)
  Autonomous Robotic Systems
- MECH.5500
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5500)
  Vibrations
- MECH.5540
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5540)
  Dynamic Systems and Controls
- MECH.5790
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5790)
  Robotics
- MECH.6030
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/6030)
  Special Topics: Vibration Dynamics
- MECH.6110
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/6110)
  Matrix Methods
- EECE.5130
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5130)
  Control Systems
- EECE.5840
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5840)
  Probability and Random Processes

5. Manufacturing Concentration:

- MECH.5120
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5120)
  Applied Finite Elements
- MECH.5490
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5490)
  Cooling of Electronic Equipment
- MECH.5530
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5530)
  MEMS & Microsystems
- MECH.5710
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5710)
  Collaborative Engineering
- MECH.5720
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5720)
  Manufacturing Processes
- MECH.5740
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5740)
  Design for Reliability Engineering
- MECH.5750
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5750)
  Industrial Design of Experiments
- MECH.5760
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5760)
  Engineering Project Management
- MECH.5790
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5790)
  Robotics

Management Courses for the Doctor of Engineering Degree

D.Eng. students are required to take 9 credits of graduate management courses from the following list:
 ● MECH.5760
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5760)
   Engineering Project Management (3 credits)
 ● PLAS.5070
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5070)
   Plastics Industry Organization (3 credits)
 ● PLAS.5140
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5140)
   Statistics for Six Sigma (3 credits)
 ● PLAS.5150
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5150)
   Lean Plastics Manufacturing (3 credits)
 ● PLAS.5370
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5370)
   Business Law for Engineers (3 credits)
 ● PLAS.5400
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5400)
   Commercial Development of Polymeric Systems (3 credits)
 ● PLAS.5900
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5900)
   Survey of Intellectual Property (3 credits)
 ● ACCT.5010
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ACCT/5010)
   Financial Accounting (2 credits)
 ● FINA.5010
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/FINA/5010)
   Business Finance (2 credits)
 ● MKTG.5010
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MKTG/5010)
   Marketing Fundamentals (2 credits)
 ● POMS.5010
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/POMS/5010)
   Operations Fundamentals (2 credits)
 ● MGMT.5010
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MGMT/5010)
   Organizational Behavior (2 credits)
 ● MGMT.5110
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MGMT/5110)
   Global Enterprise & Competition (2 credits)
 ● MGMT.6150
   (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MGMT/6150)
   New Venture Creation (3 credits)

**Qualifying Examination**

Students must take the doctoral qualifying examination at the end of their first year of study. This examination tests basic competency at the undergraduate level. The student is permitted two attempts at passing the qualifying examination. Students who fail the qualifying examination the first time must retake the exam at its next scheduled offering. Students failing the doctoral exam twice will automatically be dismissed from the doctoral program. Those who do not take the examination at the prescribed time may lose all their financial support, if any, and may be dismissed from the doctoral program.

**Candidacy Examination and Dissertation Proposal**

The research work for the dissertation shall be conducted under the supervision of a departmental faculty advisor and a committee of two other UML faculty. Students are required to submit and defend a dissertation proposal before a Department Doctoral Committee. Students may register for no more than six credit hours of research in preparing a formal dissertation proposal. This proposal, and the students ability to perform the research, must be orally defended before the students doctoral committee and other interested parties. This constitutes the candidacy examination.

Upon passing this examination, and completing all course requirements, the student becomes a candidate for the doctoral degree and may register for additional research credit with the advisors approval.

**Doctoral of Philosophy in Industrial Engineering**

**Doctoral Program in Industrial Engineering (Anticipated Start Fall 2022)**

The UMass Lowell Department of Mechanical Engineering offers a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Option in Industrial Engineering.

**Ph.D. Option in Industrial Engineering**

The intent of the Doctor of Philosophy program is to prepare engineers for leadership positions in industry, academia, and government. The program includes advanced graduate course work in engineering and allied subjects and research, culminating in a doctoral dissertation.

**Admission Requirements**
Applicants must have a minimum of a B.S. in Industrial Engineering, or a closely related field with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and a min GPA of 3.25 in science and engineering courses.

Applicants with a M.S. in Industrial Engineering, or a closely related field, must have a minimum graduate GPA of 3.25.

Transfer Credits

1. A student with an earned master’s degree in Engineering or a closely related field may apply to transfer coursework for the master’s degree up to a total of 24 credits.
2. A student with graduate-level work completed at an accredited US or Canadian university may apply to transfer up to 24 course credits in acceptable graduate engineering courses (with an earned grade of B or better) towards the doctoral program, upon approval by the Department Graduate Coordinator.

Note: Students may be required to make up prerequisites which they lack in comparison to the equivalent Engineering curriculum at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Degree Requirements

A total of 63 credit hours of graduate level courses are required for the Ph.D. degree. The Ph.D. degree must involve a traditional research-based dissertation, plus:

- A minimum of 30 approved credit hours of graduate-level engineering courses, including Master of Science in Engineering core courses.
- A minimum of 21 credit hours of doctoral dissertation.
- The balance of the remaining 12 credits can be a mix of graduate-level engineering and science, including associated physic (PHY5), chemistry (CHEMS), production & operation management (POMS), public health (PUBH) and math (MATH) course and dissertation credits at the discretion of the department, faculty advisor and dissertation committee.
- At least two semesters of the 0 credit research seminar MECH.5010.

In addition to these 63 semester hours of approved graduate courses and thesis, the student must:

- have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 in order to graduate.
- take and pass the doctoral qualifying examination/dissertation proposal.
- Successfully defend and complete a dissertation.
- Meet all other University requirements for the degree.

Combined Qualifying Examination and Dissertation Proposal

The Doctoral Qualifying Exam will consist of a written dissertation proposal (a document of typically 20 to 50 pages without appendices) and associated oral presentation by the examinee to an audience of peers and the dissertation committee composed of faculty members (minimum of three) where one of whom must be the examinee’s dissertation advisor. The committee may have in addition one or more members from outside UML.

At least one week prior to the date of the presentation of the dissertation proposal, an announcement document must be submitted to the department graduate coordinator and to the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies in the College of Engineering.

The dissertation proposal is open to the public. The proposal will outline the motivation for the research, give a summary of the related past work in the area and present the scope of the proposed dissertation research. The presentation should be approximately 30 minutes. The proposal should clearly articulate the proposed contribution of the student to the knowledge base and how it differs from the past work. The examinee will be expected to answer questions from the audience to demonstrate his/her understanding of the proposed research, as well as his/her proficiency in the general research field related to the dissertation proposal.

Doctoral Core Requirement

Students must satisfy the following doctoral core requirement:

- Four core courses

1. IENG.5010

2. IENG.5020

3. IENG.5050

4. BMEN.5310
Occupational Biomechanics

Six courses from one of the following four areas of concentration:

- IENG.7530
- IENG.7560
- IENG.7590

Doctoral Dissertation Industrial Engineering

Industrial Engineering Concentration

1. Analytics and Operations
   - Degree pathway

2. Ergonomics and Safety
   - Degree pathway

3. Health System Engineering
   - Degree pathway

4. Manufacturing and Automation
   - Degree pathway

Graduate Certificates in Mechanical Engineering

The following graduate certificates are offered in Mechanical Engineering:

- Design and Manufacturing
- Structural Dynamics and Acoustic Modeling Techniques
- Microelectromechanical Systems/Nanoelectromechanical Systems (interdisciplinary)
- Composites and Materials
- Renewable Energy Engineering
- Integrated Engineering Systems (interdisciplinary)
- Nanotechnology (interdisciplinary)
- Wind Energy Engineering

Design and Manufacturing

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This 12 credit certificate program is aimed at educating engineers in modern design and manufacturing practices for developing world class products at the highest customer satisfaction and quality, at lowest cost and within engineering project budgets and schedules. It has a strong practice oriented curriculum and is taught by experienced faculty drawn from both academia and senior engineers and managers of high technology companies.

Required Course (one 3-credit course):

- MECH.5750
- MECH.5760

Choose Three of the Following Courses (three 3-credit courses):

- ENGN.5400
- MECH.5710
- MECH.5720
- MECH.5740
- MECH.5750
Structural Dynamic Modeling Techniques

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This certificate is aimed at educating engineers in very critically needed techniques for modeling structural dynamic applications. In all undergraduate curriculums accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, http://www.abet.org, the materials presented bring the student to a firm comprehension and understanding of static design configurations but does not go beyond this point to address the practical reality of structural dynamic response for meaningful design configurations. Therefore, many new or practicing engineers are not prepared to address these types of problems. These suite of courses in this certificate provides materials that have strong, practical relevance and provides tools and techniques to address these structural dynamic applications. Both hands-on and product oriented practice will be emphasized.

A total of four courses (12 credits) are required for the certificate with one required course (which must be either MECH.550 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/550) Advanced Vibrations or MECH.515 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/515) Structural Dynamic Modeling Techniques).

**The courses in this certificate are:**
- MECH.5100 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5100) Dynamics and Diagnostics of Rotating Machinery
- MECH.5130 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5130) Finite Element Analysis I
- MECH.5150 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5150) Structural Dynamic Modeling Techniques
- MECH.5160 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5160) Experimental Modal Analysis
- MECH.5170 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5170) Structural Dynamics
- MECH.5180 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5180) Signal Processing
- MECH.5500 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5500) Vibrations
- MECH.6030 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/6030) Special Topics in Structural Dynamics and Modal Analysis
- MECH.6110 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/6110) Matrix Methods

**MEMS/NEMS (Microelectromechanical Systems/Nanoelectromechanical Systems)**

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This 12-credit certificate program provides an interdisciplinary
education and training for engineers who will work in the fast
growing MEMS/NEMS industry with microsystems design
methods, advanced microfabrication, packaging and assembly
techniques, VLSI circuits design and fabrication,
nanoelectronics, nano-assembly and integration, material
processing. Both hands-on and product oriented practice are
emphasized.

Choose four courses with at least one course from Group 1 and
at least one course from Group 2.

Group 1

- MECH.5570
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5570)
  Microsystem Design
- MECH.5530
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5530)
  MEMS & Microsystems

Group 2

- EECE.7100
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/7100)
  Special Topics in Nanoelectronics
- CHEN.5240
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5240)
  Self Assembly and Nanotechnology

Group 3

- CHEN.5230
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5230)
  Electronic Material Process
- EECE.5020
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5020)
  VLSI Design
- EECE.5040
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5040)
  VLSI Fabrication

Composites and Materials

Choose any four courses from the following list with at least
one course from Group 1 and at least one course from Group
2.

Group 1

- MECH.5620
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5620)
  Solid Mechanics
- MECH.5910
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5910)
  Mechanical Behavior of Materials

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Group 2
- MECH.5960
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5960) Composite Materials
- MECH.5970
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5970) Processing of Composites

Group 3
- MECH.5140
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5140) Finite Element Analysis of Composites
- MECH.5690
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5690) Fracture Mechanics
- MECH.5890
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5890) Polymer Nanocomposites
- Material processing course from Plastics Engineering with permission of certificate coordinators

Renewable Energy Engineering

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This 12 credit certificate provides engineers and scientists with a rigorous but practical grounding in the fundamentals of renewable energy systems for design, research, development and manufacture. The certificate is part of a long-standing interdisciplinary graduate degree program in renewable energy engineering with experienced faculty. The courses address topics ranging from green building technologies (basic insulation and efficiency, passive solar heating and cooling, daylighting, solar hot water) to photovoltaic and wind systems, solar electrolyzers and fuel cells to stochastic process modeling of irradiation.

Choose any four classes from the following list with at least one of the four being MECH.5210
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5210) Solar Fundamentals or MECH.5270
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5270) Solar Energy Engineering, OR MECH.5250

- EECE.5280
- MECH.5040
- MECH.5210
- MECH.5220
- MECH.5250
- MECH.5260
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5260) Transport Processes in Energy Systems
- MECH.5270
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5270) Solar Energy Engineering
- MECH.5280
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5280) Photovoltaic Manufacturing
- MECH.5285
- MECH.5290
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5290) Fuel Cell Fundamentals
- MECH.5330
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5330) Nanomaterials for Energy
- MECH.5340
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5340) Green Combustion and Bio-Fuels
- MECH.5350
Other suitable courses may be used as electives for the certificate with prior permission of the coordinator.

Integrated Engineering Systems

Applied Physics, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Materials Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Plastics Engineering departments

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As companies increasingly undertake engineering projects that bring together a wide range of disciplines for manufacturing an integrated product, it is often necessary to assemble teams of experts in these various disciplines, and prepare managers who have a fundamental, overall understanding of several different engineering areas. The certificate is designed to respond to the need for trained professionals who are responsible for managing complex engineering systems integrating algorithms, information, software and hardware. Completion of certificate courses in areas complementary to the individual’s specific training will serve as an important starting point for engineering managers (and prospective managers) who need to solve complex interdisciplinary problems at the interfaces of electrical, computer, mechanical, materials engineering, and computer science and applied physics.

The program consists of six clusters:

1. Applied Physics
2. Computer Engineering
3. Computer Science
4. Electrical Engineering
5. Materials Engineering
6. Mechanical Engineering

Within each cluster, there are a number of carefully selected courses ranging from introductory graduate level to more advanced, specialized electives.

Students must successfully complete four courses (12 credits), one or two of which may be taken in their area of expertise. The remaining courses must be taken in separate and different cluster areas. Courses are selected in consultation with one (or more) graduate program coordinators to best meet the student’s needs in terms of background, interests, and work requirements. It may be necessary for students to take prerequisite course(s) if they do not have appropriate backgrounds for a particular cluster course.

