COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE


Courses are offered in astronomy, engineering graphics, and environmental science and policy to provide electives for students in other areas.

Degrees offered are the Master of Engineering, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy. The MS and PhD programs serve primarily full-time graduate students. Admission to the MS program occurs in the fall, spring and summer terms. Minimum admission requirements include a bachelor’s or master’s degree in a recognized relevant engineering or science discipline. Students entering the program directly with a BS degree must meet the entrance requirements for the MS degree and have a grade-point ratio of 3.5 or higher in their undergraduate programs.

Program requirements are as follows:

Master of Science

Graduate engineering education opportunities for practicing engineers are available in two disciplines. The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering offers off-campus graduate courses leading to the Master of Engineering degree through satellite broadcasts, Internet and DVD. The Department of Mechanical Engineering offers selected off-campus graduate courses at the University Center of Greenville. Furthermore, graduate courses in both disciplines are offered on-campus during the late afternoon/early evening once a week.

Doctor of Philosophy

Students are admitted into the PhD program in the fall, spring and summer terms. Minimum admission requirements include a bachelor’s or master’s degree in a recognized relevant engineering or science discipline. Students entering the program directly with a BS degree must meet the entrance requirements for the MS degree and have a grade-point ratio of 3.5 or higher in their undergraduate programs.

Program requirements are as follows:

Master of Science

Doctor of Philosophy

BIOENGINEERING

Master of Science

Doctor of Philosophy

Bioengineering is the application of engineering and scientific principles to understand and solve medical problems. As medical technology has rapidly developed over the past four decades, the demand for qualified bioengineers has dramatically increased.

Career opportunities for bioengineers range from teaching and conducting basic research in academia to research and development work in the growing medical product industry. Employment opportunities are also available in independent research laboratories, hospitals and federal agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration or the National Institutes of Health.

Clemson University's Bioengineering program is one of the oldest in the world; its PhD program began in 1963 and its MS program was added in 1966. Historically the department is widely recognized to have pioneered the field of biomaterials. Today the Department of Bioengineering maintains its focus on biomaterials and related areas, including tissue engineering, regenerative medicine, drug delivery, biomechanics and biosensors. Although Clemson University does not have a medical school, the Bioengineering Department maintains close collaborative ties with several medical centers in the Carolinas. In particular, Clemson has a formal partnership with the Medical University of South Carolina, located in Charleston, and maintains full-time bioengineering faculty and students at both campuses. Interactions between the two institutions are facilitated by

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Foreign language proficiency is required as an outcome of the program.
state-of-the-art video-conferencing facilities, which enable students to take classes and interact directly with faculty at either location. A joint MD/PhD program is provided for qualified students as part of this partnership.

Applicants to the Bioengineering programs typically hold a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering, science, or life science. Students with nonengineering backgrounds may be required to take remedial courses in engineering (e.g., materials science, statics and mechanics, and calculus through differential equations) in addition to their regular bioengineering curriculum, which may be taken either before or after enrollment. The Department offers a Master of Science and a Doctor of Philosophy degree. The curriculum for the MS degree consists of a core of recommended bioengineering courses supplemented by elective courses that provide the student greater depth in a specific area of interest. Two degree options are offered at the master's degree level: a thesis and a nonthesis option. The thesis option requires a total of 30 credit hours (six of which must be research credits) and the submission and defense of a master's thesis. The nonthesis option requires a minimum of 33 credit hours (six of which must be research credits) followed by the submission and oral presentation of a publishable-quality report on an approved topic. The minimum time necessary to complete the master's degree is normally 16 months, out of which at least one academic semester must be undertaken in residence as a full-time student at Clemson University.

