Engineering Education Systems and Design, PhD

Program Description

Degree Awarded: PHD Engineering Education Systems and Design
The PhD program in engineering education systems and design aims to advance understanding of the engineering education ecosystem. The goal of the program is to enable long-lasting improvement of the learning process and infrastructure in engineering education at all levels (i.e., K-12, higher education, engineering professionals, graduate students, etc.) by emphasizing the study of education as a complex ecosystem that takes into account the multiple inputs, outputs and interactions within an educational setting.

A typical student enters the program with a master's degree in an engineering or a related discipline and selects a research area such as engineering student pathways, increasing participation and retention of underrepresented groups in engineering, making and the maker movement, effective teaching and assessment strategies, the application of learner analytics to relevant data, or entrepreneurship.

At a Glance

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

Degree Requirements

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

Required Core (18 credit hours)
EGR 535 Innovation and Design of Engineering Academic Settings (IDEAS) (3)
EGR 565 Qualitative Methods for Engineering Education Research (3)
EGR 572 Quantitative Methods for Engineering Education Research (3)
EGR 574 Engineering Education Systems in Context (3)
EGR 671 Applications of Qualitative Methods for Engineering Education Research (3)
EGR 673 Applications of Quantitative Methods for Engineering Education Research (3)

Electives and Research (24 credit hours)
electives (12)
research (12)

Culminating Experience (12 credit hours)
EGR 799 Dissertation (12)

Additional Curricular Information
Students may be allowed to apply up to 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree to their doctoral program as approved by the academic unit and the Graduate College. If students do not have a master's degree, the remaining 30 credit hours must consist of at least 18 graduate-level credit hours in a particular engineering discipline and at most nine credit hours in support of the student's dissertation research area.

Students are allowed up to six credit hours of 400-level coursework on the student plan of study.

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 in engineering or a closely related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 (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. personal statement
4. professional resume
5. two letters of recommendation
6. GRE general exam scores
7. 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. Applicants should see the Graduate Admission Services website at https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency.

Global Launch at ASU offers an online alternative to standardized testing for international students who are seeking admission to ASU but need proof of English proficiency. https://learnenglish.asu.edu/online/admission

If the applicant does not meet the minimum GPA requirements, the application may still be considered. In certain cases, demonstrated aptitude through professional experience or additional postbaccalaureate education is considered.

A GRE waiver may be requested if the applicant received a bachelor's degree in a related field from the United States with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better. Engineering programs must have a bachelor's degree from an ABET-accredited program. Students should email polygrad@asu.edu to request a waiver. Applicants can also submit a GRE waiver request form at https://poly.engineering.asu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/GRE-Waiver-Request_04.2019.pdf if they have five years of full-time applicable professional experience. Students should note an approved waiver does not guarantee admission.

Application Deadlines

Fall
Spring

Career Opportunities

Upon completion of the program, graduates are equipped to take competitive positions in top-tier research institutions as exemplary scholars and teachers or work as leaders in engineering education in a variety of settings, including:

- education startups
- government agencies
- industry
- policy setting institutions
- science centers and museums
- think tanks
- universities

Contact Information
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