CLUSTER AREAS AND DESIGNATED COURSES:

APPLIED PHYSICS

- PHYS.5530 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5530)
  Electromagnetism I
- PHYS.5540 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5540)
  Electromagnetism II
- PHYS.5400 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5400)
  Image Processing (4 credits)
- PHYS.5780 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5780)
  Integrated Optics: Wave Guide and Lasers
- PHYS.5350 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5350)
  Introduction of Quantum Mechanics I
- PHYS.5470 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5470)
  Laser Physics and Applications
- PHYS.5380 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5380)
  Physical Optics and Waves
- PHYS.5770 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5770)
  Solid State Electronic and Opto-Electronic Devices
- PHYS.5210 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PHYS/5210)
  Statistical Thermodynamics
COMPUTER ENGINEERING

- EECE.5500 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5500) Advanced Digital System Design
- EECE.5100 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5100) Digital Signal Processing
- EECE.5750 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5750) FPGA Logic Design Techniques
- EECE.5210 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5210) Real Time DSP
- EECE.5020 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5020) VLSI Design
- EECE.5040 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5040) VLSI Fabrication

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- COMP.5620 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5620) Computer Security II
- COMP.5630 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5630) Data Communications I
- COMP.5640 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5640) Data Communications II
- COMP.5490 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5490) Mobile Robots
- COMP.5160 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5160) Operating Systems II
- COMP.5480 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5480) Robot Design
- COMP.5230 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5230) Software Engineering I
- COMP.5240 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/COMP/5240) Software Engineering II

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

- EECE.5280 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5280) Alternative Energy Sources
- EECE.5060 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5060)
Antenna Theory and Design
- EECE.5320
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5320)
Computational Electromagnetics
- EECE.5130
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5130)
Control Systems
- EECE.5290
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5290)
Electric Vehicle Technology
- EECE.5070
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5070)
Electromagnetic Waves and Materials
- EECE.5120
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5120)
Electronic Materials
- EECE.5190
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5190)
Engineering of Submicron Machines
- EECE.5900
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5900)
Fiber Optic Communications and Networks
- EECE.5430
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5430)
Introduction to Communication Theory
- EECE.5090
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5090)
Linear System Analysis
- EECE.5050
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5050)
Microwave Electronics
- EECE.5330
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5330)
Microwave Engineering
- EECE.5150
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5150)
Power Electronics
- EECE.5170
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5170)
MMIC Design and Fabrication
- EECE.5430
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5430)
Introduction to Communication Theory
- EECE.5090
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5090)
Linear System Analysis
- EECE.5050
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5050)
Microwave Electronics
- EECE.5330
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5330)
Microwave Engineering
- EECE.5150
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5150)
Power Electronics
- EECE.5840
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5840)
Probability and Random Processes
- EECE.5710
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5710)
Radar Systems
- EECE.5170
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5170)
MMIC Design and Fabrication

MATERIALS ENGINEERING
- PLAS.5440
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5440)
Advanced Plastics Materials
- CHEN.5060
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5060)
Interfacial Science and Engineering and Colloids
- CHEN.5070
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5070)
Material Science and Engineering
- PLAS.5030
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5030)
Mechanical Behavior of Polymers
- CHEN.5230
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5230)
Nanodevices and Electronic Materials
- CHEN.5270
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5270)
Nanomaterials Science and Engineering
- CHEN.5410
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5410)
Nanostructural Characterization by SEM, TEM, and AFM
- PLAS.5180
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5180)
Plastics Product Design

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
- MECH.5120
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5120)
Applied Finite Element Analysis
Nanotechnology

Civil & Environmental, Mechanical, Plastics Engineering departments

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The program will provide students with a fundamental knowledge of nanotechnology and is intended to respond to the increasing demand for trained professionals in nanoscience and technology. The certificate is designed for students with a background in chemistry, physics, biology, or any branch of engineering who want nanotechnology and nanomanufacturing workforce preparation. Students may focus on a concentration area based on their interests and background. Courses in each concentration area are carefully designed to provide both analytical and practical competence. Students may take any combination from the electives list.

Core Course: (required)

- ENGN.5500

Core Courses: (Choose one)

- CHEN.5410
- CHEM.5100
- CHEM.5250

Elective Courses: (choose two courses)

Materials

- CHEN.5060/5270
- MECH.5780

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- PLAS.5980 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5980) Smart Polymers

Manufacturing

- CHEN.5240 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5240) Self-assembly and Nanotechnology
- CHEN.5330 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5330) Cell & Microbe Cultivation
- EECE.5040 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5040) VLSI Fabrication
- ENGN.5510 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGN/5510) Nanomanufacturing I
- ENGN.5260 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/ENGN/5260) Nanoscale Plastics Processing

Design and Devices

- EECE.5020 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5020) VLSI Design
- EECE.5120 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5120) Electronic Materials
- EECE.5080 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/EECE/5080) Quantum Electronics for Engineers

Health and Environmental Impacts

- PUBH.5030 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PUBH/5030) Toxicology and Health
- PUBH.5140 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PUBH/5140) Aerosol Science
- PUBH.6100 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PUBH/6100) Exposure Assessment
- PUBH.6170 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PUBH/6170) Measurements of Airborne Contaminants

WIND ENERGY ENGINEERING

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This certificate is open to applicants with a BS in Mechanical Engineering or a related field, such as Materials Science or Physics, who have an interest in modern wind turbines, including their aerodynamics, what materials go into their construction, and how they are integrated into our electrical system. The one required course, Wind Energy Fundamentals, introduces the student to multiple topics concerning wind energy and wind turbines. The student can then pursue one or more of these topics in greater depth through the available electives. Upon completion, the student will be well-prepared either to continue graduate studies in wind energy engineering, or to work in the growing wind energy industry.

A total of four courses (12 credits) are required for the certificate with one required course (MECH.5220 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5220)).

Required Courses:
• MECH.5220
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5220)
  Wind Energy Fundamentals

Elective Courses (choose three)

• MECH.5230
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5230)
  Structural Health Monitoring

• MECH.5260
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5260)
  Transport Processes in Energy Systems

• MECH.5580
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5580)
  Aero/Wind

• MECH.5830
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5830)
  Advanced Aerodynamics

• MECH.5840
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5840)
  Ocean Engineering

• MECH.5960
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5960)
  Mechanics of Composite Materials

• MECH.5970
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/5970)
  Processing of Composites

• MECH.6140
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/6140)
  Advanced Finite Elements

• MECH.5TBA
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/MECH/STBA)
  Condition Monitoring

• EECE.5250
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  Power Distribution Systems
MECH.5010 Graduate Research Seminar - Credits: 0-1

Research seminar for students to listen to and engage with engineering-relevant researchers. Invited speakers will present recent research advances in fields relevant to mechanical engineering, and engage with the audience through a question and answer session. “Variable credit course, student chooses appropriate amount of credits when registering.”

MECH.5040 Energy Engineering Workshop (Formerly 22.504) - Credits: 3

A group design of an innovative energy system. Integration of many aspects of the student's engineering background, including design concepts, technical analyses, economic and safety considerations. Ideally the whole design cycle of design, build, test. A formal report and oral presentation.

MECH.5050 Directed Studies - ME (Formerly 22.505) - Credits: 1-3

MECH.5100 Dynamics and Diagnostics of Rotating Machinery (Formerly 22.510) - Credits: 3

Course provides the theoretical and practical background in the fundamentals of dynamics and diagnostics of rotating machinery. The course starts with an overview of rotating machinery components and systems with emphasis on their designs, and then builds and in-depth understanding of the dynamics of rotating systems by analyzing the design and dynamics of their component. Diagnostics, health monitoring, and associated signal processing theories regarding rotating machinery are emphasized, with applied examples such as aircraft engines, gas turbines, rotorcrafts, wind turbines, and automotive drivetrains, along with other turbomachines.

MECH.5110 FEA of Textiles and Composites - Credits: 3

This course covers applications of finite element analysis to the mechanical behavior of textiles and composites, including topics such as mechanics of orthotropic materials, elasticity and strength of laminates, computational micromechanics, meso-scale finite element modeling, material testing, modeling techniques. These topics will be studied using software packages such as Abaqus and Matlab.

MECH.5120 Applied Finite Element Analysis (Formerly 22.512) - Credits: 3

An introduction to finite element methods using popular commercial packages. The features common to different programs as well as special features of particular programs are presented. Primary focus is on hands-on familiarity with the software with a limited discussion of the underlying finite element theory. ALGOR, ADINA, ABAQUS, LS-DYNA, HyperMesh, and FEMAP are among the pre/post-processing and analysis packages used in the class. This is a WWW based course and access to a PC, the Internet, and a frames-capable browser is required.

MECH.5130 Theory of Finite Element Analysis (Formerly 22.513) - Credits: 3

Matrix algebra and the Rayleigh-Ritz technique are applied to the development of the finite element method. The minimum potential energy theorem, calculus of variations, Galerkin’s and the direct-stiffness method are used. Restraint and constraint conditions are covered. C0 and C1 continuous shape functions are developed for bar, beam, and two and three dimensional solid elements. Recovery methods, convergence and modeling techniques are studied. Applications to problems in static stress analysis and heat conduction.

MECH.5140 Finite Element Analysis of Composites (Formerly 22.514) - Credits: 3

MECH.5150 Structural Dynamic Modeling Techniques (Formerly 22.515) - Credits: 3


MECH.5160 Experimental Modal Analysis (Formerly 22.516) - Credits: 3

Prerequisite: 22.4xx/5xx Experimental Modal Analysis I (or permission of instructor) Review of system transfer and FRF matrices for development of a modal model. Review of DSP techniques for experimental modal analysis. Excitation techniques for the development of the system FRF matrix; SISO and MIMO techniques. Modal parameter estimation using time and frequency domain techniques. Advanced data manipulation for dynamic analysis. Introduction to structural dynamic modification and system modeling concepts. Models developed using MATLAB and commercially available software.

MECH.5170 Structural Dynamics (Formerly 22.517) - Credits: 3

Prerequisite: MECH.5150 Development of system equations of

MECH.5180 Signal Proc Techniques (Formerly 22.518) - Credits: 3

The course covers analytical/numerical modeling and analysis of signal processing. The course topics include: Fourier Series, Linear Systems and Transfer Functions, Laplace Transforms, Analog filters, Fourier Transforms, Analog to Digital Conversion (A/D &D/A), Quantization, Sampling and Nyquist Theorem, Aliasing, Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT), Windowing &Leakage, FFT &STFT, Spectrograms, Spectral Analysis and Estimation, Convolution, ARMA processes, Correlation, Coherence, Kurtosis, Multi-rate filters and the Wavelet Transform, FIR &IIR Filters, Adaptive Filters, Signal Processing Hardware and Implementation.

MECH.5190 Engineering Spectral Analysis (Formerly 22.519) - Credits: 3

Analytical and experimental background for the fundamental understanding of time and frequency domain signals, required for digital signal processing, vibration, and acoustic signal analysis. Introductory theory is based on simplified concepts form different mechanical signatures in the time domain. The spectral conversion from time domain to frequency domain is illustrated from a phenomenological perspective using examples and dynamic signal analyzer illustrations. The concepts of vibration and acoustic measurement methods are studied through practical projects and LabVIEW exercises. Students will be prepared for more advanced topics on dynamic systems, controls, vibrations, advanced signal processing, acoustics, and experimental structural dynamics. Familiarity with Matlab required.

MECH.5195 Principles and Applications of Sensors for Engineering - Credits: 3

The course focuses on defining concepts and operational principles of various sensing technologies and their applications for assessing the conditions of aerospace, civil, and mechanical engineering systems and materials. Analytical and experimental background of commonly used wire-based and wireless transducers, their data acquisition protocols, and signal processing techniques in time and frequency domains are discussed. A strong emphasis is provided to non-contact and optical techniques, including mono/stereo computer-vision and thermal infrared for nondestructive evaluation and subsurface inspection. The concepts discussed in the lectures are analyzed in deep and applied through practical projects, demonstrations, and hands-on experiments on laboratory scale structures.

MECH.5200 Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations (Formerly 22.520) - Credits: 3

Mathematical approaches for numerically solving partial differential equations. The focus will be (a) iterative solution methods for linear and non-linear equations, (b) spatial discretization and meshing (c) finite difference methods (FDM), (d) finite volume methods (FVM), (e) finite element methods (FEM) and (f) boundary element methods (BEM). The theory behind of each of these methods will be developed and discussed. Computer programming applications involving the solution of linear and non-linear PDEs in multiple dimensions will play a key role in this course. Unique computer programming assignments will be selected from different engineering/science fields (possibilities include: fluid flow, heat transfer, electrostatics, electromagnetism, structural analysis, medical, ocean engineering etc.) to illustrate the broad applicability of numerical methods. Students will be expected to complete programming assignments -- while most class examples will deal with pseudo code and/or matlab, a working knowledge of one of the following programming languages is recommended: Matlab, Octave, C, C++, fortran, Java, BASIC, or Python.

MECH.5210 Solar Fundamentals (Formerly 22.521) - Credits: 3

Utilization Terrestrial irradiation on tilted surfaces; radiation, conduction, convection in collectors; absorbance, emittance, reflection, transmittance of solar irradiation; energy flow in flat plate and concentrator collectors; storage; design tools; small project; web-based.

MECH.5220 Wind Energy Fundamentals - Credits: 3

An overview of all aspects of wind energy power generation: The nature of and statistics of wind, turbine siting requirements, aerodynamics of the rotor system, mechanical power transmission, generators, blade construction, structural analysis of turbine components, electrical power distribution.

MECH.5230 Structural Health Monitoring (Formerly 22.523) - Credits: 3

Detail the entire process of structural health monitoring applications, including operational evaluation, data acquisition, normalization and cleansing, feature extraction and data compression, and statistical model development and pattern recognition. Aiming at detecting, localizing, and evaluating the damage severeness, topics that will be covered in this course include: sensors and sensor networks, signal processing and detection theory, nondestructive evaluation techniques, time and frequency modeling, damage prognosis, unsupervised/supervised learning, probability and statistics in feature evaluation. Case study of SHM activities will be
conduct throughout the entire course, including mechanical, aerospace and civil structures.

MECH.5240 Fund of Acoustics (Formerly 22.524) - Credits: 3
Fundamentals of acoustics are introduced. Topics include: Motivation for studying acoustics, oscillatory motion, harmonic waves, the wave equation, sound pressure levels, decibel scale, frequency analysis, sound power, intensity, acoustic sources, directivity, sound radiation, sound power measurement, sound in enclosures, acoustic mode shapes, reverberation time, sound absorbing material, impedance, transmission loss, cavity resonators, reactive and dissipative mufflers, and applications to noise control.

