BIOENGINEERING, MS

for the degree of Master of Science in Bioengineering

The Department of Bioengineering offers both an MS with thesis and an MS non-thesis program. Students in the MS with thesis program are required to have a research advisor and applicants are encouraged to contact department faculty (https://bioengineering.illinois.edu/directory/) in their areas of interest to inquire about possible research opportunities.

Department Research
Bioengineering faculty perform research in the areas of Bioimaging at Multi-Scale, Bio-Micro and Nanotechnology; Synthetic Bioengineering; Molecular, Cellular, and Tissue Engineering; Computational and Systems Biology; Research in BME Education. In addition to Bioengineering faculty, the Department of Bioengineering has more than 50 affiliate faculty (http://bioengineering.illinois.edu/directory/).

The Department of Bioengineering offers studies leading to the Master of Engineering in Bioengineering (MEng), the Master of Science in Bioengineering (MS), Master of Science in Biomedical Image Computing (MS in BIC), and the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Bioengineering. The Bioengineering Graduate Program provides students with educational and research experiences that integrate the sciences of biology and medicine with the practices and principles of engineering. For the MS and PhD programs, areas of focus include Bio-Imaging at Multi-Scale, Molecular, Cellular and Tissue Engineering, Bio-Micro and Nanotechnology, Computational and Systems Bioengineering, and Synthetic Bioengineering.

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Other Requirements and Conditions

Minimum GPA: 3.0

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Thesis Option

1. Ability to apply **quantitative skills and engineering principles** to propose novel and practical solutions to medical/human health problems
2. Understanding of **professional and ethical responsibilities**
3. Ability to **communicate** scientific problems and solutions, as well as their impact, effectively to a diverse audience and stakeholders, both orally and in writing
4. Demonstrate moderate **technical** mastery in chosen research area, shown by the ability to identify an important scientific problem, formulate a hypothesis, and design experiments to conduct research and data analysis to test the hypothesis. The student should also be able to formulate alternatives.
5. Develop effective **leadership** skills in order to foster the ability to conduct **collaborative** research and work with a diverse team

Non-Thesis Option

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2. Understanding of professional and ethical responsibilities
3. Ability to communicate scientific problems and solutions, as well as their impact, effectively to a diverse audience and stakeholders, both orally and in writing
4. Demonstrate moderate **conceptual** mastery in chosen research area, with the capability of expanding it into a future research project in preparation for an industry career or PhD degree
5. Develop effective leadership skills in order to foster the ability to conduct collaborative research and work with a diverse team for the degree of Master of Science in Bioengineering

Admission Requirements
Applicants should have an undergraduate or graduate degree in a natural science, computer science, or engineering. A minimum grade point average of 3.00 (A = 4.00) for the last two years of undergraduate study is required. Applicants should show evidence of strong quantitative skills and of serious interest in the life sciences. All applicants must submit results from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (http://www.ets.org/) general test. The GRE exam score requirement may be waived at the department’s discretion.

All applicants, regardless of US citizenship, whose native language is not English must demonstrate spoken English language proficiency (http://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm) by achieving a minimum score of 24 on the speaking subsection of the TOEFL iBT or 8 on the speaking subsection of the IELTS. For students who are unable to take the TOEFL iBT or IELTS, a minimum score of 4CP is required on the OEAI test (https://linguistics.illinois.edu/testing/oeai/), offered on campus.

Financial Aid
Qualified students may apply for financial aid in the form of fellowships, teaching and research assistantships, and waivers of tuition and service fees.

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