Students interested in obtaining a doctoral degree are encouraged to apply directly to the PhD program from their BS degree program, with the PhD program typically requiring about five years to complete following the BS degree or about four years following the MS degree. The selection of courses for the doctoral degree is flexible and depends on the background and objectives of each candidate. A typical program includes 12 or more credit hours of graduate-level courses beyond the MS degree requirements. Candidates for the PhD degree must provide evidence of their potential success in advanced graduate study. This is demonstrated by passing both the qualifying and comprehensive examinations, which are usually taken after the first year of graduate school. The qualifying examination consists of a detailed written report and an oral presentation on the background and the state-of-the-art concepts and theories pertinent to the student's intended area of doctoral research and an oral examination of the student's understanding of these topics. The comprehensive examination involves the oral presentation and defense of the student's proposed original research plan before his/her selected research committee and is typically taken within a year of passing the qualification exam. The PhD program culminates with the presentation and successful defense of a doctoral dissertation, which is scheduled following the completion of the student's approved research plan.

Combined BS/MS Plans
The Department of Bioengineering offers a combined BS/MS plan. Under the plan, students may reduce the time necessary to earn both a BS degree in Bioengineering, Biological Sciences, or Biosystems Engineering and an MS in Bioengineering by applying graduate credits to both undergraduate and graduate program requirements. Students are encouraged to obtain the specific requirements for the dual degree from the Department of Biosystems Engineering as early as possible in their undergraduate program. Enrollment guidelines and procedures can be found in the Undergraduate Announcements.

BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING
Master of Science
Doctor of Philosophy
The Biosystems Engineering program, jointly administered with the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences, prepares individuals for leadership, creative accomplishment, continued professional learning and independent research. Students may be accepted with backgrounds in any branch of engineering or quantitative-based scientific fields relating to chemistry, mathematics, physics, or biology. Undergraduate prerequisite or corequisite courses may be required for applicants with undergraduate degrees in nonengineering disciplines. Acceptance is determined by departmental faculty review based on records of academic achievements (including scores from previous programs and GRE scores) and other appropriate professional accomplishments. Additional information is available at www.clemson.edu/ags/bio/

Each degree program is planned individually to augment the student's previous engineering and science background with adequate breadth in engineering and specialization in an area of biosystems engineering. Coursework includes biosystems and related engineering, mathematics, physics, chemistry, statistics, and biological, environmental, and engineering sciences.

Candidates for the MS degree are required to complete a minimum of 24 credit hours of coursework plus an additional six hours of thesis research and complete an acceptable thesis.

Candidates for the PhD degree are required to complete additional hours of coursework beyond the MS degree at the discretion of the graduate committee, typically 30–36 additional credits. Completion of 18 hours of dissertation research and the submission of an acceptable dissertation are also required.

Combined BS/MS in Biosystems Engineering
Under this plan, students may reduce the time necessary to earn both degrees by applying graduate credits to both undergraduate and graduate program requirements. Students are encouraged to obtain the specific requirements for the dual degree from the Department of Biosystems Engineering as early as possible in their undergraduate program. Enrollment guidelines and procedures can be found in the Undergraduate Announcements.

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
Master of Science
Doctor of Philosophy
The Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering offers programs leading to the Doctor of Philosophy and the Master of Science degrees. Graduate programs at Clemson prepare students to apply science and engineering principles to complex problems associated with the chemical, biomolecular and associated industries. Students develop a rigorous fundamental science base coupled with insight into engineering applications. Graduates can become involved in the research, manufacture and use of chemicals, polymers, pharmaceuticals, electronic components, consumer products and petroleum products, to name a few. The department has strong research programs in advanced materials, biotechnology, energy, and chemical and biochemical processing.

Although most graduate students have a BS in Chemical Engineering, students with backgrounds in chemistry, physics, or other branches of engineering are encouraged to apply and will be considered fully for admission. To facilitate a transition from BS degrees other than Chemical Engineering, special programs are available. Students can enter the PhD program in Chemical Engineering directly after completion of a BS degree.

The MS degree program consists of 30 credit hours, including six credit hours of research. Coursework includes CH E 803, 804, and 805. In addition, six hours of approved chemical engineering electives and nine hours of approved technical electives are required. At least six of these 15 elective hours must be selected from courses numbered 800 or above. MS degree candidates must complete a thesis.

