BIOENGINEERING, MS

for the degree of Master of Science in Bioengineering

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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 in their areas of interest to inquire about possible research opportunities.

Opportunity exists for specializing in i) biomechanics via the Biomechanics ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/concentration/biomechanics/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/concentration/biomechanics/)) optional graduate concentration and ii) cancer nanotechnology via the Cancer Nanotechnology ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/concentration/cancer-nanotechnology/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/concentration/cancer-nanotechnology/)) optional graduate concentration.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants should have an undergraduate 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/](http://www.ets.org/)) general test. The GRE exam score requirement may be waived at the department’s discretion.

All applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit TOEFL ([http://www.toefl.org/](http://www.toefl.org/)) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) ([http://www.ielts.org/](http://www.ielts.org/)) scores as evidence of English proficiency. Minimum admission requirements ([https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04c/](https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04c/)) are set by the Graduate College.

**Financial Aid**

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

All applicants, regardless of U.S. citizenship, whose native language is not English and who wish to be considered for teaching assistantships must demonstrate spoken English language proficiency ([http://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm](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 iBT or IELTS, a minimum score of 4CP is required on the EPI test ([http://cte.illinois.edu/testing/oral_eng/epi_overview.html](http://cte.illinois.edu/testing/oral_eng/epi_overview.html)), offered on campus. All new teaching assistants are required to participate in the Graduate Academy for College Teaching ([https://citl.illinois.edu/citl-101/teaching-learning/grad-academy-for-college-teaching/](https://citl.illinois.edu/citl-101/teaching-learning/grad-academy-for-college-teaching/)) conducted prior to the start of the semester.

**Department Research**

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

**Other Graduate Programs in the Department of Bioengineering**

degrees:
Bioengineering, MEng (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/bioengineering-meng/)

**optional concentrations:**
- Bioinstrumentation (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/bioengineering-meng/bioinstrumentation/)
- Computational Genomics (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/bioengineering-meng/computational-genomics/)
- General Bioengineering (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/bioengineering-meng/general-bioengineering/)

Bioengineering, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/bioengineering-phd/)

**optional concentrations:**
- Biomechanics (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/concentration/biomechanics/)
- Cancer Nanotechnology (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/concentration/cancer-nanotechnology/)
- Computational Science and Engineering (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/concentration/computational-science-engineering/)

Cancer Nanotechnology (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/concentration/cancer-nanotechnology/)

available for:
- Bioinformatics: Bioengineering, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/concentration/bioengineering/bioinformatics/)
- Electrical & Computer Engineering, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/electrical-computer-engineering-ms/)
- Electrical & Computer Engineering, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/electrical-computer-engineering-phd/)
- Materials Science & Engineering, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/materials-science-engineering-ms/)
- Materials Science & Engineering, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/materials-science-engineering-phd/)
- Mechanical Engineering, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/mechanical-engineering-ms/)
- Mechanical Engineering, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/mechanical-engineering-phd/)
- Theoretical & Applied Mechanics, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/theoretical-applied-mechanics-ms/)
- Theoretical & Applied Mechanics, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/theoretical-applied-mechanics-phd/)

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.