MECH.5250 Grid-Connected Solar Electric Systems (Formerly 22.525) - Credits: 3
Students will study the concepts and design considerations of grid-connected, solar-powered, electrical generation systems, from residential through utility scale. Emphasis will be on practical applications that help make the student "work ready" at graduation. Grading consists of two tests during semester; one individual project (residential scale PV system); and one group project (commercial-scale system). This course fulfills an elective requirement for renewable energy students.

MECH.5255 Hydropower - Credits: 3
The fundamentals of hydropower engineering and the related parameters for the design of hydropower plants, including, hydraulic, hydromechanics and hydroelectric components, are presented in this course. References are also made to dams and water conduit systems, in multi-purpose hydro development projects, as well as small hydroelectric plants. The hydrological, environmental and economical aspects of hydro projects are also briefly addressed. At the end of the course, students should be able to calculate the basic parameters of hydropower projects, at a preliminary level, such as powerhouse capacity, turbine and generator technical parameters and dimensions, water conduit and hydro mechanical equipment types and sizes, and perform a cost-benefit evaluation.

MECH.5260 Transport Processes in Energy Systems (Formerly 22.526) - Credits: 3
Course focuses on the development of a fundamental understanding of transport processes from a multi-scale and multi-physics perspective, and the application of such understanding to the analysis of energy engineering systems. Derivations of the equations describing the mechanisms for mass, momentum, and energy transport are presented, together with approaches for the evaluation of material properties and constitutive relations. Emphasis is placed on a holistic view of transport processes as combinations of transient, advective, diffusive, and reactive phenomena.

MECH.5270 Solar Energy Engineering (Formerly 22.527) - Credits: 3
Systems engineering, stochastic modeling, design, and life-cycle cost analysis of several solar systems: photovoltaics, passive heating, solar cooling, and daylighting; Web Based.

MECH.5280 Photovoltaics Manufacturing (Formerly 22.528) - Credits: 3
Overview of the manufacturing processes used to make a typical crystalline solar cell. Detailed study of selected processes and manufacturing problems, such as solar cell testing, characterization, reliability issues, factors affecting yields, automated material handling, affect of impurities in crystal growth.

MECH.5285 Energy Policy and Energy Codes - Credits: 3
Explore and codify the status of the world’s energy infrastructure and discuss energy-related policies. Identify areas of energy inefficiency and examine pathways to a future dominated by renewable and sustainable resources.

MECH.5290 Fuel Cell Fundamentals (Formerly 22.529) - Credits: 3
The primary objective of this course is to understand the fundamental science and engineering of fuel cells and redox flow batteries (i.e., reversible fuel cells). The fundamental principles of electrochemistry, thermodynamics, and kinetics of electrochemical reaction processes, as well as mass transport in electrochemical energy systems will be considered. Emphasis will be placed on operating principles and the design and diagnostics of the proton exchange membrane fuel cell as a portable energy conversion system, and the vanadium redox flow battery as a large-scale energy storage system. Cell components and their influence on the overall performance of these systems will be discussed in detail. An introduction to the cost analysis of electrochemical energy storage will be presented.

MECH.5300 Autonomous Robotic Systems (Formerly 22.530) - Credits: 3
This course covers concepts related to autonomous robotic systems, emphasizing the synthesis and design of control algorithms for autonomous robotic vehicles. Topics that will be covered in the course include: Linear and nonlinear systems...
MECH.5305 Introduction to Legged Locomotion - Credits: 3
Introduction to the modeling, analysis, planning, and control of legged robotic locomotion systems. Topics covered include: basic components of robotic systems, selection of coordinate frames, homogeneous transformations, solutions to kinematic equations, velocity and force/torque relations, legged locomotion dynamics in Lagrange’s formulation and Newton-Euler formulation, digital simulation of kinematic and dynamic models, kinematics of legged robots, zero-moment-point (ZMP) stability, hybrid-zero-dynamics (HZD) methods, and motion planning and locomotion control.

MECH.5310 Math Methods In Mechanical Engineering (Formerly 22.531) - Credits: 3
MECH.5315 Modern Control Systems - Credits: 3
Introduction to the analysis and design of feedback controllers for linear systems using the state-space formulation. Topics covered include: linear algebra, vector spaces, state-space representation, realization theory, stability in the sense of Lyapunov, controllability and observability, Kalman decomposition, pole placement via state-feedback, observer design, linear quadratic regulators and introduction to nonlinear systems.

MECH.5320 Off-Grid Solar Electric System (Formerly 22.532) - Credits: 3
This course examines the technical, financial and societal aspects of photovoltaic (PV) systems that are not connected to the electrical grid. Topics include: reasons for going off the grid, the components of an off-grid PV system, how to size a PV system to meet the required load, site impacts on performance, determining the loss of load probability (LOLP) for a system, hybrid systems, e.g. solar plus a generator, energy storage solutions, regulatory issues, and cost. Systems sized to meet the annual load requirements of a remote communication system, a net-zero home, and a small village will be examined. HOMER/Microgrid, PVWatts, and other software will be used to design these systems.

MECH.5330 Nanomaterials for Energy - Credits: 3
Introduction of fundamental materials development and principles in addressing issues associated with affordable and sustainable energy. The course starts with basic concepts in materials science and engineering, with special attention paid to the origin of size effects in controlling the properties of nanomaterials. Then a range of materials issues related to development of renewable energy resources and sustainable energy technologies will be discussed. Topics to be covered include: photovoltaic materials and solar energy conversion; thermoelectric materials; materials for electrical energy storage and generation; materials for hydrogen production; piezoelectric energy harvesting; and materials for other emerging energy processes.

MECH.5340 Green Combustion and Biofuels (Formerly 22.534) - Credits: 3
Fundamentals of combustion and pollutant formations in application to internal combustion engines, turbines, and fire safety. Concepts include flame structure, flame speed, flammability, ignition, reaction kinetics, nonequilibrium processes, diffusion flames, and boundary layer combustion. Additional specific emphasis on combustion modeling, green approaches to energy production, and biofuels.

MECH.5350 Fundamentals of Sustainable Energy - Credits: 3
Introduction to scientific principles associated with sustainable energy technologies. Topics include: thermodynamic laws and engineering fundamentals in energy processes, thermodynamic energy conversion, wind and geothermal energy, photovoltaics, ocean thermal energy conversion, electrochemical energy, biomass, and selected emerging energy technologies.

MECH.5410 Advanced Heat Transfer - Credits: 3
Advanced Heat Transfer is one of the core courses for graduate students to build the foundation and knowledge for the subsequent studies of specialized subjects. This course mainly comprises two parts: thermal conduction and convection. The thermal conduction part covers conduction formulations, analytical methods, and numerical technique to solve the multidimensional steady-state and transient conduction problems. The convection part covers the fundamental concepts of convection, governing equations, boundary layers and analytical solutions for external and internal flows, natural convection, boiling and condensation heat transfer.

MECH.5420 Convective Heat/Mass Transfer (Formerly 22.542) - Credits: 3
Conservation equations. Heat transfer in laminar and turbulent
boundary layer and duct flow. Free convection. Convective mass transfer.

MECH.5440 Combustion Modeling - Credits: 3

This course is focused on combustion modeling and computational combustion. It will introduce methods for modeling laminar and turbulent premixed and non-premixed flames, as well as particulate combustion. Specific emphasis will be placed on the theory and derivation of the methods, their implementation, and the use of existing computational tools. Models will include combustion kinetics, convective and diffusive transport, equilibrium, simple reactors, canonical premixed and non-premixed flames, and methods for treating turbulent flows. Practical applications include internal combustion engines and gas turbines.

MECH.5450 Advanced Industrial Heat and Mass Transfer (Formerly 22.545) - Credits: 3

This course specializes in obtaining practical solutions for applied and industrial heat transfer problems related to device development and production processes. Topics include review of heat transfer modes (i.e., conduction, convection and radiation), transport phenomena in material processing and manufacturing, analytical models and numerical simulations. Representative problems include curing of polymers, thermal conditioning of human body, food packaging and long-term food preservation, thermal management of electrical and electronic equipment, control of water vapor and pollutant transfer, material processing, and heat and mass exchangers.

MECH.5490 Cooling of Electronic Equipment (Formerly 22.549) - Credits: 3

This course focuses on teaching the primary techniques for cooling electronics, and methods for modeling their performance. Heat-transfer fundamentals: conduction, convection, radiation, phase change, and heat transfer across solid interfaces. Heat-generating electronic equipment: ICs, power converters, circuit cards and electrical connectors. Thermal management equipment: heat sinks, interface materials, heat spreaders including liquid loops, and air movers. System design: system packaging architectures, facilities, system analysis. Advanced Topics: spray cooling, refrigeration.

MECH.5491 Advanced Thermodynamics - Credits: 3

The primary objective of this course is to prepare upper-level engineering students to effectively solve problems directly related to the fundamental science and engineering of thermodynamic systems. The course expands upon the first and second laws of thermodynamics. A significant emphasis is placed on the concepts of entropy generation and its transport mechanisms with respect to single-phase, multi-phase, chemically reacting and non-reacting systems. The methods of entropy generation minimization for commonly studied thermodynamic systems are discussed.

MECH.5500 Vibrations (Formerly 22.550) - Credits: 3

This course provides the analytical background for the fundamental understanding of vibration analysis, modeling and testing of mechanical systems. The course starts with an overview of the concepts in vibrations and later builds an in-depth understanding of the vibrations of single degree of freedom and multi degree of freedom systems. Both free and forced vibrations of these systems under steady-state and transient mechanical excitations will be investigated. The important concepts of modal analysis and vibration measurement methods will be studied. The continuous system modeling, nonlinear and random vibrations will also be touched upon.

MECH.5520 Probabilistic Methods and Analysis - Credits: 3

The course will review the fundamentals of probability and statistics, and introduce the methodologies that are commonly adopted in mechanical engineering domain. The concepts of uncertainty, confidence and risk of engineering decision-making will be emphasized. Specific topic areas will include: random vibration and analysis, random data processing, probability evolution, uncertainty quantification in system modeling, model validation and verification, data fusion and model updating, Bayesian inference and statistical learning. Course assignments will be primarily deployed in Matlab environment.

MECH.5530 MEMS & Microsystems (Formerly 22.553) - Credits: 3

The purpose of this course is to give a broad introduction to Micro-electro-mechanical Systems (MEMS) technology, and will provide graduate students in mechanical, electrical, manufacturing and related engineering disciplines with necessary fundamental knowledge and experience in the design, manufacture, and packaging of microsystems. The topics include basic sensing and actuating principles, modeling of electromechanical components, material properties, fabrication technologies, process integration, system design, and packaging of MEMS and microsystems. The course will also cover current literature, MEMS markets and applications. The course will be a combination of lectures, case studies and homework assignments. The students are expected to possess prerequisite knowledge in college mathematics, physics, and chemistry, as well as in engineering subjects such as fundamental materials science, electronics, thermal-fluid, and machine design.
MECH.5540 Dynamic Systems and Controls (Formerly 22.554) - Credits: 3
Matrix-based classical and modern techniques are applied to the dynamics of control systems. Design of controllers, and full and reduced-order observers. Introduction to optimal control and Kalman filters.

MECH.5550 Networked Multi-Agent Systems - Credits: 3
Our world is increasingly becoming more connected, with multiple natural and engineered entities operating in a common space, and possessing the capability to sense, react to, and manipulate the physical world around us. Many modern world systems such as the traffic networks, multi-robot systems, stock exchanges, and even human societies, exist as multi-agent systems (or system-of-systems). In this course, we will discuss approaches to model, quantify, and influence (or control) the global behaviors of these multi-agent systems. The course will provide introductory dynamic modeling techniques for multi-agent systems. The course will provide introductory dynamic modeling techniques for multi-agent systems, discuss information-theoretic measures for quantifying the behaviors of these systems, and provide techniques to design state-of-the-art controllers for these systems.

MECH.5570 Microsystem Design (Formerly 22.557) - Credits: 3
Design aspects of Microsystems (MEMS). Topics covered include working principles of various microsystems, analytical and numerical modelling, and case studies. Course incorporates lectures, computer laboratories and term project presentations.

MECH.5580 Aero/Wind Eng (Formerly 22.558) - Credits: 3
This course will introduce and examine classical and modern theoretical and computational two and three dimensional aerodynamics and aeroelastic modeling with applications in wind and subsonic aero/hydraulics applications. In addition, wind and meteorological science as well as simple FEM structural modeling and coupling concepts will be examined. The class will comprise scheduled lectures and discussions. Students will be expected to perform presentations and directed projects which involve computer programming.

MECH.5590 Multi-Scale Computational Fluid Dynamics I (Formerly 22.559) - Credits: 3
Derivation of governing equations; Scale analysis; Role of relative dimensionless parameters; Discretization of the governing equations; Finite-Difference, Finite-Volume, and/or Finite Element Techniques; Solutions of several problems in micro/meso/macro scale applications.

MECH.5600 Multi-Scale Computational Fluid Dynamics II (Formerly 22.560) - Credits: 3
Applications of CFD methods to the solution of multi-phase problems such as: heat pipes, fuel cells, nanofluidics, material processing and manufacturing, etc.

MECH.5620 Solid Mechanics I (Formerly 22.562) - Credits: 3
Topics covered include the theory of stress, kinematics of strain, Hooke’s Law, work and energy, equations of stress equilibrium, Navier’s equations, strain compatibility, and the Beltrami-Michell equations. Problems for uniformly varying 3-D states of stress, torsion, and plane deformation are studied. Axisymmetric deformation is considered. Green’s function solutions for plane and axisymmetric problems are studied.

MECH.5630 Dynamic Behavior of Materials - Credits: 3
The time-dependent material behavior and stress-wave propagation in solids. Topics will be selected from applied mechanics and materials science, e.g. mathematical and physical description of one dimensional and three dimensional waves in solids, strain rate-dependent behavior of materials, viscoelasticity of materials and its time-and frequency-domain descriptions including relaxation and creep, introduction to shock waves, introduction to experimental techniques for material characterization in dynamic environment such as ultrasonic testing, split Hopkinson bar technique, dynamic mechanical analysis, and drop tower and impact experiments.

