Twin Cities Campus

Geoengineering M.GeoE.

CSENG Civil, Envrn & Geo-Eng (CEGE)
College of Science and Engineering

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2016
- Length of program in credits: 30
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Geoengineering

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Emphases are in fundamental aspects of geomechanics and its applications. Research focuses on the use and development of discrete and continuum theories such as elasticity, plasticity, fracture mechanics, and poroelasticity for solving engineering problems. Numerical methods are being developed for obtaining solutions; experimental methods and novel apparatus are being developed for gathering physical evidence. Applications include processes of comminution, flow of granular materials, hydraulic fracturing, and nondestructive testing.

The master of geoengineering (M.GeoE.) degree is for the practicing engineer who would like to obtain an advanced degree enrolling part-time or full-time. Students who intend to proceed to the Ph.D. program, or who think they may later wish to be admitted to the Ph.D. program, should apply for the master of science program. Students are expected to follow a coherent program of coursework selected with the help of a faculty adviser and approved by the director of graduate studies. Students also must demonstrate professional competence by carrying out and defending a design project or by taking a coursework-related final oral exam (without a project).

The degree typically takes 2-3 semesters (12-18 months) to complete on a full-time basis or 6-8 semesters on a part-time basis. Students interested in pursuing doctoral studies should see the Ph.D. program in civil engineering.

Program Delivery

This program is available:
- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

An ABET-accredited, four-year bachelor's degree in engineering is required for admission.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:
The application deadlines are December 3 for fall admission and August 31 for spring admission. All materials must be submitted to the online application. Additional information is available at http://www.cege.umn.edu/prospective/graduate/how-to-apply.html

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:
- GRE

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:
- TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
  - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
  - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
  - Total Score: 6.5

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- MELAB
  - Final score: 80

Key to test abbreviations(GRE, TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan A: Plan A requires 20 major credits, up to null credits outside the major, and 10 thesis credits.The final exam is oral.

Plan C: Plan C requires 30 major credits and up to null credits outside the major.The is no final exam.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required for students to remain in good standing.

The M.GeoE. requires a minimum of 30 credits and is offered under two plans. Plan A requires preparation of a thesis/design project. The thesis/design project must be carried out by the student in consultation with a faculty adviser. Plan C is a coursework-only degree program.

Required Courses

Any courses at the 5xxx and 8xxx level from the following programs may be used: AEM, AST, BBE, BMEN, CEGE, CHEM, CHEN, CSCI, EE, ESCI, IE, MATH, MATS, ME, PHYS, STAT. Use of 4xxx level courses must be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies and a maximum of 8 credits may be included. The following 4xxx courses may not be used: CEGE 4121, 4311, 4501, and 4522. Six credits in a minor may be included in the course credit total.

Seminar

Students may count one seminar credit in the course credit total.

CEGE 8300 - Seminar: Geomechanics (1.0 cr)

Plan A

Plan A requires a minimum of 20 course credits and 10 thesis credits for the design project.

CEGE 8777 - Thesis Credits: Master's (1.0 - 18.0 cr)

Plan C

Plan C requires a minimum of 30 credits of coursework chosen in consultation with adviser.

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