The PhD program consists of 36 credit hours of approved graduate courses beyond the BS degree, including 12 credit hours of approved graduate courses at Clemson. Admission to candidacy for the PhD degree requires completion of written and oral qualifying examinations. Doctoral students must satisfy the MS course requirements through courses taken at Clemson University or elsewhere. Each doctoral student must complete at least six credit hours of approved graduate courses offered by departments other than Chemical Engineering. In addition, each student is required to complete 30 credit hours of graduate research, including 18 doctoral dissertation research credit hours (CH E 991) taken at Clemson University. The PhD program concludes with the completion and defense of a doctoral dissertation. Minors for doctoral students may be taken in chemistry, physics, mathematics, life sciences, or other branches of engineering.
CHEMISTRY

Master of Science

Doctor of Philosophy

Degree concentrations are offered in analytical, inorganic, organic, physical chemistry and chemistry education. Research areas also include bio-organic chemistry, polymer chemistry, materials chemistry, chemical physics and other areas. A PhD degree in Chemistry with a concentration in textile chemistry is offered jointly with the School of Materials Science and Engineering.

MS degree candidates must complete 24 hours of coursework and six hours of research culminating in a satisfactory thesis.

The primary requirement for the PhD degree is the performance of original research leading to a dissertation. PhD degree candidates must qualify to pursue the degree by completing a flexible curriculum of coursework designed to demonstrate broad chemical awareness, a distribution requirement and a focus area requirement. Some coursework requirements may also be satisfied by examination. Students must complete 18 graduate credits in their first year of study and must have a GPR of 2.90 or better by the end of their third semester.

Admission to candidacy for the PhD degree requires completion of a comprehensive examination in the area of concentration. This exam takes the form of a written cumulative exam, followed by an oral presentation before a faculty committee.

CIVIL ENGINEERING

Master of Science

Doctor of Philosophy

The Department of Civil Engineering offers graduate programs leading to the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Within these degrees, there are six primary emphasis areas: Applied Fluid Mechanics, Construction Materials, Geotechnical Engineering, Project Management, Structural Engineering, or Transportation Systems.

Master of Science

The Master of Science degree program is open to all individuals who have a four-year baccalaureate degree. A degree in engineering is not required for admission, but most entering students have an undergraduate Civil Engineering degree.

There are two options available for students pursuing a Master of Science degree. The student may prepare a research thesis or may take additional courses in lieu of completing a thesis.

The thesis option requires the preparation of a research thesis that is a part of the total credit hours required for the degree. Students intending to pursue a doctoral degree usually choose the thesis option. Completion of a research thesis is excellent preparation for the research necessary for a doctorate if a student is inclined to pursue that degree in the future.

The nonthesis option does not require the preparation of a research thesis but does require completion of additional coursework. This degree option provides the student with additional directed study through coursework. Normally students pursuing the nonthesis option will not pursue a doctorate.

Except for the core courses required by different disciplines, there are no formal course requirements for students pursuing a Master of Science degree. The program normally contains some engineering design and a minimum of ten credits of engineering science, advanced mathematics and basic science. In addition, each student in the thesis option must complete an advanced research project. The final program of study must contain at least 30 hours of graduate credit including the core curriculum requirements. Of these 30 credits, no more than six hours may be thesis research (C E 891) for those students pursuing the thesis option. At least half of the remaining hours must be from courses numbered 800 or above.

The final examination for the MS nonthesis option is an oral or written exam (or a combination of the two) consisting of questions related to fundamental knowledge in a student's chosen area of concentration (i.e., applied fluid mechanics, construction materials, geotechnical engineering, project management, structural engineering, or transportation systems).

The final examination for the MS thesis option is an oral exam consisting of a student's MS thesis defense and questions related to fundamental knowledge in a student's chosen area of concentration (i.e., applied fluid mechanics, construction materials, geotechnical engineering, project management, structural engineering, or transportation systems).