MECH.5710 Quality Engineering (Formerly 22.571) - Credits: 3
Focuses on methodologies used by world class companies to guide the design and development of high quality, low cost products in the most timely manner through the use of analytical tools in case studies: Topics include: new product creation strategy and process, organizational aspects of multi-disciplinary design teams, concurrent project management, and structural methodologies for identifying customer requirements and manufacturing process design, control and selection. In particular, focus is on the interrelationship of CE, manufacturing and Quality tools and methodologies and how they contribute in determining the appropriate level of product/process quality and design efficiency.

MECH.5720 Manufacturing Processes - Credits: 3
Ferrous and non-ferrous, plastic and ceramic material behavior and properties. Electronic manufacturing processes, including printed circuit board fabrication, population and soldering. Castings, materials forming and shaping. Surface preparations and heat treatment. Additive manufacturing and fabrication of composites.

MECH.5740 Design For Reliability Engineering (Formerly 22.574) - Credits: 3

(3-0)3 Design for Reliability Engineering provides a systematic approach to the design process that is focused on reliability and the physics of failure. It provides the requirements on how, why, and when to use the wide variety of reliability engineering tools available in order to achieve the reliability goals of the total design cycle. Topics include the product design cycle and customer requirements, analytical physics, reliability statistics, accelerated testing, accelerated reliability growth, industry standard predictive models, design reliability assessment, reliability FMEA, product risk evaluation and thermodynamic reliability.

MECH.5750 Industrial Design of Experiment (Formerly 22.575) - Credits: 3

Concepts of Robust Design and statistical Design Of Experiments (DOE) as applied to the design and manufacturing of new high technology products. Classical and current methodologies of DOE including Full Factorial, Fractional Factorial, Taguchi, Central Composite and Yates Algorithms. The course will also provide for different methods for experimental design and analysis, including average and variability analysis. Commercial software packages and case studies using industrial experiments will be used to illustrate the material.

MECH.5760 Engineering Project Management (Formerly 22.576) - Credits: 3

Skills are developed enabling engineers to be effective decision makers and technical leaders in an environment where technology management, business operations and strategies for contract compliance are critical to achieving competitive advantage. Elements of the Project Planning and Control System are presented along with analytical methods important for maintaining Projects on schedule and within budget.

MECH.5790 Robotics (Formerly 22.579) - Credits: 3

Common robotics joints and robotics classification. Planes of motion and fold lines. Robotics capability. Forward and inverse kinematics and the RobSim software package. Trajectory planning and elementary obstacle avoidance. Robotics dynamics and feasible trajectory evaluation. Design of the control system for the non-linear robotics problem. Classroom studies are followed by hands-on applications in the Automated Manufacturing Assembly and Robotics Laboratory.

MECH.5810 Advanced Fluid Mechanics (Formerly 22.581) - Credits: 3

Fundamental equations of fluid motion, kinematics, vorticity, circulation, Crocco’s theorem, Kelvin’s theorem, Helmholtz’s velocity laws, secondary flows. Stream function, velocity potential, potential flows. Unsteady Bernoulli equation, gravity water waves.

MECH.5830 Advanced Aerodynamics (Formerly 22.583) - Credits: 3


MECH.5840 Ocean Engineering (Formerly 22.584) - Credits: 3

Physical Properties of the Ocean Environment, ocean wave mechanics, computer solutions of wave interactions, physical modeling of marine vehicles and coastal environments (modeling and scaling laws), resistance and propulsion of surface ships and submarines, and forces on floating and submerged objects such as buoys, pipelines, piers, and breakwaters. Research report required summarizing some aspect of ocean engineering.

MECH.5890 Finite Element in Thermofluids (Formerly 22.589) - Credits: 3

The Galerkin finite element technique is first applied to a simple one-dimensional steady state convection/conduction equation. The element equations are derived and the assembly process is described. These concepts are then extended to two-dimensional transient problems. A finite element package is used to solve a variety of fluid flow problems. All course materials are available on the WWW.

MECH.5910 Mechanical Behavior of Materials (Formerly 22.591) - Credits: 3

Quantification of structure-property relationships requires application of solid mechanics concepts to materials microstructure. Using micromechanics approach, the course
focuses on the deformation and fracture behavior of metals, ceramics, composites and polymeric. Topics include: elastic behavior, dislocations, crystal plasticity, strengthening mechanisms, composite materials, glassy materials, creep and creep fracture, tensile fracture, and fatigue.

MECH.5930 Graduate Co-op Education (Formerly 22.593) - Credits: 0

The prediction, analysis, and prevention of failure in mechanical design is covered. Failure mechanisms such as creep, plastic deformation, crack propagation, cyclic fatigue, thermal fatigue, fretting and galling are considered. Theories of failure such as Colomb-Mohr, Beltrami, and Huber-Von Mises are used to predict failure. Cumulative damage theories such as those of Gatts, Corten and Dolan, Marin, and Manson will be studied. Statistical methods of analysis and test data interpretation are studied. Materials such as steels, aluminum alloys, solders, plastics, and composites will be considered.

MECH.5950 Graduate Co-op II (Formerly 22.595) - Credits: 0

MECH.5960 Mechanics of Composite Materials (Formerly 22.596) - Credits: 3

Analysis of anisotropic lamina and laminated composites. Methods of fabrication and testing of composites. Other topics include environmental effects, joining and machining.

MECH.5970 Processing of Composites (Formerly 22.597) - Credits: 3

Methods of fabrication. Analysis of forming, fiber orientation, permeability, polymer rheology, flow through porous media, consolidation, cure kinetics, combined flow and cure models. Effect of manufacturing defects.

MECH.5980 Experimental Characterization of Composites - Credits: 3


MECH.5CO-OP Curricula Practical Training (Formerly 22.5CO-OP) - Credits: 0-1

Curricula Practical Training. "Variable credit course, student chooses appropriate amount of credits when registering."

MECH.6020 Special Topic: Thermo-Fluids (Formerly 22.602) - Credits: 3

Study of advanced topics in thermo-fluid energy systems and processes not covered in the regular curriculum. Contents may vary from year to year.

MECH.6030 Special Topic: Vibration Dynamics (Formerly 22.603) - Credits: 3

Study of advanced topics in vibrations/dynamics not covered in the regular curriculum. Contents may vary from year to year.

MECH.6040 Special Topic: Finite Element Methods - Credits: 3

Study of advanced topics in finite element methods not covered in the regular curriculum. Contents may vary from year to year.

MECH.6110 Matrix Methods for Structural Dynamics (Formerly 22.611) - Credits: 3

3-0-3 Prerequisite: 22.515 Matrix linear algebra. Solution of algebraic equations using Gaussian elimination and decomposition variants. Eigenanalysis using various direct similarity techniques and simultaneous vector iteration methods. Algorithm development of solution techniques. Solution techniques for structural mechanics, dynamic systems and stability. Models developed using MATLAB.

MECH.6140 Advanced Finite Element Methods (Formerly 22.614) - Credits: 3

Nonlinear finite element methods as applied to large deformation and nonlinear material behavior are the focus of this course. Various classical and contemporary constitutive models and their implementation in the finite element method are considered. Procedures for determining material parameters from a matrix of material test results are investigated.

MECH.6150 Micromechanics of Composites and Metamaterials - Credits: 3

Overall behavior of composite materials and metamaterials. The fundamentals of homogenization for elastic composites, variational principles and energy-based bounds, and dynamic homogenization concepts and techniques are introduced. Voigt and Reuss mixture rules are discussed and expanded to dilute distribution, self-consistent, Mori-Tanaka, and periodic approaches with examples from particulate, whisker, platelet, and fiber-reinforced composites. The effects of damage and cracks and the concept of metamaterial are discussed and
examples are presented. The use of finite element calculations for static, nonlinear, and dynamic homogenization will be discussed and the application to non-mechanical and coupled problems are explored.

MECH.6500 Nano. Transport Phen. for Manufacturing Nanodevice (Formerly 22.650) - Credits: 3

This course on nanoscale transport phenomena constitutes a bridge between existing fluid and heat transfer courses in multiple disciplines and emerging nanoscale science and engineering concepts to reflect the forefront of nanomanufacturing. The course is designed to incorporate recent advances in manufacturing polymer-based nanodevices. Key issues of the implementation and maintenance costs for fabrication will be addressed. Hands-on laboratory experiments will be performed to complement the lectures with the ultimate goal of designing and building a complete nanodevice at the end of the course. The course will prepare graduates for employment focused on designing and manufacturing nano/microfluidic systems, lab-on-a-chip devices, electronics devices, medical devices, and other emerging.

MECH.6690 Fracture Mechanics (Formerly 22.569) - Credits: 3

The application of fracture mechanics and approaches for exploring the impact of cracks on engineering structures. Topics will be chosen from a range of mathematical techniques, applied mechanics, and materials science, e.g. theoretical strength, stress concentration, linear and nonlinear fracture mechanics, stress singularity, fracture modes, energy methods, stable and unstable crack growth thermal cracks, crack tip plastic zone, Dugdale and Irwin models, the R-curve, power-law materials, and the J-integral. Students should have a good understanding of the principles of strengths of materials and be able to apply these principles to the solution of problems in solid mechanics. The associated knowledge in complex variables and partial differential equations will be reviewed as needed.

MECH.7410 Master's Thesis - Mechanical Engineering (Formerly 22.741) - Credits: 1
MECH.7420 Master’s Thesis - Mechanical Engineering (Formerly 22.742) - Credits: 2
MECH.7430 Master’s Thesis - ME (Formerly 22.743) - Credits: 3

MS Thesis Research

MECH.7460 Master's Thesis - ME (Formerly 22.746) - Credits: 6
MS Thesis Research

MECH.7490 Master’s Thesis - Mechanical Engineering (Formerly 22.749) - Credits: 9
MS Thesis Research

MECH.7510 Adv Projects In Mechanical Engineering (Formerly 22.751) - Credits: 1-3
MECH.7530 Doctoral Dissertation/Mechanical Engineering (Formerly 22.753) - Credits: 1-3
Doctoral Dissertation Research

MECH.7560 Doctoral Dissertation/Mechanical Engineering (Formerly 22.756) - Credits: 6
Doctoral Dissertation Research

MECH.7590 Doctoral Dissertation/Mechanical Engineering (Formerly 22.759) - Credits: 9

Masters and doctoral students who have attained the required number of thesis credits may enroll in:

MECH.7610 Continued Grad Research (Formerly 22.761) - Credits: 1
Continued Grad Research

MECH.7630 Continued Graduate Research (Formerly 22.763) - Credits: 3
Continuing Graduate Research

MECH.7660 Continued Graduate Research (Formerly 22.766) - Credits: 6
Continuing Graduate Research

MECH.7690 Continued Graduate Research (Formerly 22.769) - Credits: 9
Continuing Graduate Research

MECH.7710 Systems Analysis I (Formerly 22.771) -
Credits: 3

Study of the key areas in multiple engineering disciplines including Mechanical, Electrical, Software, Systems and Optical. Students are introduced to weekly topics and then work in multidiscipline teams to solve technical assignments. Topics covered include: Concept of Operations and Requirements development, integration, test and verification, vibration/shock analysis, thermal analysis, power supply design, digital electronics & FPGA, intro to optical engineering, SCRUM planning, continuous integration and UML/SW design. Content may vary year to year. This course is part of the Engineering Leadership Development Program (ELDP) and team taught by industry experts at BAE Systems.

MECH.7720 Systems Analysis II (Formerly 22.772) - Credits: 3

Introduction and analysis of complex systems aligned with the key product lines of BAE Systems. Students are introduced to multiple types of systems and then work in multidiscipline teams to solve technical assignments. The systems covered include but are limited to: Electronic Warfare (EW), Communications Electronic Attack (Comms EA), Wide Area Airborne Surveillance (WAAS), Signal Intelligence (SIGINT), RADAR Navigation, Radio Communications, and Infrared Countermeasures (IRCM). Content may vary year to year. This course is part of the Engineering Leadership Development Program (ELDP) and team taught by industry experts at BAE Systems.

MECH.7730 Systems Analysis III (Formerly 22.773) - Credits: 3

Study of project management concepts, product development methods, transition to operations and new business capture. Topics covered include but are not limited to risks and opportunities management, earned value management, lean product development, business strategy, design for manufacturability/maintainability (DFM\^2), and request for information (RFI) response. Content may vary year to year. This course is part of the Engineering Leadership Development Program (ELDP) and team taught by industry experts at BAE Systems.

MECH.7CPT Curricular Practical Training for Engineering Doctoral Candidates - Credits: 1

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) is a training program for doctoral students in Engineering. Participation in CPT acknowledges that this an integral part of an established curriculum and directly related to the major area of study or thesis.
Plastics Engineering

Department of Plastics Engineering

The UMass Lowell Department of Plastics Engineering offers following Graduate Programs:

- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** Plastics Engineering Option
- **Polymer Science/Plastics Engineering Option** ([http://www.uml.edu/Catalog/Graduate/Sciences/Chemistry/Doctoral-Program.aspx](http://www.uml.edu/Catalog/Graduate/Sciences/Chemistry/Doctoral-Program.aspx)) (This joint program is offered through the Chemistry Department. It is a good fit for students interested in polymer synthesis and polymer characterization.)
- **Master of Science in Engineering (M.S.E.)**
- **Graduate Certificates:** Commercial Development for Plastics Engineers, Integrated Engineering Systems, Medical Plastics Design and Manufacturing, Nanotechnology, Plastics Design, Plastics Engineering Fundamentals, Plastics Materials, Plastics Processing
- **Bachelor’s-Master’s (BS/MS) Program**

Co-op Option in Engineering

The Department of Plastics Engineering participates in the Graduate Master’s Co-op Option in Engineering. For detailed information about the Co-op Program and curriculum requirements, please see the Graduate Catalog Engineering Co-op page ([https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf](https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf)).

About the Plastics Engineering Department

The Plastics Engineering Department at UMass Lowell is an internationally recognized leader in plastics engineering research and education. Founded in 1954 as the first of its kind, it continues to offer the only accredited Plastics Engineering program in the U.S. Over 3,000 graduates are working in leadership positions the plastics industry worldwide. The department offers a number of degree programs in Plastics Engineering, ranging from a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), as well as a number of other options, in order to fit a wide variety of career goals.

