Civil, Environmental and Sustainable Engineering, MSE

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Program Description

Degree Awarded: MSE Civil, Environmental and Sustainable Engineering
The faculty in civil, environmental and sustainable engineering offer a professional program leading to an MSE in civil, environmental and sustainable engineering. The program is designed to bridge the gap between knowledge of engineering sciences and creative engineering practice and to increase the depth and breadth of knowledge in selected areas of emphasis.

The pattern of coursework applicable to the degree is potentially unique for each student, although it must conform to the general guidelines for subject matter content for the degree as authorized here, on the program's website and in the program's graduate handbook.

Students are admitted to one of the following specialty areas of engineering:

- environmental
- geotechnical
- hydrosystems
- structural
- sustainable
- transportation

At a Glance
Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- Civil Engineering, BSE
- Civil Engineering (Environmental Engineering), BSE
- Civil Engineering (Sustainable Engineering), BSE

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours and a written comprehensive exam, or
30 credit hours and an oral comprehensive exam

All candidates for the master's degree are required to complete approved graduate coursework.

Additional courses may be assigned by the graduate supervisory committee depending on the background of the candidate.

Details of the comprehensive written examinations for the different specialty areas can be obtained at the graduate studies section of the program's website.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree with a major in engineering or a closely related program from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:
1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. GRE scores
4. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

Those seeking a teaching assistantship must demonstrate proficiency in spoken English with a score of 55 or better on the Speaking Proficiency English Assessment Kit or a score of 26 on the speaking portion of the TOEFL.

A student whose undergraduate degree is not in civil engineering is required to take appropriate undergraduate courses as deficiency courses to establish a base of knowledge in the discipline. Deficiencies for admission to the graduate degree programs are specified at the time of admission and details can be obtained in the graduate studies section of the program's website.

Applicants with a lower GPA may be provisionally admitted at the discretion of the admission committee.

Prospective students should note that GRE scores are used in the admission decision. The average scores for those who were admitted to the graduate programs over the last five years are 732 for MS/MSE and 751 for PhD (GRE General Test) or 157 for MS/MSE and 159 for PhD (GRE revised General Test) in the quantitative section; 1203 for MS/MSE and 1239 for PhD (GRE General Test) or 308 for MS/MSE and 311 for PhD (GRE revised General Test) as combined quantitative and verbal scores.

More information regarding how to send official GRE scores to the Graduate College can be found at https://admission.asu.edu/contact/faqs#graduate.

Students' credentials for admission are evaluated by the graduate program chair and a committee chaired by the specialty area coordinator.

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