Doctor of Philosophy

The Doctor of Philosophy degree program is open to all individuals who have a baccalaureate degree and preferably a Master's degree in engineering. Except for the core courses required by different disciplines, there are no formal course requirements for students pursuing a PhD degree; however, each student must complete 18 hours of dissertation research (C E 991).

The purpose of the PhD research dissertation is to afford the student the opportunity to participate in independent specialized engineering research that can advance the state of the art. The research is conducted under the direction of a member of the faculty who will normally serve as chair of the student's academic advisory committee. The research should be sufficiently demanding technically so as to demonstrate the student's ability to assimilate knowledge from several subject areas for the advancement of engineering knowledge.

Student Evaluation—During the first two semesters in residence, a PhD student must select a faculty advisor. The faculty advisor may assign the student specific duties outside normal coursework requirements that include, but are not necessarily limited to, preparing research proposals and literature surveys, conducting classroom lectures, formulating computer models and executing data collection and analysis. The advisor may, at any time, withdraw as the student's faculty advisor if these assigned duties are not performed consistent with the expectations of the faculty advisor. During this initial two-semester period, an advisor should make a determination as to whether a student is capable of completing the requirements for the PhD degree.

Comprehensive Examination—The PhD comprehensive examination is generally scheduled after all coursework has been completed and the dissertation proposal is ready for approval by the student's graduate committee. The examination, therefore, consists of two parts: (1) a written and/or oral examination by the advisory committee on the student’s preparation to complete the proposed research and (2) presentation of the proposed research. The PhD comprehensive examination should be completed within two years of entering the PhD program. The written and/or oral examination may include consideration of graduate coursework, preliminary research and/or other demonstration of the ability to conduct the proposed research. After passing this examination, the student is officially admitted to candidacy for the PhD degree.

Dissertation Defense—As required by the Graduate School, the candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy degree must pass a final oral examination (dissertation defense). The examination consists of a presentation of the student’s doctoral research and an assessment by the committee of the research approach, the significance of the findings and the contribution to the advancement of civil engineering.

More information about the Department of Civil Engineering is available at www.ce.clemson.edu or by phone at (864) 656-3000.

Combined BS/MS in Civil Engineering

Civil Engineering undergraduates at Clemson may begin a Master of Science degree program while completing the Bachelor of Science degree and use a limited number of courses to satisfy the requirements of both their undergraduate and graduate degrees. The following requirements apply:

1. Undergraduate students must have a minimum cumulative grade-point ratio of 3.4 and must have completed the junior year prior to taking graduate courses. Students are required to maintain this minimum grade-point ratio to continue enrollment in a combined degree program.

2. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are not required to be submitted as part of their Graduate School application; however, applicants are encouraged to submit GRE scores to receive full consideration for graduate fellowships and assistantships upon completion of the BS degree.

3. Up to six semester hours from any 600- or 800-level civil engineering courses may be used to satisfy the requirements of the BS degree. These courses may be counted as technical requirements or electives. Undergraduate students are required to have selected one of their technical requirements from the area of transportation systems, geotechnical engineering, or environmental engineering.

4. Since approval of the graduate program of study is required by the student’s graduate advisory committee, students should consult with their academic advisors before selecting courses to be included in the graduate program.
5. Students in a combined degree program are conditionally accepted to the graduate program until completion of the BS degree requirements. Students are not eligible for graduate assistantships until full acceptance is granted.

Students interested in this combined degree program should consult the Civil Engineering Graduate Program Coordinator, the undergraduate advisor and the Civil Engineering Honors Coordinator (if applicable). Students pursuing an optional emphasis area in their undergraduate degree program may substitute 600-level courses for any 400-level counterpart taken to meet the requirements of an emphasis area. Application for this program should be made by the end of the junior year, but no later than one semester prior to expected BS graduation. Application details are available in the Undergraduate Announcements.