The department is staffed by 20 full-time faculty who conduct research in areas as diverse as nanomanufacturing and green polymeric materials. Close faculty connections to industry ensure that students develop an understanding of current issues in the field, while working relationships with other departments emphasize the increasingly interdisciplinary nature of modern scientific research. The Plastics Engineering Department at UMass Lowell maintains 20,000 square feet of dedicated laboratory space where students have an opportunity to work with and conduct research using the latest manufacturing, design, materials formulation and testing technologies.

The Plastics Engineering Department at UMass Lowell - over 50 years of academic and research excellence!

Master’s Program - Thesis and Non-thesis Options

**Master of Science in Engineering Degree Programs (M.S.E.)**

In 2005, the Department of Plastics Engineering restructured its MSE Degree Program. Plastics Engineering MSE graduate students accepted into the program must follow either the "Thesis Option" Curriculum or the "Non-thesis Option" Curriculum described in the following sections. For the 30-credit hour thesis option, the student performs supervised research, prepare a written thesis manuscript, and defend the work during an oral presentation. The 33-credit hour non-thesis M.S.E. is designed for part-time graduate students working full time jobs as practicing engineers.

Note: Graduate students enrolled in the Thesis Option MSE Program prior to the Fall of 2005 may elect to follow either the new "thesis" or "non-thesis" program requirements described below, or those in effect at the time they were accepted into the degree program.

Note: Students in the Plastics Engineering B.S./M.S. program should see the requirements listed with the B.S. program.

**Thesis Option**

- Admission Requirements and Prerequisites
- Graduate Student Advising

**Non-thesis Option**

- Admission Requirements and Prerequisites
- Graduate Student Advising

**Co-op Option in Engineering**

The Department of Plastics Engineering participates in the Graduate Master’s Co-op Option in Engineering. For detailed information about the Co-op Program and curriculum requirements, please see the Graduate Catalog Engineering Co-op page ([https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf](https://www.uml.edu/catalog-AY21/pdf/Graduate.pdf)).
Thesis Option

Students who have enrolled in the thesis option Plastics Engineering M.S.E. program must complete at least 24 course credits and 6 thesis credits as outlined in the program requirements section below. Graduate students enrolled in the Thesis Option M.S.E. Program prior to the Fall of 2005 may elect to follow the either new program requirements (thesis or non-thesis program described below, or those in effect at the time they were accepted into the degree program.

Students may transfer as many as 12 science or engineering graduate course credits from other universities or from courses completed when in non-degree status at UMass Lowell provided they are approved by the Plastics Engineering Department’s M.S.E. program coordinators. (For University regulations regarding transfer credit and other regulations, see Graduate Polices in the on-line catalog.) The thesis option M.S.E. degree will be awarded upon the satisfactory completion of 30 credit hours of study as outlined below.

Requirement 1 Complete the cluster of "core course" requirements(9 credit hours):

- **PLAS.5440**
  Advanced Plastics Materials (3 credits)
- **PLAS.5780**
  Advanced Plastics Processing (3 credits)
- **PLAS.xxxx**
  Current Topics Plastics Seminars (1) (1 credit)
- **PLAS.5740**
  Physical Properties Laboratory (1 credit)
- **PLAS.5720**
  Plastics Processing Laboratory (1 credit)

Special notes for students having a B.S. Plastics Engineering from UMass Lowell:

- Students are not required to take the Physical Properties Lab (PLAS.5740) and Plastics Processing Lab (PLAS.5720). These students, however, must still meet the 24 course credit hour program requirement by substituting other Plastics Engineering Graduate Courses.

- Students who have a B or higher in Polymer Materials I (PLAS.2010) and Polymer Materials II (PLAS.2020) are not required to take Advanced Plastics Materials (PLAS.5440). These students, however, must still meet the 24 course credit hour program requirement by substituting other Plastics Engineering Graduate Courses.

- Students who received a grade of B or higher in Plastics Process Engineering I (PLAS.3770) and Plastics Process Engineering II (PLAS.3780) are not required to take Advanced Plastic Materials (PLAS.5780). These students, however, must still meet the 24 -course credit hour program requirement by substituting other Plastics Engineering Graduate Courses.

Special notes for students who have a B.S. Degree in Plastics Engineering from UMass Lowell or equivalent program may elect to test out of Advanced Plastics Materials (PLAS.5440) and Advanced Plastics Processing (PLAS.5780).
These students, however, must still meet the 24 course credit hour program requirement by substituting other Plastics Engineering Graduate Courses.

**Requirement 2** Complete the course requirements for one or more of the department's graduate "Certificates" as an "area of specialization." Some of the certificate course requirements may also be core requirements. The course requirements for each graduate certificate are also outlined below.

Note: The Graduate Certificate in Plastics Engineering Fundamentals does not satisfy Requirement 2 for the thesis option M.S.E. Plastics Engineering Program.

(a.) Graduate Certificate in "Plastics Design"

**Required Courses:**

- PLAS.5030
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5030](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5030)
  Mechanical Behavior of Polymers
- PLAS.5180
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5180](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5180)
  Plastics Product Design

**Elective Courses (any two of the following):**

- PLAS.5060
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5060](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5060)
  Polymer Structure, Properties, and Applications
- PLAS.5230
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5230](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5230)
  Screw Design Principles
- PLAS.5410
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5410](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5410)
  Computer Applications in Plastics
- PLAS.5490
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5490](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5490)
  Design with Elastomers
- PLAS.5510
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5510](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5510)
  Computer Aided Extrusion Die Design
- PLAS.5520
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5520](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5520)
  Design of Polymer Processing Machinery
- PLAS.5530
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5530](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5530)
  Medical Device Design I
- PLAS.5540
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5540](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5540)
  Medical Device Design II
- PLAS.5760
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5760](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5760)
  Advanced Mold Design
- PLAS.5850
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5850](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5850)
  Computer Aided Engineering and Design I
- PLAS.5990
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5990](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5990)
  Rapid Prototyping
- PLAS.6020
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6020](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6020)
  Medical Device Development Regulation

(b.) Graduate Certificate in "Plastics Materials"

**Required Courses:**

- PLAS.5440
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5440](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5440)
  Advanced Plastics Materials
- PLAS.5060
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5060](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5060)
  Polymer Structure, Properties, and Applications

**Elective Courses (any two of the following):**

- PLAS.5050
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5050](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5050)
  Polymer Structure II
- PLAS.5110
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5110](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5110)
  Polymer Blends and Multiphase Systems
- PLAS.5120
  [https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5120](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5120)
  Porous Polymers
• PLAS.5130 [New Plastics Materials](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5130)
• PLAS.5250 [Synthetic Fibers: Processing, Structure, and Properties](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5250)
• PLAS.5320 [Adhesives and Adhesion](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5320)
• PLAS.5330 [Coatings Science and Technology](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5330)
• PLAS.5350 [Rubber Technology](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5350)
• PLAS.5400 [Commercial Development of Polymeric Systems](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5400)
• PLAS.5420 [Colloidal Nanoscience and Nanoscale Engineering](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5420)
• PLAS.5470 [Materials for Renewable Energy and Sustainability](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5470)
• PLAS.5590 [Elements of Packaging](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5590)
• PLAS.5650 [Engineering Thermosetting Resins](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5650)
• PLAS.5660 [Polymeric Material Systems Selection](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5660)
• PLAS.5800 [Polymer Science I](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5800)
• PLAS.5890 [Polymer Nanocomposites](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5890)

• PLAS.5960 [Plastics, Elastomers and Additives from Renewable Resources](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5960)
• PLAS.5970 [Plastics and the Environment](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5970)
• PLAS.6820 [Physical Polymer Science](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6820)

(c.) Graduate Certificate in "Plastics Processing"

**Required Courses:**

• PLAS.5180 [Plastics Product Design](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5180)
• PLAS.5780 [Advanced Plastics Process Engineering](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5780)

**Elective Courses (any two of the following):**

• PLAS.5060 [Polymer Structure, Properties, and Applications](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5060)
• PLAS.5090 [Plastics Product Design](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5090)
• PLAS.5150 [Lean Plastics Manufacturing](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5150)
• PLAS.5230 [Screw Design Principles](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5230)
• PLAS.5240 [Process Analysis, Instrumentation, and Control](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5240)
• PLAS.5250 [Synthetic Fibers: Processing, Structure, and Properties](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5250)
- PLAS.5260 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5260)
  Nanoscale Plastics Processing
- PLAS.5500 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5500)
  Processing with Elastomers
- PLAS.5510 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5510)
  Computer Aided Extrusion Die Design
- PLAS.5520 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5520)
  Design of Polymer Processing Machinery
- PLAS.5850 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5850)
  Computer Aided Engineering and Design I
- PLAS.5880 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5880)
  Injection Molding
- PLAS.6780 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6780)
  New Developments in Polymer Manufacturing

(d.) Graduate Certificate in "Medical Plastics Design and Manufacturing"

Required Courses:

- PLAS.5530 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5530)
  Medical Device Design I
- PLAS.5750 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5750)
  Biomaterials

Elective Courses (any two of the following):

- PLAS.5540 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5540)
  Medical Device Design II
- PLAS.5790 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5790)
  Problems in Biomaterials - (directed study)

- PLAS.6020 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6020)
  Medical Device Development Regulation
- PLAS.6750 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6750)
  Biomaterials II
- CHEN.5550 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/CHEN/5550)
  Biopharmaceutical GMP and Licensing *
  * (offered by the Chemical Engineering Department)
- BMBT.5000 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/BMBT/5000)
  Introduction to Biomedical Engineering & Biotechnology **
  ** (offered by the Biomedical Engineering program)
- PLAS.5030 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5030)
  Mechanical Behavior of Polymers
- PLAS.5180 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5180)
  Plastics Product Design

(e.) Graduate Certificate in "Elastomeric Materials"

Required Courses:

- PLAS.5350 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5350)
  Rubber Technology
- PLAS.5950 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5950)
  Thermoplastic Elastomers

Elective Courses (any two of the following):

- PLAS.5490 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5490)
  Design with Elastomers
- PLAS.5500 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5500)
  Processing with Elastomers
- PLAS.5060 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5060)
Polymer Structure, Properties, and Applications

- **PLAS.5960**
  ([https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5960](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5960))

Plastics, Elastomers and Additives from Renewable Resources

**Requirement 3** Complete the requirements for an additional number of elective Plastics Engineering graduate courses such that the "total" course credit hours is at least 24 credit hours (not counting thesis credits).

Core Courses + Non-Core Certificate Courses + Electives Courses = 24 Credits.

Up to two elective courses from other engineering departments may be substituted for Plastics Engineering courses if approved by the graduate coordinator.

**Requirement 4** Complete the mandatory six-credit-hour thesis requirement. The thesis research is conducted under the supervision of a three member advisory committee (see "Thesis Committee" below). Upon completion of the thesis research work, the student must prepare the written thesis manuscript and defend the work in an oral presentation such that all three committee members approve the work.

**Thesis Committee**

As soon as a student has chosen an area of research, a Thesis Committee is selected by the student and his or her research advisor in accordance with the policy of the department. The Thesis Committee shall consist of at least three members, at least two of whom shall be from the student’s major department. One member of the committee shall be the student’s thesis advisor. An outside expert, such as the supervisor of a research project conducted at an industrial setting or a faculty member from another institution, may be a member of the committee; but that individual must possess academic credentials which would qualify him or her to serve as a member of the University of Massachusetts Lowell faculty.

The M.S.E. degree, and the appropriate Graduate Certificate (the area of specialization), will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of 30 credit hours of study as outlined. More detailed descriptions of the "Thesis Option" requirements are given below.

**Admission Requirements and Prerequisites:**

Admission to the program is open to candidates with a B.S. in Plastics Engineering or a related engineering or science field. The pre-requisite math requirements include Calculus II and Differential Equations. Applicants must also take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), provide three Letters of Reference, an Official Transcript, and a Statement of Purpose as per the UMass Lowell Graduate Admissions Policy. You can apply online at [www.uml.edu/grad](https://www.uml.edu/grad/default.aspx).

Non-matriculated students (with an appropriate B.S. Degree) may begin taking courses without application to the M.S.E. Plastics Engineering Program. It is recommended, however, that students apply to the M.S.E. Program as soon as possible (i.e. prior to taking too many course credits) since there is no guarantee of acceptance into the M.S.E. Program. In addition, no more than 12 credit hours taken as a non-matriculated student can be transferred into the M.S.E. Program upon acceptance.

Students may transfer as many as 12 science or engineering graduate course credits from other universities provided they are approved by the Plastics Engineering Department’s M.S.E. program coordinator. (For University regulations regarding transfer credit and other regulations, see the Graduate Policies in the on-line catalog.)

**Graduate Student Advising:**

One of the graduate coordinators will be the academic advisor for students enrolled in the non-thesis M.S.E. Plastics Engineering Degree Program. The advisor will help the student remedy deficiencies in prerequisites, select electives of most value, and plan the overall study program efficiently. The thesis advisor will be the chairperson of the thesis advisory committee that will guide the student in the thesis research and supervise the completion of the thesis requirement. Once an advisor is selected, the student and advisor should complete the Departmental Advising Form, indicating the thesis topic. Both the student and advisor must sign this form before the student can register for thesis credits. This form is available in the Plastics Engineering Department Office (B204) and should be submitted to the graduate program coordinator.

**Non-thesis Option**

Students enrolled in the non-thesis M.S. Plastics Engineering option must complete a total of 33 course credits as outlined in the course requirements section below.

**Requirement 1** Complete the "core course" requirements (18 credits)

- **PLAS.5030**
  ([https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5030](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5030)) - Mechanical Behavior of Polymers (3 credits)
- **PLAS.5440**
  ([https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5440](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5440)) - Advanced Plastics Materials (3 credits)
- **PLAS.5780**
  ([https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5780](https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5780)) -
Advanced Plastics Processing (3 credits)
- PLAS.5060
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5060) - Polymer Structure Properties and Applications (3 credits)
- PLAS.5180
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5180) - Plastics Product Design (3 credits)
- PLAS.xxxx
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS) - Current Topics Plastics Seminar (1 credit)
- PLAS.5720
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5720) - Physical Properties Laboratory (1 credit)
- PLAS.5740
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5740) - Physical Properties Laboratory (1 credit)

Special notes for students having a Plastics Engineering B.S. Degree:

Students who have a B.S. Degree in Plastics Engineering from UMass Lowell are not required to take the Physical Properties Lab (PLAS.5740) and Plastics Processing Lab (PLAS.5720). However, these students must still meet the 33 credit hour program requirement by substituting other Plastics Engineering Graduate Courses.

