**SYSTEMS & ENTREPRENEURIAL ENGINEERING, MS**

For the degree of Master of Science in Systems & Entrepreneurial Engineering

The Department of Industrial & Enterprise Systems Engineering 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://ise.illinois.edu/directory/faculty.html) in their areas of interest to inquire about possible research and funding opportunities.

Opportunity exists for specializing in computational science and engineering via the Computational Science & Engineering (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/concentration/computational-science-engineering/) optional graduate concentration.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants who have completed degree requirements in an accredited engineering program or its equivalent are eligible to apply for admission. A minimum grade point average of 3.25 (A = 4.00) for the last two years of undergraduate study is required.

Scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (http://www.ets.org/) general test are recommended of all applicants. Based upon the previous preparation of the student for either program, prerequisite courses may be specified by the advisor, but the credit may not be applied toward a degree.

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

**Financial Aid**

Qualified students may compete for financial assistance in the form of teaching/graduate/research assistantships, fellowships, grants, and tuition waiver scholarships. Under certain conditions, fellowships may be augmented by part-time assistantships.

All applicants, regardless of US 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) 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 English Proficiency Interview (http://cte.illinois.edu/testing/oral_eng/epi_overview.html) (EPI), 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/) conducted prior to the start of the semester.

**Department Research**

Faculty research by ISE faculty is pursued in the following fields:

- computer-aided design
- data analytics
- optimization
- design systems
- manufacturing systems
- nondestructive testing and evaluation
- system dynamics and simulation
- reliability engineering
- financial engineering
- operations research
- management science
- human factors
- supply chain logistics

Members of the ISE Department have access to a wide range of excellent research facilities. These laboratories support a wide range of activity and are described at the department’s research laboratories website (https://ise.illinois.edu/research/labs/).

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For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s Graduate Programs website (http://ise.illinois.edu/graduate/) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/).

**Thesis Option**

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**Other Requirements and Conditions (may overlap)**

**Requirement**

Minimum 500-level credit hours applied toward the degree: 12

Minimum program GPA: 3.0

**Non-Thesis Option**

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**Grainger College of Engineering**

Grainger College of Engineering website ([https://grainger.illinois.edu/](https://grainger.illinois.edu/))

**Admissions**

Department of Industrial & Enterprise Systems Engineering Overview of Admissions & Requirements ([https://ise.illinois.edu/graduate/admissions/](https://ise.illinois.edu/graduate/admissions/))  
Graduate College Admissions & Requirements ([https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/](https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/))

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