COMPUTER SCIENCE
Master of Science
Doctor of Philosophy

To receive full admission to graduate study in computer science, a student must have taken intermediate-level undergraduate computer science, including computer organization, data structures, operating systems, either algorithms or theory of computation, and either compilers or survey of programming languages; and basic mathematics including discrete mathematics. An applicant with minimal deficiencies may be admitted to the graduate program as a non-degree student prior to admission as a graduate student.

A candidate for the MS degree must satisfactorily complete an approved program of at least 30 graduate hours. Students may elect one of two options to satisfy the degree requirements: a coursework-only option or a thesis option. The thesis option requires six hours of research credit as part of the 30-hour requirement. Students may take up to six hours of approved courses in areas outside the department.

Although formal course requirements for the PhD degree are minimal, a typical program requires two to four years of study beyond the MS degree. Each candidate is required to pass a comprehensive examination, a dissertation proposal and a defense of the dissertation.

Combined BS/MS in Computer Science

Computer Science undergraduates may begin a Master of Science degree program while completing the Bachelor of Science degree and use a limited number of courses to satisfy the requirements of both their undergraduate and graduate degrees. The following requirements apply:

1. Undergraduate students must have a minimum cumulative grade-point ratio of 3.4 and must have completed the junior year prior to taking graduate courses. Students are required to maintain this minimum grade-point ratio to continue enrollment in a combined degree program.

2. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are not required to be submitted as part of the Graduate School application; however, applicants are encouraged to submit GRE scores to receive full consideration for graduate fellowships and assistantships upon completion of the BS degree.

3. Students in a combined degree program are conditionally accepted to the graduate program until completion of the BS requirements. Students with this conditional acceptance are not eligible for graduate assistantship until the conditional acceptance is removed.

4. Up to nine semester hours from any 600- or 700-level computer science courses may be used to satisfy the requirements of the BS degree.

5. Graduate courses taken as an undergraduate may be included in the graduate program of study; however, any 600-level course that has a corresponding 400-level counterpart in the BS or BA in Computer Science or the BS in Computer Information Systems may not be counted toward the MS degree. Since approval of the graduate program of study is required by the student’s graduate advisory committee, students should consult their academic advisors before selecting courses to be included in the graduate program.

Students interested in this combined degree program should discuss it with the Computer Science graduate program coordinator and undergraduate program advisor. Students pursuing Senior Departmental Honors should also meet with the Computer Science Honors Coordinator. Application to this program should be made by the end of the junior year but may be made at any time from the junior year until one semester prior to the expected BS graduation. Application details are available in the Undergraduate Announcements.

The Computer Science faculty envision students enrolled in this combined degree program will typically complete nine hours of graduate credit while completing their BS degree requirements and complete the remaining requirements for the MS degree in one calendar year or less of graduate study.

DIGITAL PRODUCTION ARTS

Master of Fine Arts

The Digital Production Arts program at Clemson University is a professional degree program aimed at producing graduates who will be sought by the growing electronic arts industry, particularly by those companies engaged in special effects production within the entertainment and commercial video, film, and gaming industries. The program is offered jointly with the College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities, and offers a unique blend of instruction from art, computer science, computer engineering, graphic communications, performing arts, philosophy and psychology, together with newly designed courses created at specific production techniques.

Admission and Financial Aid

Applicants are required to submit GRE general test results and a portfolio of artistic work that may include CD-ROMs, videos, slides, etc. Assistantships will be available to qualified applicants. Interested domestic students are encouraged to apply by March 1 for fall admission.

Requirements for Awarding of a Degree

The degree requires 60 hours, 18–24 of which are devoted to the visual arts studio wherein the student participates in group and individual animation projects, providing material for his/her professional quality demonstration video. Of the remaining 36–42 credit hours, 18 must come from the core courses, six from the master’s thesis and 12 from electives or foundation courses, three hours of which must come from one of the required electives below. Some beginning students may need postbaccalaureate work in the fundamentals of computing or visual arts, so foundation courses are offered. A maximum of five hours of foundation courses may be counted toward the degree. The normal course of study requires two years.