Students who have a B.S. Degree in Plastics Engineering from UMass Lowell or an equivalent program may elect to test out of Advanced Plastics Materials (PLAS.5440) and Advanced Plastics Processing (PLAS.5780). However, these students must still meet the 33 credit hour program requirement by substituting other Plastics Engineering Graduate Courses.

**Requirement 2:** Complete the course requirements for one or more of the department's graduate "Certificates".

- Plastics Design
- Plastics Materials
- Plastics Processing
- Medical Plastics Design and Manufacturing.

Some of the certificate course requirements may also be core requirements. The course requirements for each graduate certificate are also outlined below.

**Note:** The Graduate Certificate in "Plastics Engineering Fundamentals" does not satisfy Requirement 2 for the thesis option M.S.E. Plastics Engineering Program.

**Requirement 3** Complete the requirements for an additional number of elective plastics graduate courses such that the "total" credit hours (core courses + certificate + electives) is 33 credits. Up to two elective courses from other engineering departments may be substituted if approved by the graduate coordinator.

The M.S.E. degree, and the appropriate Graduate Certificate (the area of specialization), will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of 33 credit hours of study as specified above. This non-thesis M.S.E. degree is an alternative to the more traditional 30 credit thesis option M.S.E degree.

**Admission Requirements and Prerequisites:**

Admission to the program is open to candidates with a B.S. in Plastics Engineering or a related engineering or science field. The pre-requisite math requirements include Calculus II and Differential Equations. Applicants must also take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), provide three letters of reference, an official transcript, and a Statement of Purpose as per the UMass Lowell Graduate Admissions Policy. The GRE Requirement is waived for any student who has completed any one of the Plastics Engineering Graduate Certificates and have maintained a 3.5 GPA for this Certificate. You can apply online at www.uml.edu/grad. (https://www.uml.edu/Grad/default.aspx)

The foundation "Plastics" courses required in previous years are no longer required. Students who have taken these foundation graduate courses in the past can receive some graduate course credit for these courses as outlined above.

The Plastics Engineering Department makes every attempt to offer as many of these courses as possible during the evening so that students having full time jobs can complete the degree program. Return to the home page for a listing of evening graduate courses for the next few semesters.

Non-matriculated students (with an appropriate B.S. Degree) may begin taking courses without application to the M.S.E. Plastics Engineering Program. However, it is recommended that students apply to the M.S.E. Program as soon as possible (i.e. prior to taking too many course credits) since there is no guarantee of acceptance into the M.S.E. Program. In addition, no more than 12 credit hours taken as a non-matriculated student can be transferred into the M.S.E. Program upon acceptance.

**Graduate Student Advising:**
The UMass Lowell Department of Plastics Engineering offers a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Plastics Engineering Option. In addition the Plastics Engineering Department has a joint program with the Chemistry Department. It offers a joint Polymer Science/Plastics Engineering Ph.D. degree. The degree is awarded by the Chemistry Department, not the Department of Plastics Engineering. This degree option is a good fit for students interested in polymer synthesis and polymer characterization.

Ph.D. in Engineering, Plastics Engineering Option

The Ph.D. degree program is designed to produce qualified professionals for technical and research positions in the plastics industry, for technical positions in government, and for teaching careers in colleges and universities. This degree is awarded by the College of Engineering. The goal of the Ph.D. program is to develop decision-making engineers with sound theoretical and technical research knowledge in the areas of plastics materials, design, and processing research and development.

Admission Requirements

Graduates with a B.S. in Engineering (e.g. Plastics, Mechanical, Chemical, Materials...) and high academic standing may apply for admission to the Ph.D. Technical graduates who do not have a B.S. in "Engineering" but have a science degree may request admission to the program with the understanding that they will also be required to take and pass the "Fundamentals of Engineering Exam" given by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying. Admission to the program will be based on review by the Graduate Admissions Office and by the Admissions Committee of the Plastics Engineering Department.

Plan of the Doctoral Program

Each student entering the program must develop a plan of study in consultation with his or her advisory committee. After taking at least one year of graduate courses, the student will take a qualifying examination covering all the basic elements of plastics engineering. A student who performs well on this examination will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee of the plastics Engineering Department and admitted to degree candidacy. He or she will then complete the remaining course work, seminars and labs, do a research proposal, and prepare a written dissertation, and present an oral defense of the research before the dissertation committee.

Qualifying Examination

The qualifying examination will be administered in September (and in January if there is sufficient demand for a second exam). It will be administered as two (2) four hour long examinations, covering the following topics: plastics processing, plastics design, plastics properties, and plastics materials with a total of four questions in each subject area for a total of 16 questions. One of the two exams is open book and one is closed book. In order to pass the exams, students must pass at least two of the four questions in each subject area, and pass at least eleven questions. Any changes to the format will be indicated by the doctoral coordinator when the specific examination date is announced. The student will receive an overall exam grade of pass or fail based on the stated criteria. A student who fails the exam on a marginal basis may make a second attempt the next time the exam is administered. All decisions of the Plastics Engineering Department regarding passing of the qualifying exam are final.

Dissertation Proposal

Once the student has passed the qualifying exam, he or she will submit a dissertation proposal and defend the proposal before the Doctoral Committee. Upon approval, the student’s name will be submitted to the College Doctoral Committee and the Registrar’s Office as a candidate for the Doctor of Engineering or the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Transfer Credit

Students interested in polymer synthesis and polymer characterization.

Doctoral Program

Doctoral Program in Plastics Engineering

The M.S.E. Coordinator will be the academic advisor for students enrolled in the non-thesis M.S.E. Plastics Engineering Degree Program. The coordinator will help the student remedy deficiencies in prerequisites, select electives of most value, and plan the overall study program efficiently.

Full Time vs. Part Time Status

Both the Thesis and Non-thesis Option M.S.E. Plastics Engineering Programs are open to full-time and part-time students. Many of the courses required for these programs are offered at night so that engineers working at local companies can take advantage of the programs. Students taking fewer than nine credits in a semester are considered part time, while those taking nine or more credits are considered full time students. Graduate students must maintain full-time student status in order to be eligible for research assistant positions (R.A.).

Funding Policy - Plastics Engineering Graduate Students

Research Assistant Positions (R.A.) positions, either "full time" or "half time", are awarded by individual faculty who conduct funded research. Accepted students must correspond with the individual faculty to inquire about R.A. positions. Faculty research interests are listed in the Faculty section of the department web site. It is recommended that applicants interested in obtaining R.A. funding should send a letter and resume to those faculty having similar research interests.
Up to 24 credits in graduate engineering courses are transferable to either the Doctor of Philosophy programs upon approval by the department’s Doctoral Committee.

**Course Requirements for the Ph.D. in Engineering, Plastics Engineering Option**

(A) Students with a B.S. Plastics Engineering, Plastics Engineering degree from UMass Lowell will be required to take a placement test on the following subjects:

- PLAS.5440
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5440)
  Advanced Plastics Materials
- PLAS.5780
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5780)
  Advanced Plastics Processing

If they failed in the test or do not take the test, they will be required to take these courses and can be counted as electives. Student whose UMass Lowell undergraduate GPA is higher than 3.0 can waive the above two courses.

In addition the following courses are required for the Ph.D. degree:

- PLAS.6420
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6420)
  Characterization of polymers and plastics (3 credits)
- PLAS.6820
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6820)
  Physical Polymer Science (3 credits)
- PLAS.6780
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6780)
  New Development in Polymer Manufacturing (3 credits)
- PLAS.6180
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6180)
  Structure Product Design (3 credits)
- PLAS.5480
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5480)
  Numerical and Analytical Methods (3 credits)
- PLAS.5850
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5850)/PLA S.5760
  Computer Aided Engineering and Design (3 credits)
- PLAS.XXXX
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS) Current Topics Plastics Seminar (1 credit)
- PLAS.XXXX
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS) Engineering Elective (8 - 20 credits)
- Doctoral Research Dissertation (21 - 33 credits)

TOTAL: 63 credits

(B) The following courses are required for a Ph.D. degree for students with a M.S. Plastics Engineering Degree from UMass Lowell:

- PLAS.6420
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6420)
  Characterization of polymers and plastics (3 credits)
- PLAS.6820
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6820)
  Physical Polymer Science (3 credits)
- PLAS.6780
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6780) New Development in Polymer Manufacturing (3 credits)
- PLAS.6180
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6180)
  Structure Product Design (3 credits)
- PLAS.5090
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5090)
  Plastics Processing Theory I (3 credits)
- PLAS.5180
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5180)
  Plastics Product Design (3 credits)
- PLAS.5480
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5480)
  Numerical and Analytical Methods (3 credits)
- PLAS.5850
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5850)/PLA S.5760
Computer Aided Engineering or Advanced Mold Design (3 credits)

- PLAS.xxxx
  Engineering Elective and transfer credits from M.S. program (9 - 21 credits)
- Doctoral Research Dissertation (21 - 33 credits)

TOTAL: 63 Credits

(C) Students with B.S. degree in engineering or other disciplines from UML or other schools will be required to take a placement test on the following subjects:

- PLAS.5030
  Mechanical Behavior of Polymers
- PLAS.5060
  Polymer Structure, Properties and Applications
- PLAS.5180
  Plastics Product Design
- PLAS.5780
  Advanced Plastics Processing
- PLAS.5440
  Advanced Plastics Materials

If the failed in the test or do not take the test, they will be required to take these courses and can be counted as electives.

In addition, the following courses are required for the Ph.D. degree:

- PLAS.6420
  Characterization of polymers and plastics (3 credits)
- PLAS.6820
  Physical Polymer Science (3 credits)
- PLAS.6780
  New Development in Polymer Manufacturing (3 credits)
- PLAS.6180
  Structure Product Design (3 credits)
- PLAS.5090
  Plastics Processing Theory I (3 credits)
- PLAS.5480
  Numerical and Analytical Methods (3 credits)
- PLAS.5850
  New Development in Polymer Manufacturing (3 credits)
- PLAS.5720
  Plastics Processing Laboratory (1 credit)
- PLAS.5740
  Physical Property Laboratory (1 credit)
- PLAS.xxxx
  Current Topics Plastics Seminar (1 credit)
- Doctoral Research Dissertation (21 - 33 credits)

TOTAL: 63 credits

Ph.D. Polymer Science/Plastics Engineering Option

A doctoral program in Chemistry with an option in Polymer Science/Plastics Engineering is offered jointly with the Polymer Science group in the Department of Chemistry. This program is designed to provide the student with a background in advanced course work and laboratory techniques which will prepare him or her to carry out, under the guidance of experienced scientists, an original, independent investigation leading to an acceptable contribution to the body of contemporary...
knowledge. Further details of the program are described in the Chemistry section of this catalog.

Certificate Programs

Graduate Certificates in Plastics Engineering

The UMass Lowell Department of Plastics Engineering offers eight graduate certificates in a wide variety of topics.

- Plastics Engineering Fundamentals
- Medical Plastics Design and Manufacturing
- Plastics Design
- Plastics Materials
- Plastics Processing

About Graduate Certificates

All Plastics Engineering graduate certificates are comprised of four courses (12 graduate credits) designed to provide specific knowledge and expertise vital to today’s changing and complex needs in the workplace. In all cases courses may be applied toward a degree program provided they meet transfer credit requirements.

Note: Courses used as credit towards one Plastics Engineering Certificate may not count towards another Plastics Engineering Certificate.

Requirements to Complete a Graduate Certificate

The four courses must be completed within a five year period with a minimum 3.0 grade point average, and with no more than 3 credits below a B. Courses completed for one certificate may not be used for another certificate, but can be used for the graduate degrees.

Certificate Application Process

Individuals must complete a simplified application, provide an official undergraduate transcript indicating that a baccalaureate degree has been awarded. Admission to the program is open to candidates with a B.S. in engineering or a related field. There is $75 application fee and the graduate record exam (GRE) is not required for admission.

For more information visit the Plastics Engineering Department website (https://www.uml.edu/Engineering/Plastics/default.aspx).

Plastics Engineering Fundamentals

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This 12-credit certificate program is designed for students who have attained a baccalaureate degree and want more plastics materials, process, and design background. To enable students with full-time jobs to complete the certificate program, these courses are offered during the evening or on-line(*).

Required Courses (six credits)

- PLAS.5440
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5530)Advanced Plastics Materials
- PLAS.5780
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5750)Advanced Plastics Processing

Elective Courses (choose two - total of six credits):

- PLAS.5030
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5030)Mechanical behavior of Polymers*
- PLAS.5060
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5030)Polymer Structure, Properties, and Applications*
- PLAS.5180
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5180)Product Design*
- PLAS.5760
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5760)Advanced Mold Design*

Medical Plastics Design and Manufacturing

Contact:

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The use of plastics in medical products and medical devices is rapidly increasing. The Plastics Engineering Department at UMass Lowell is continuing its leadership role in Plastics Engineering Education by responding to industry’s need for Medical Plastics training. This 12 credit program will provide knowledge needed for the development of new "engineering intensive" medical products which combine complex material compositions, designs, and manufacturing processes. The certificate program is intended for medical professionals, engineers and technologists working in the medical products industry.

Required Courses (six credits):

- PLAS.5530 (Medical Device Design I)
- PLAS.5750 (Biomaterials)

Elective Courses (choose two - total of six credits):

- PLAS.5540 (Medical Device Design II)
- PLAS.5790 (Problems in Biomaterials (Directed Study))
- PLAS.6750 (Biomaterials II)
- CHEN.5550 (Biopharmaceutical GMP and Licensing (offered by the Chemical Engineering Department))
- BMBT.5000 (Polymer Structure, Properties, and Applications)

Introduction to Biomedical Engineering & Biotechnology (Offered by the Biomedical Engineering program)

- PLAS.5030 (Mechanical Behavior of Polymers)
- PLAS.5180 (Plastics Product Design)
- PLAS.6020 (Medical Device Development and Regulation)

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The certificate program is designed for students who have attained a bachelors degree and need more plastics design background.

