Program Description

Degree Awarded: PHD Biomedical Engineering

The School of Biological and Health Systems Engineering faculty offer a graduate program leading to the PhD in biomedical engineering.

Areas of study include:

- biomaterials, biosensors, biomarkers and biomimetic materials
- biomedical imaging
- molecular, cellular and tissue engineering
- neural and rehabilitation engineering
- synthetic and systems biology

The doctoral degree in biomedical engineering is conferred upon evidence of excellence in research resulting in a scholarly dissertation that is a contribution to knowledge.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

84 credit hours, a written comprehensive exam, an oral comprehensive exam, a prospectus and a dissertation

**Required Bioengineering Courses (at least 18 credits)**

Doctoral students are required to complete six credits from each of the following three areas:

BME graduate courses (BME prefix) (6)
life science/biology graduate courses (6)
quantitative math or engineering (6)

**Other Requirement (3 credit hours)**
BME 780 Teaching Practicum (3)

**Technical Electives**
No fewer than nine credit hours of coursework (as determined by the student’s supervisory committee) must be selected from the list of 400- to 700-level courses that are not selected as required BME courses.

**Research (37 credit hours)**
BME 792 Research (37)

**Seminar (5 credit hours)**
BME 591 (5)

**Culminating Experience (12 credit hours)**
BME 799 Dissertation (12)

**Additional Curricular Requirements**
Up to six credit hours of the required biomedical engineering courses and technical electives combined may be at the 400 level.

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**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 from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (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. official GRE scores
4. a statement of purpose
5. resume or curriculum vitae 
6. three letters of recommendation 
7. proof of English proficiency 

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Students should view the School of Biological and Health Systems admissions checklist on the Arizona State University website for specific admission procedures and deadlines.

**Application Deadlines**

**Fall**

**Spring**

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