Foundation Courses—two courses selected from ART 803, CP SC 801

Core courses—ART 613, 821, CP SC 605, 611, 815, THEA 687. At least one course must be selected from A A H 630, 632, ENGL 650, (COMM) 651, 853, PHIL 845.

Electives—selected from ART 605, 607, 609, 611, CP SC 825, 808, E C E 847, G C 801, MUSIC 680, PSYCH 823, THEA 697.

Individual and/or Group Study Courses—ART (CP SC) 860 and ART 891 or CP SC 891 (Master’s Thesis Research)

A supervisory board consisting of the program director and five faculty—two from Art, two from Computer Science and one from Performing Arts—administers the program. The degree capitalizes on Clemson’s well-known strengths in computer graphics (virtual reality systems), image processing, photography, art, film and theatrical design.
**ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

**Master of Engineering**

**Master of Science**

**Doctor of Philosophy**

Students in Electrical Engineering may direct their programs toward the fields of communication systems and networks, digital signal processing, intelligent systems, applied electromagnetics, electronics, or power systems.

For the MS program, students may write a thesis or follow a nonthesis option. The thesis option requires a total of 30 credit hours, including six hours of thesis research. For the nonthesis option, 33 credit hours of coursework must be completed.

The Master of Engineering is a special degree offered for off-campus students through the University telecampus program. Degree requirements include 24 credit hours of coursework and six hours of credit for an engineering report. Additional information is available from the Office of Off-Campus, Distance and Continuing Education.

The PhD program requires at least 24 credit hours of graduate coursework beyond the master's degree and 18 research credit hours. Specially qualified candidates with a BS degree may apply for direct entry to the PhD program in any of the above areas. The program of study and hours required beyond the baccalaureate degree are specified by the focus area, but must be at least 60, including coursework and research credit.

Detailed information on program requirements and application procedures is available at [www.clemson.edu/ces/department/ece](http://www.clemson.edu/ces/department/ece).

**ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE EDUCATION**

**Certificate**

The Certificate in Engineering and Science Education is designed for graduate students who want to prepare for an academic career, who wish to further their understanding of the education process in engineering and science, or who are interested in engineering and science education research. The program includes a range of courses in three main areas:

- Pedagogy: Professional Preparation, and Research Methods, as well as a practicum and attendance at a seminar series, for a total of 11 credits as outlined below. Additional information is available at [www.clemson.edu/ces/ece](http://www.clemson.edu/ces/ece).

- Pedagogy—Three credits: CES 820 or 821 or ED 955
- Professional Preparation—Three credits: CES 825, 875, or 888
- Elective—Three credits: CES 871, ED F 808 or 878, EX ST 802, PSYC 811 or 833
- Practicum—One credit: CES 861
- Seminar—One credit: CES 800

**ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE**

**Master of Engineering**

**Master of Science**

**Doctor of Philosophy**

Environmental engineering and science is concerned with the characterization and control of environmental pollution. Emphasis is placed on applying the fundamental principles of the basic and engineering sciences through research and design to the solution of environmental problems in natural and engineered systems.

The MEngr program builds on an ABET-accredited engineering baccalaureate background, while the MS program builds on a student's previous engineering or science background. Students with a baccalaureate degree in any branch of engineering, as well as chemistry, physics, geology, biology, or related majors with a strong mathematical background may be admitted to the program.

Students may specialize in one of six areas: environmental health physics; environmental process engineering; environmental radiochemistry; sustainable systems and environmental assessment; environmental fate and transport; or environmental chemistry. Research master's degree candidates must complete 24 hours of coursework and six hours of research culminating in the preparation of a satisfactory thesis for MS candidates or a special problem report for MEngr candidates. The MS nonthesis option, which requires 36 hours of coursework and three hours of independent study, is available. The coursework for all master's students must include EE&S 802, 843, and 851. A final examination is required of all master's candidates.

The PhD program provides the student with a comprehensive background in the fundamental aspects of environmental engineering and science. The majority of study is generally interdisciplinary in nature, consisting of coursework in several areas of engineering and the basic sciences. Each student's curriculum and research program is tailored to suit his/her personal and professional goals. Qualifying, comprehensive and final examinations are required. No foreign language is required.