Required Courses (six credits):

- PLAS.5030 (Mechanical Behavior of Polymers)
- PLAS.5180 (Plastics Product Design)
- PLAS.6020 (Medical Device Development and Regulation)

Elective Courses (choose two - total of six credits):

- PLAS.5060 (Polymer Structure, Properties, and Applications)
### Plastics Materials

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This 12 credit certificate program is designed for students who have attained a Bachelor’s degree and need more plastics materials background.

**Required Courses** (six credits):

- PLAS.5440
  - Advanced Plastics Materials
- PLAS.5060
  - Polymer Structure, Properties, and Applications

**Elective Courses** (choose two - total of six credits):

- PLAS.5050
  - Polymer Structure, Properties, and Applications II
- PLAS.5110
  - Polymer Blends and Multiphase Systems
- PLAS.5120
  - Porous Polymers
- PLAS.5130
  - New Plastics Materials
- PLAS.5250
  - Synthetic Fibers: Processing, Structure, and Properties
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This 12-credit certificate program is designed for students who have attained a bachelor’s degree and need more plastics processing background.

**Required Courses** (six credits):

- PLAS.5180 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5180)
  Plastics Product Design*
- PLAS.5780 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5780)
  Advanced Plastics Process Engineering*

**Elective Courses** (choose two - total of six credits):

- PLAS.5060 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5060)
  Polymer Structure, Properties, and Applications
- PLAS.5090 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5090)
  Plastics Processing Theory
- PLAS.5150 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5150)
  Lean Plastics Manufacturing
- PLAS.5230 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5230)
  Screw Design Principles
- PLAS.5250 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5250)
  Synthetic Fibers: Processing, Structure, and Properties
- PLAS.5260 (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5260)
Nanoscale Plastics Processing

- **PLAS.5500**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5500)
  Processing with Elastomers

- **PLAS.5510**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5510)
  Computer Aided Extrusion Die Design

- **PLAS.5520**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5520)
  Design of Polymer Processing Machinery

- **PLAS.5850**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5850)
  Computer Aided Engineering and Design I

- **PLAS.5880**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/5880)
  Injection Molding

- **PLAS.6780**
  (https://www.uml.edu/catalog/courses/PLAS/6780)
  New Developments in Polymer Manufacturing.
PLAS.5000 Advanced Project In Plastics I (Formerly 26.500) - Credits: 0-1
A laboratory course for advanced projects in the areas of plastics materials, design, processing, elastomers, coatings, adhesives, or medical plastics.

PLAS.5010 Advanced Project In Plastics II (Formerly 26.501) - Credits: 3
Continuation of 26.500.

PLAS.5020 Medical Device Development Regulation (Formerly 26.602 and PLAS.6020) - Credits: 3
Comprehensive and in-depth analysis of US medical device diagnostics development and approval requirements. Detailed analysis of quality assurance issues and regulatory reforms implemented under the Food and Drug Administration. Provides a step-by-step guide through the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) investigational device exemptions, premarket approval, 510 (k) application process, and product development protocol and review processes.

PLAS.5060 Polymer Structure Properties & Applications (Formerly 26.506) - Credits: 3
Relationships between polymer structure (chemical composition, molecular weight and flexibility, intermolecular order and bonding, supramolecular structure) and practical properties (processability, mechanical, acoustic, thermal, electrical, optical, and chemical) and applications.

PLAS.5090 Plastics Processing Theory I (Formerly 26.509) - Credits: 3
Principles of Rheology and continuum mechanics involved in the processing of plastics, and their applications in plastics process engineering including flows in standard geometries and extrusion applications.

PLAS.5110 Polymer Blends (Formerly 26.511) - Credits: 3
Physical, mechanical, and thermal properties, preparation, and testing of polymer blends, alloys, and multiphase systems. Thermodynamic theories and experimental determination of miscibility of polymer blends. Structure property relationships for multiphase systems and interpenetrating networks.

PLAS.5120 Foams (Formerly 26.512) - Credits: 3
This course covers the fundamentals of polymer foaming, processing methods, recent technologies, foam characteristics, and applications. Fundamentals cover the cell nucleation and growth mechanisms in foaming and the role of thermodynamics and kinetics. Batch foaming, extrusion foaming, foam injection molding, and bead foaming are discussed as the common processing methods. The characteristics and performance of polymeric foams, process-structure-property relationships, and the relevant applications in various industries also are presented.

PLAS.5130 New Plastics Materials (Formerly 26.513) - Credits: 3
Critical examination of the new plastics appearing in the research literature and being field-tested for commercialization in the plastics industry.

PLAS.5140 Statistics for Six Sigma (Formerly 26.514) - Credits: 3
A review of statistical techniques for Six Sigma with Applications specifically designed for the plastics processing industry. Those completing the course should be at the Six Sigma green belt level or better.

PLAS.5150 Lean Plastics Manufacturing (Formerly 26.515) - Credits: 3
Methods of analysis and operation of plastics manufacturing facilities. Topics include: performance measurement, inventory control, forecasting, production planning, scheduling, resource management, supply chains, various technologies for improved productivity.

PLAS.5180 Plastics Product Design (Formerly 26.518) - Credits: 3
This course reviews the theoretical principles and the engineering practice associated with the development of new plastic products. The course focuses on design practices for products that will be produced by conventional and advanced injection molding processes. Topics include design methodology, plastic materials selection, design for manufacturing, computer aided engineering, mechanical behavior of plastics, structural design of plastic parts, prototyping techniques, experimental stress analysis, and assembly techniques for plastic parts.

PLAS.5230 Screw Design Principles (Last Term 2007 Spring) (Formerly 26.523) - Credits: 3
Energy balances, energy efficiency for extrusion and injection molding, application of energy equation (conduction, convection, viscous dissipation), equations of state, melt
conveying in simple and compound screws, screw scale up, plastication.

PLAS.5240 Process Analysis Instrument and Control (Formerly 26.524) - Credits: 3


PLAS.5250 Synthetic Fibers: Processing-Structure-Properties (Formerly 26.525) - Credits: 3

An introduction to processing-structure-properties of fibers and its significance to modern advanced materials. This course covers both traditional and emerging fiber spinning methods (ex. solution spinning, melt extrusion, gel-spinning, and electrospinning), post-processing techniques (ex. yarns, weaving), and the resulting multi-scale structures and properties. The unique physical and chemical properties of fibers and its application as past and emerging advanced materials will be discussed.

PLAS.5280 Plastics Information Data Bases (Formerly 26.528) - Credits: 1

Review of procedures for literature searching, databases, etc.

PLAS.5300 Selected Topics (Formerly 26.530) - Credits: 1-3

Topics in various fields of Plastics Engineering. Content may vary from year to year so that students may, by repeated enrollment, acquire a broad knowledge of contemporary Plastics Engineering.

PLAS.5320 Adhesives and Adhesion (Formerly 26.532) - Credits: 3

Adhesive joining of engineering materials. Surface chemistry, theories of adhesion and cohesion, joint design, surface preparation, commercial adhesives, Rheology, equipment, testing, service life, and reliability.

PLAS.5330 Green Coatings Science and Technology I (Formerly 26.533) - Credits: 3

This course reviews the basic principles of design and formulation of water-borne, high-solids and powder resins used for the development of solvent-less "green" coatings and the use of bio-derived resins, mostly based on soybean oil and other renewable raw materials. The mechanisms and methods of curing and of polymerization for polymers used as coatings will also be covered. The basic principles of formulation of coatings will be introduced. Permission of instructor for Plastics Engineering Undergraduates seeking to take course as technical elective.

PLAS.5340 Coatings Science and Technology II (Formerly 26.534) - Credits: 3

A continuation of 26.533. This graduate course reviews the basic principles of design and formulation of waterborne, high-solids, powder resins that meet current manufacturing regulations. Rheology of polymer and pigment dispersion, and their application to coatings, inks and adhesives will be included here.

PLAS.5350 Rubber Technology (Formerly 26.535) - Credits: 3

Polymerization and compounding of the commercial elastomers. Properties and test methods. Leading applications and methods of processing.

PLAS.5360 Rheology of Polymers (Formerly 26.536) - Credits: 3

Rheology of polymer melts, solutions, latexes, and pigment dispersions, and their application to coatings and adhesives.

PLAS.5370 Business Law for Engineers (Formerly 26.537) - Credits: 3

Business legal issues engineers encounter in practice, including contractual, products liability, and intellectual property issues. Business torts relating to product design, manufacturing and inadequate warning defects. Unreasonably dangerous products and strict liability.

PLAS.5400 Commercial Development of Plastics (Formerly 26.540) - Credits: 3

The concepts of industrial marketing will be reviewed for research, pricing strategies, and product planning for market segmentation, place (distribution)-promotional activities. Topics will include creating a demand, selling, and servicing base resins and additives.

PLAS.5410 Computer Applications in Plastics (Formerly 26.541) - Credits: 3

Problem solving in plastics engineering has been dramatically influenced by the computer and innovative software packages.
This graduate course will focus on the application and development of software packages for engineering analyses of plastics processes. Specially, the course will cover the basic CAD programs, Pro/ENGINEER, SOLIDWORKS, followed by basic Pre-and-Post processor software, FEMAP, meshing program HYPERMESH, FEMLAB multiphysics, and MATHEMATICA.

PLAS.5420 Colloidal Nanoscience and Nanoscale Engineering (Formerly 10.542/26.542) - Credits: 3

This course will cover the fundamentals of nanoscale colloidal processes, intermolecular forces and electrostatic phenomena at interfaces, boundary tensions and films at interfaces, electrostatic and London forces in disperse systems, interactions and self-assembly of polymer colloids, nanoparticles, surfactants and biomolecules. Applications include microfluidics; lab-on-a-chip; nano-biocolloids, vesicles, colloidosomes, polymersomes and polymer hydrogel microcapsules for drug delivery and nanostructured materials and devices.

PLAS.5440 Advanced Plastics Materials (Formerly 26.544) - Credits: 3

This course reviews the historical developments of polymeric material systems, commodity, engineering, biodegradable, and high performance thermoplastics. Topics include their synthesis, structure, properties, and applications and there is also an overview of typical additives that are used to modify the properties of plastics. Knowledge of general and/or organic chemistry is recommended as a prerequisite for this course.

PLAS.5450 Additives for Polymer Materials (Formerly 26.545) - Credits: 3

Additives incorporated into polymers to modify processing and end-use properties: reinforcements, plasticizers, stabilizers, flame retardants, colorants, biostats, blowing agents, anti-stats, impact modifiers, and processing aids.

PLAS.5470 Materials for Renewable Energy and Sustainability (Formerly 26.547) - Credits: 3

This course reviews the selection and design of materials for use in energy generation and conservation applications. Both traditional and renewable technologies for energy generation are reviewed, and the differences in materials needs for generation, storage and transmission highlighted. Particular emphasis is placed on organic and polymeric materials technological challenges in solar, wind and hydro/geothermal energy and future transportation fuel production. The concept of life cycle assessment is introduced for the optimization of systems from a materials science perspective. The impacts of global economics, ethics and efficiency are also addressed. The course approaches sustainability as an open-ended, complex engineering problem and introduces students to the broad range of career opportunities for materials engineers in renewable energy.

PLAS.5480 Analytical and Numerical Methods in Plastics Processing (Formerly 26.548) - Credits: 3

This course covers the use of analytical and numerical methods related to engineering. Topics include ordinary differential equations, linear second order differential equations, matrices, vectors, linear systems of equations, partial differential equations. Use of numerical methods to differential equations, linear algebra, regression, interpolation, data analysis, and partial differential equations.

PLAS.5490 Product Design for Elastomers (Formerly 26.549) - Credits: 3

This course covers the basics of thermoset and thermoplastic elastomer product design. Topics include mechanical behavior, large deformation structural analysis, design for manufacturability, performance limitations, and end use applications for elastomers and assembly considerations.

PLAS.5500 Processing with Elastomers (Formerly 26.550) - Credits: 3

This course covers the basics of elastomer processing. Topics include mixing, Rheology, extrusion, injection molding, compressing molding, and curing as it applies to elastomers.

PLAS.5510 Extrusion Die Design (Formerly 26.551) - Credits: 3

This is a project-oriented course which utilizes current CAE programs to design extruder dies. This course will study the basic principles of extrusion die design and apply these principles in designing extrusion dies. A review of the extrusion process and the flow behavior of various polymers will be studied.

PLAS.5520 Machine Design (Formerly 26.552) - Credits: 3

Hydraulics, machine logic, drives, pumps, motors, heaters, barrel and screw combinations, mechanical design. Hydraulic and electrical control circuits development. A semester project is required.

PLAS.5530 Medical Device Design I (Formerly 26.553) - Credits: 3
A systematic approach to inventing new medical devices. The class details the process of validating medical needs including market assessment and the evaluation of existing technologies; basics of regulatory (FDA) and reimbursement planning; brainstorming and early prototyping for concept creation. Course format includes expert guest lecturers and interactive practical discussions with faculty. Students will prepare a medical device proposal and presentation.

PLAS.5540 Medical Device Design II (Formerly 26.554) - Credits: 3

This course focuses on how to take a medical device invention forward from early concept to technology translation and implementation planning. Topics include technology research & development; patent strategies; techniques for analyzing intellectual property; advanced planning for reimbursement and FDA approval; choosing translation strategies (licensing vs. start-up); ethical issues including conflict of interest; fundraising approaches and cash requirements; essentials of writing a business or research plan; strategies for assembling a development team. Students will prepare a final medical device proposal and presentation.

PLAS.5630 Current Topics in Plastics Materials I (Formerly 26.563) - Credits: 1

Individual research and presentation in the field of plastics materials.

PLAS.5640 Current Topics in Plastics Materials II (Formerly 26.564) - Credits: 1

Individual research and presentation in the field of plastics materials.

PLAS.5650 Thermosets (Formerly 26.565) - Credits: 3

Provides an in-depth review of the major families of engineering thermosetting resins: phenolics, aminos, polyesters, epoxies, silicones, and various polyurethanes systems. Emphasis is on the basic chemistry, inherent physical properties and processability, and the effect of polymer modifiers (additives) on the functional properties of molding compounds. Typical market sectors served and related processing/fabrication technologies used in reinforced plastics/composites are reviewed.

