Civil, Environmental, and Sustainable Engineering, MS

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Civil, Environmental and Sustainable Engineering

The faculty in civil, environmental and sustainable engineering offer a graduate program leading to an MS in civil, environmental and sustainable engineering. The program is designed to enhance the knowledge gained in the undergraduate program by requiring students to understand and practice fundamental concepts in engineering, mathematics and the basic sciences.

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 and on the program's website. Students are admitted to one of the following specialty areas in engineering: environmental, geotechnical, hydrosystems, structural, sustainable or transportation.

At a Glance

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

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
- Environmental Engineering, BSE
Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

**Degree Requirements**

30 credit hours and a thesis, or  
30 credit hours and a written comprehensive exam, or  
30 credit hours and an applied project (CEE 593)

All candidates for the master's degree thesis option are required to complete 24 credit hours of approved graduate coursework and a minimum of six credit hours of CEE 599 Thesis. The written thesis must be original research in nature. Additional courses may be assigned by the graduate supervisory committee, depending on the background of the candidate. A final oral examination in defense of the thesis written work is required.

Candidates in the applied project option must complete 27 credit hours of approved graduate coursework and three credit hours of CEE 593 Applied Project.

Candidates in the comprehensive exam option must complete 30 credit hours of approved graduate coursework and complete a written comprehensive exam.

**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 this program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree with a major in engineering or a closely related field 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 their 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. Applicants with a lower GPA may be admitted provisionally at the discretion of the admission committee.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee  
2. official transcripts  
3. GRE scores
4. three letters of recommendation
5. 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. 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.

The student's credentials for admission are evaluated by the graduate program chair and a committee chaired
by the specialty area coordinator. 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 program are specified at the time of
admission, and details can be obtained at the graduate studies section of the program's website.

Prospective students should note the following two requirements need to be met for consideration for
admission: minimum score in the quantitative section of 155 and minimum combined score for the
quantitative and verbal sections of 301. More information regarding how to send official GRE scores is on
the Graduate Admission Services website.

Applicants are encouraged to submit a resume and personal statement.

Application Deadlines

Fall
Spring

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