MATERIALS SCIENCE & ENGINEERING, BS AND MATERIALS ENGINEERING, MEng

for the joint degrees of Bachelor of Science Major in Materials Science & Engineering and Materials Engineering, MEng

dept catalog page: Materials Science & Engineering (http://catalog.illinois.edu/engineer/mtse)
department website: https://matse.illinois.edu
department faculty: Materials Science & Engineering Faculty (https://matse.illinois.edu/directory/faculty)
overview of college admissions & requirements: Engineering Catalog (http://catalog.illinois.edu/engineer)
college website: https://engineering.illinois.edu/

The five-year B.S.-M.Eng. program in Materials Science and Engineering combines two degrees: a B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering (MatSE) with an M.Eng in Materials Engineering. Current Illinois MatSE students enrolled in the College of Engineering, who maintain appropriate academic performance, are eligible to apply for this program. The program is designed to enhance the students experience in the engineering aspects of materials, broaden their knowledge beyond that possible in the standard 4-year curriculum and obtain a foundation in business, technology management, and/or entrepreneurship. Two semesters (or equivalent, a minimum of 30 weeks) of industrial co-op or internship are required, a research thesis is not required. In addition the students are expected to complete, during the combined program, at least 10 hours of courses in the areas of business, technology management and/or entrepreneurship from an approved list (available from the department). Students admitted to the program will receive both degrees once all requirements for the 5-year B.S.-M.Eng. degree program have been successfully completed but will be permitted to participate in the B.S. graduation ceremonies with their class if they have completed the equivalent number of credit hours. Once graduate student status is achieve, students in the program would be eligible for a teaching assistantship in MatSE (only).

Deadline: Completed application and reference letters must be returned to the MatSE Office, 201 MSEB, 2 months before the end of the Fall semester of the students Junior year. The application and letter of reference forms for the B.S.-M.Eng. Program are available from the MatSE department office.

Admission to the Program

Current Illinois MatSE students with Junior standing and with an overall grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00 (A = 4.00) may apply for provisional admission to the program. Admission is based on overall academic performance, letters of reference, and statement of purpose. The GRE General Test is not required.

Students provisionally admitted to the program:

• are assigned a graduate academic advisor when admitted.
• must maintain an overall GPA of 3.00 through completion of the B.S. component of the program, in order to remain in the program

• may register for graduate courses and earn graduate hour credits, with approval from their graduate academic advisor, even if they are more than 10 hours from completing the B.S. component

• must earn at least 120 hours of undergraduate credit and satisfy all B.S. requirements of this program to be officially admitted to the Graduate College.

Upon successful completion of the B.S. component, with grades of B or better in the advanced area coursework, and an overall GPA of at least 3.00 in all graduate coursework, students:

• will be officially admitted into the Graduate College
• will be issued letters of admission from the Office of Admissions and Records and the MatSE Department, at which time they will be considered graduate students and assessed graduate tuition the following semester

• may apply or be considered for graduate teaching assistantships and tuition waivers, as well as fellowships and scholarships (in MatSE only) available to graduate students in MatSE.

• must continue to maintain a graduate GPA of 3.00 or better in order to remain in the combined program.

Students in the program are not eligible to continue in the Ph.D. program in MatSE. Students wishing to pursue a Ph.D. must apply separately for admission to that program.

Withdrawal

Students who do not complete all of the 5-year B.S.-M.Eng. degree program requirements may request, by petition to the Graduate College after obtaining approval by their advisor, the department, and the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs in the College of Engineering, to have graduate hours earned converted to undergraduate hours and applied toward a traditional B.S. degree in MatSE. Students reverting to the traditional B.S. degree program must satisfy all degree requirements, including completion of the required “area specialty course(s) in a different area” and the stated credit hour requirements. Graduate credit not used to fulfill the B.S. degree requirements will remain on the transcript and may, at some future point, be considered for transfer to another degree program.

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Requirements

B.S. Component (120 hours)

• Same required courses as the traditional B.S. degree with minimum hours reduced to 120 hours
• The reduction of 8 credit hours includes:
  • 5 hours of free electives.
  • 3 hours of the area specialty course in a different area (the latter becomes part of M.Eng. program requirements)
• At least one semester (or 2 summers) devoted to an industrial internship or co-op.2
• It is strongly suggested that the student take 2 courses in some aspect of business, economics, environmental studies, labor and industrial relations, technology entrepreneurship or technology and management as the elective component of their Liberal Education requirements. Partial or complete fulfillment of the Technology and
Management or Business minor or the Technology Commercialization Certificate is recommended for those admitted by application if available hours permit. The students are expected to complete, during the combined program, at least 10 hours of courses in the areas of business, technology management and/or entrepreneurship from an approved list (available from the department), with additional hours recommended. It is noted that since receipt of the B.S. degree is delayed until the requirements for the M.Eng are completed, the student has the opportunity to complete the undergraduate minors while taking the M.Eng requirements.

- Overall GPA of 3.00 maintained through completion of B.S. component of the program and minimum residency requirements satisfied.

**M.Eng. Component (minimum 36 additional hours of coursework)**

- 36 hours course work, including at least 19 graduate hours of MatSE courses with 12 hours credit overall in 500-level courses. The coursework shall include MSE 585 (two semesters or equivalent, 30 weeks total, of industrial internships or co-ops; one of the semesters can be during the B.S. program)\(^1\), 6 hours of 400- or 500-level area specialty courses in the student's area, 3 hours of 400- or 500-level MSE courses from a different area, 2 hours of MSE 595, and 2 hours of MSE 529 or MSE 559. Ten hours of courses in one or more of the areas of business or technology management, and entrepreneurship are required to be included in the overall program. Completion of the requirements for the various Certificates granted by the Technology Entrepreneur Center is recommended.

- MSE 492; credit does not count toward degree.

\(^1\) Students find internship companies and positions with the help of the departmental and College Placement offices. The MSE 585 internship requires approval by the departmental Director of Graduate Studies to ensure that it matches the student's individual career objectives and meets the learning goals of the program. Students taking an internship as part of their undergraduate B.S program should also check with the Director of Graduate Studies; his/her approval is required if the student is already accepted in the combined B.S./M.Eng Program. Students will be expected to present an oral report on their internship in either MSE 529 or MSE 559, as appropriate, the semester following completion of the internship.