PLAS.5660 Polymer Materials Systems Solution (Formerly 26.566) - Credits: 3

This course investigates the selection processes to be followed in screening material candidates, and specifying a material of record. Emphasis is placed on prioritizing performance requirements, contrasting potential candidates, reviewing processing demands, and post-fabrication schemes. The course will be based on actual case studies.

PLAS.5680 Dynamic Mechanical Properties II (Formerly 26.568) - Credits: 3

Practical review of theoretical concepts of rheological measurements with practical applications of experimental techniques. Emphasis will be on the viscoelastic properties of polymer solutions, melts, and solids with correlation with theoretical dynamic mechanical behavior.

PLAS.5690 Current Topics in Plastics Design I (Formerly 26.569) - Credits: 1

Individual research and presentation in the field of plastics design.

PLAS.5700 Current Topics in Plastics Processing I (Formerly 26.570) - Credits: 1

Individual research and presentation in the field of plastics processing.

PLAS.5710 Plastics Processing Engineering Laboratory I (Formerly 26.571) - Credits: 1

Laboratory study of the interaction between process variables and materials in extrusion, injection molding, blow molding, thermoforming, compounding and mixing.

PLAS.5720 Advanced Plastics Processing Engineering Laboratory (Formerly 26.572) - Credits: 1

PLAS.5730 Graduate Polymer Laboratory - Credits: 3

This course provides in-coming graduate students hands-on experience with plastics processing and characterization techniques. Students formed parts of products using multiple extrusion processes, injection molding, blow molding, and thermoforming. These products then are characterized for their mechanical, thermal, and other characteristics using standard test methods. A heavy emphasis also is placed on reporting the results in a professional manner.

PLAS.5740 Advance Physical Properties Lab (Formerly 26.574) - Credits: 1

Measurement of mechanical properties in tension, compression, shear, and flexure; dielectric constant and dissipation factor; thermal behavior under stress; melt rheology.
PLAS.5750 Biomaterials in Medical Applications  
(Formerly 26.575) - Credits: 3

A comprehensive study of the history, current and future rents within biomedical devices and their applications. Students will be introduced to research techniques used to analyze the different classes of biomaterials. An overview of typical host reactions such as inflammatory response and their evaluation will be touched upon.

PLAS.5760 Advanced Mold Design  
(Formerly 26.576) - Credits: 3

This course provides an integrated approach to mold engineering which includes the interrelationships of polymeric materials, engineering principles, processing, and plastics product design. Major topics include cost estimation, mold layout and feed system design, cooling systems, structural design considerations, and ejector system design. Analytical treatment of the subject matter is given based on the relevant rheology, thermodynamics, heat transfer, fluid flow and strength of materials.

PLAS.5770 Plastics Process Engineering I  
(Formerly 26.377/577) - Credits: 3

The first course in a two semester sequence to study the fundamental principles of polymer processing, i.e., the conversion of the polymeric materials into useful articles. The course will first study the properties of polymers (bulk and rheological and thermal properties) and why they are important to understanding polymer processing. This course will emphasize the fundamental principles of the extrusion process and examine the correlation between elements of the extruder, polymer properties, and processing variables and why they all must be considered when studying and understanding a plastics processing technique.

PLAS.5780 Advanced Plastics Processing  
(Formerly 26.578) - Credits: 3

This course reviews the common plastics manufacturing processes, including extrusion, injection molding, blow molding, thermoforming, and rotational molding. After the review, the course focus shifts to the impacts of screw design and processing parameters on the conveyance, melting, devolatilization, and mixing with single screws and compounding with twin screw extruders. This course also includes an overview of die designs, multi-shot and gas assist injection molding, film stretching and methods for heating and cooling in plastics processing.

PLAS.5790 Problems In Biomaterials/Directed Study  
(Formerly 26.579) - Credits: 3

Selection of a current biomaterial problem of interest by the individual student, examination of pertinent literature to determine present knowledge in the area, formulation of an approach to resolve or clarify the issues involved, and (time permitting) work towards the solution of the selected problem.

PLAS.5820 Current Topics in Plastics Design II  
(Formerly 26.582) - Credits: 1

Individual research and presentation in the field of plastics product or tooling design.

PLAS.5830 Advanced Research Methodology  
(Formerly 26.583) - Credits: 3

A systematic evaluation of the techniques used in efficient research and development. Experimental data are analyzed and plotted using a mathematical approach. Creative thinking, problem solving, and student presentation of data are stressed. Extensive reading of research papers, analysis of such, and defense of the analysis required.

PLAS.5850 Computer Aided Engineering I  
(Formerly 26.585) - Credits: 3

This course provides a fundamental approach to computer-aided engineering for plastics processing. Emphasis is upon the theory and techniques of computer aided engineering as applied to plastics processing problems, allowing students to understand the various assumptions and methods used to create the programs.

PLAS.5880 Injection Molding  
(Formerly 26.588) - Credits: 3


PLAS.5890 Polymer Nanocomposites  
(Formerly 22.570/26.589) - Credits: 3

This course deals with the preparation, characterization, behavior and properties of polymer nanocomposites, with an
emphasis on the most commercially relevant systems to date, as well as new developments in the field. The major preparation routes to these materials are discussed, with an emphasis on the importance not only of dispersion but of true thermodynamic compatibility in these systems. From there, the focus shifts to describe the consequences of nanocomposite structure in terms of both molecular behavior and macroscopic properties, as informed by the most up-to-date research literature available. Case studies of specific systems will serve as opportunities to gain deeper understanding, and the safety issues surrounding nanoparticle handling will also be presented. Finally, current research by invited lecturers working in the field will be presented as time permits.

PLAS.5900 Survey of Intellectual Property (Formerly 26.590) - Credits: 3
A review of patents, trademarks, copyrights and their application for protection of technology in the plastics industry. Other topics to be considered will be employee rights/non-competition agreements, foreign protection, and technology licensing. (in the Plastics Industry)

PLAS.5910 Industrial Thesis Development I (Formerly 26.591) - Credits: 1-9
Enables graduate students to work part-time to compliment academic studies with practical industrial experience and acquire/enhance expertise in their research as well as thesis investigation.

PLAS.5940 Additive Manufacturing Engineering Fundamentals - Credits: 3
Critical analysis of current methods of additive manufacturing. Materials selection, processing-structure-property relationships, testing, relationship to transport phenomena and/or reaction kinetics.

PLAS.5950 Thermoplastic Elastomers (Formerly 26.595) - Credits: 3
A comprehensive review of thermoplastic elastomer (TPE) technology. Physical and chemical nature of the various classes of TPE's will be considered with emphasis on mechanical and rheological properties relevant to engineering applications.

PLAS.5960 Plastics, Elastomers and Additives from Renewable Resources (Formerly 26.596) - Credits: 3
This course will provide and introduction to plastics, elastomers and additives obtained from renewable resources. Processes that involve conversion (chemically/enzymatically) of naturally occurring precursors (monomers) obtained from renewable resources to plastics and elastomers will be reviewed. Brief discussion of processing, degradation and recycling of these materials will also be included.

PLAS.5970 Plastics & Environment (Formerly 26.597) - Credits: 3
This course investigates the waste management solutions for different types of plastics. Both traditional and emerging recycling methods will be highlighted. Accumulation of plastic waste in the natural environment and the toxicology of plastics as well as their additives will be discussed. Further, analysis methods and instrumentation to characterize recycled plastics, and the differences in virgin polymers and recycled polymers will be introduced. Potential degradable, biodegradable or biobased alternatives will be reviewed along with the concepts of life cycle assessment and Green Chemistry for designing the most sustainable plastic materials.

PLAS.5990 Rapid Prototyping - Credits: 3
Survey of the rapidly expanding technology field of rapid prototyping. Technologies to be considered include stereolithography, laminated object manufacturing, selective laser sintering, fused deposition modeling, and solid ground curing.

PLAS.6010 Graduate Industrial Coop Education I (Formerly 26.601) - Credits: 1-3
Graduate students interested in developing a practical industrial experience component to complement their academic training may register for this course with advisor's approval. This credit is not applicable to the mandated degree credit hours.

PLAS.6060 Plastics Manufacturing Systems Engineering (Formerly 26.606) - Credits: 3
The course provides guidance about plastics manufacturing as an integrated system with broadly applicable analysis in three areas: 1) machinery, 2) controls, and 3) operations. The machinery topics include heating/cooling, hydraulics/pneumatics, electric drives, and sensors. The controls topics include signal conditioning, data acquisition, machine controllers, and related control laws. The operations topics include process characterization, process optimization, quality control, and automation. The course is developed to support plastics processing engineers and others involved with plastics manufacturing who are performing process development, research, and machine design.

PLAS.6070 Supply Chain Management for Engineers (Formerly 26.607) - Credits: 3

This course focuses on design, development, and planning supply chain networks while examining the product’s life cycle with an emphasis of the manufacturing processes. Throughout the course, global supply chain management, supply chain drivers, distribution networks, network design under uncertainty, supply-demand cycle, demand forecasting, inventory management, supply chain performance, end-of-life, cradle-grave and cradle-cradle products, along with supply chain decision-making topics will be covered. These topics will be demonstrated with the implementation of examples, and case studies.

PLAS.6100 Plastics Industry Development (Formerly 26.610) - Credits: 3

The goals of this course are numerous. In the large sense, the primary focus of this course will be to review many of the major technological developments and discoveries that have helped make the plastics industry what it is today. Having a thorough understanding of how these developments were implemented commercially can help us implement modern day technologies in a more efficient and productive manner.

PLAS.6110 Coloration of Engineering Thermoplastics - Credits: 3

A comprehensive approach to all elements of Color Technology focused on needs for future plastics engineers. The course includes theory of color vision, instrumental color measurement and tolerancing, chemistry and processes of commercial dyes and pigments, their testing in polymers, failure modes and elements of industrial color matching. Special attention will be given to weatherability of color formulations.

PLAS.6180 Structural Product Design (Formerly 26.618) - Credits: 3

Design of plastic and composite products to meet structural requirements including strength, stiffness, impact, fatigue, and creep while remaining low weight, low cost, and easy to manufacture. The course will include an overview of structural properties of polymeric materials as well as application of finite element analysis to homework and project assignments.

PLAS.6420 Characterization of Polymers and Plastics (Formerly 26.642) - Credits: 3

This course provides an in-depth review of the various means by which important properties of polymers and plastics are determined. Lectures will cover analysis of composition and structure (including deformation techniques) as well as measurements of common physical, mechanical, thermal, barrier, fire and optical properties. Coverage will include both the fundamental basis for the techniques and their practical applications, strengths and weaknesses. Time and resources allowing, selected techniques will be demonstrated in the lab as well.

PLAS.6500 Nanoscale Transport Phenomena for Manufacturing Nanodevices (Formerly 26.650) - Credits: 3

An interdisciplinary course taught by faculty from the Chemical, Mechanical and Plastics Engineering Department, who have special knowledge in nanoscale fluid mechanics and heat transfer. The course on nanoscale transport phenomena constitutes a bridge between existing fluid and heat transfer courses in multiple disciplines and emerging nanoscale science and engineering concepts to reflect the forefront of nanomanufacturing. The course is designed to incorporate recent advances in manufacturing polymer based nanodevices. Key issues of the implementation and maintenance cost for fabrication will be addressed. Hands-on laboratory experiments will be performed to complement the lectures with the ultimate goal of designing and building a complete nanodevice at the end of the course. The course will prepare graduates for employment focused on designing and manufacturing nano/microfluidic systems, lab on ship devices, electronic devices, medical devices and other emerging technologies.

PLAS.6750 Biomaterials II (Formerly 26.675) - Credits: 3

The degradation of biomaterials in the biological environment for applications such as sutures, orthopedic implants, dental implants, etc. will be reviewed. Students will analyze issues unique to the field of implants, devices and biomaterials. While reviewing new products and standards, the prospective and possibilities of biomaterials will be studied.

PLAS.6780 New Developments in Polymer Manufacturing - Credits: 3

This course explores advanced concepts and new developments in polymer manufacturing. It is designed for students with prior courses and/or experience in polymer processing.

PLAS.6820 Physical Polymer Science - Credits: 3

Comprehensive course covering physical polymer science and engineering. The role of molecular conformation and configuration in determining the physical behavior of polymers. The amorphous and crystalline states of polymers; polymer/polymer phase diagrams; glass-rubber transition and polymer viscoelastic behavior.
PLAS.7410 Master’s Thesis - Plastics Engineering  
(Formerly 26.741) - Credits: 1  
Individual research projects in plastics.

PLAS.7430 Masters Thesis Plastics Engineering 
(Formerly 26.743) - Credits: 3  
Individual research projects in plastics.

PLAS.7460 Master’s Thesis - Plastics Engineering  
(Formerly 26.746) - Credits: 6  
Individual research projects in plastics.

PLAS.7490 M S Grad Res Plastics (Formerly 26.749)  
- Credits: 9  
Individual research projects in plastics.

PLAS.7510 Doctoral Thesis Research (Formerly 
26.751) - Credits: 1

PLAS.7520 Doctoral Thesis Research (Formerly 
26.752) - Credits: 2

PLAS.7530 Doctoral Dissertation/Plastics 
Engineering (Formerly 26.753) - Credits: 3  
Individual research projects in plastics.

PLAS.7560 Doctoral Dissertation/Plastics 
Engineering (Formerly 26.756) - Credits: 6  
Individual research projects in plastics.

PLAS.7590 Doctoral Dissertation/Plastics 
Engineering (Formerly 26.759) - Credits: 9  
Individual research projects in plastics.

PLAS.7630 Continued Graduate Research (Formerly 
26.763) - Credits: 3  
Individual research projects in plastics.

PLAS.7660 Continued Graduate Research (Formerly 
26.766) - Credits: 6  
Individual research projects in plastics.

PLAS.7690 Continued Graduate Research (Formerly 
26.769) - Credits: 9  
Individual research projects in plastics.

PLAS.7CPT Curricular Practical Training for 
Engineering Doctoral Candidates - Credits: 1  
Curricular Practical Training (CPT) is a training program for 
doctoral students in Engineering. Participation in CPT 
acknowledges that this an integral part of an established 
curriculum and directly related to the major area of study or 
thesis.