**Combined BS in Biosystems Engineering/MS, MEngr in Environmental Engineering and Science**

Under this plan, students may reduce the time necessary to earn both degrees by applying graduate credits to both undergraduate and graduate program requirements. Students are encouraged to obtain the specific requirements for the dual degree from the Department of Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences or Biosystems Engineering as early as possible in their undergraduate programs. Enrollment guidelines and procedures can be found in the Undergraduate Announcements.

**ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY**

**Master of Science**

**Doctor of Philosophy**

The Environmental Toxicology program is jointly administered with the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences. See the complete program description in the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences section.

**HYDROGEOLOGY**

**Master of Science**

The Master of Science in Hydrogeology is an interdisciplinary program that focuses on groundwater geology and subsurface remediation and draws on the expertise of faculty in the Department of Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences. The curriculum is structured to impart a strong background in field experimentation complemented by laboratory studies and computer modeling.

Candidates for the Master of Science degree in Hydrogeology should have a baccalaureate degree in the geosciences; however, students having strong undergraduate backgrounds in other fields of science or related engineering disciplines may be admitted but will be required to correct deficiencies in their geological education during the first year. Specifically, GEOL 101/103, 205, 302, 313, and 316 (or an equivalent) are required. Students entering this program should also have a strong mathematics background; normally, two semesters of calculus are required and a third semester is recommended.

The degree requires 24 hours of coursework and six hours of thesis research. Candidates must write a thesis based on original research and defend it in an oral examination. Students may pursue a variety of research projects in hydrogeology and related areas such as environmental geochemistry, geophysics, sedimentology/stratigraphy and multiphase flow modeling. A nonthesis option is available for students who meet requirements specified in the department handbook and who are approved by department faculty; it requires 30 hours of coursework and a comprehensive examination.

All candidates must take at least six core courses from a department-approved list, including a modeling course (GEOL (EE&S) 808 is recommended), a field course (GEOL 875 is recommended) and a minimum of three other 800-level geology courses.

**INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING**

**Master of Engineering**

**Master of Science**

**Doctor of Philosophy**

Industrial engineers design, develop and improve integrated systems that include people, materials, information, equipment and energy. In addition to these issues, graduates learn to address communications throughout the organization while completing their specialized education. Focus areas for specialization are human factors/ergonomics and production and service systems. Work at the doctoral level includes
independent research, dissemination of findings and preparation for research and teaching careers.

Students with baccalaureate degrees in engineering, the physical sciences, mathematics, or related majors with a strong mathematical background may be admitted into the program. Entering graduate students are assumed to have competence in calculus, probability and statistics, calculus-based physics, and computing. Students admitted without this background will be required to complete successfully additional courses, some of which may not carry graduate credit.

The Master of Engineering program is an interdisciplinary program that focuses on capital projects and supply chain engineering directed to working professionals. It is offered in collaboration with the Department of Management and the Department of Civil Engineering. The program is available fully in a distance learning format and courses are delivered asynchronously. Courses required in the program are EN 652, 656, 660, 685, 687, 689, 691, 800, and 802, 803, 804, 809, 811, 812, 813, 860, 865, 871, 880, 886, 888, and 893. The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee has preapproved these classes as acceptable technical and free electives in a student’s BS program. Determination of whether the classes count towards the master’s degree will be made by the student’s advisory committee after he/she becomes a full-status graduate student. Students should notify the Graduate Coordinator in writing that they wish to be considered for this program. Enrollment guidelines and procedures can be found in the Undergraduate Announcements.

In both programs, the decision whether courses count towards the bachelor’s degree is determined by the undergraduate committee and whether they count towards the master’s degree is determined by the advisory committee that is formed after the student becomes a full-status graduate student.

Students should consult with their undergraduate advisor, the Graduate Coordinator and/or the Honors Coordinator before enrolling in graduate courses.

MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Master of Science
Doctor of Philosophy

Materials science and engineering is concerned with the production, properties and microstructure of the solid materials that are often the primary limitation to the advancement of modern technology. Emphasis is placed on applying the fundamental principles that govern the structure of the solid state to produce optimum mechanical, electrical, optical and other physical properties.

The curriculum provides for specialization in metalurgy, glasses and ceramics, and polymeric materials, including electronic materials, biomaterials, polymer and fiber science, textile science, polymer and textile chemistry, and fiber and composite materials.

The Materials Science and Engineering program prepares graduate students to apply science and engineering principles to solve problems related to the scientific understanding, characterization and development of new technology necessary for the processing and manufacturing of different materials and related products.

Students with a baccalaureate degree in any branch of engineering, as well as chemistry, physics and biology majors with strong mathematical backgrounds, may be admitted to the program. The program is designed to produce engineers and scientists whose degrees represent specialization coupled with a broad foundation in all materials.

Master’s degree candidates must complete 24 credit hours of coursework and six credits of research. Of these 24 credit hours, a maximum of 12 credits may be taken from 600-level courses. Each master’s degree student must take MS&E 826 and 827.

The Doctor of Philosophy degree provides students with a comprehensive foundation in materials science and engineering. The major field of study is generally interdisciplinary in nature, consisting of coursework in several areas of engineering and science. Comprehensive and final examinations are required. No foreign language is required, but proficiency in one is recommended.

Students should consult their advisors for course requirements. All MS and PhD students must enroll in MS&E 800 every semester.

MATHMATICAL SCIENCES

Master of Science

Doctor of Philosophy

Entering students are expected to have courses in linear algebra, differential equations, a computer language and statistics.

For the master’s program, both thesis and nonthesis options are available. The curriculum for both options includes foundation courses (advanced calculus, modern algebra, probability and discrete computing—courses often taken prior to entering the master’s program); a breadth requirement (a course from each of algebra, analysis, computing, operations research and statistics, plus one additional course in operations research or statistics); and a concentration area (six courses selected to define an identifiable specialty area). Every student’s program is required to include at least one course possibly chosen from outside the Department of Mathematical Sciences, that emphasizes mathematical modeling. A minimum of 36 graduate credit hours is required for the master’s degree. In addition, students in the nonthesis option are required to complete a one-credit-hour project course.

Together with the Department of Mathematics at Kaiserslautern University in Germany, the department offers an exchange program in mathematical sciences. In this program, one year is spent at the host university so that students can obtain two MS degrees, one from their home university and one from the host university. The degree requirements for the Clemson degree are identical to those for the nonthesis MS option. In addition, there are short-term visits in a certificate program with the Center of Industrial Mathematics at the University of Bremen in Germany.

Students in the doctoral program are expected to satisfy the master’s program requirements prior to receiving their doctoral degree. Including master’s study, a doctoral program must have two courses from each of the major areas of the mathematical sciences (algebra, analysis, computing, operations research and probability/statistics) and generally consists of 60 credit hours of graduate coursework. Students are admitted to candidacy for the PhD degree upon successful completion of a preliminary examination and the comprehensive examination. The preliminary examination consists of tests in three areas chosen from algebra, analysis, computing, operations research, statistics and stochastic processes. The comprehensive exam assesses the student’s readiness to perform independent research and competition in advanced graduate material. The PhD program must include both a concentration area and a supporting area. Additional information is available at www.math.clemson.edu/.

Mathematical sciences courses at the 700-level are applicable to master’s degree programs in the School of Education only.
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Master of Science

Doctor of Philosophy

Enrollment in the MS and PhD programs is open to students with degrees in physics, applied mathematics, or any branch of engineering.

Students in the MS degree program may choose the thesis or nonthesis option. Students in the thesis program must complete 30 credit hours of coursework, including six hours of thesis research and write a thesis. Students in the nonthesis program must complete 33 credit hours of coursework and pass an exit examination. Students in the PhD program must pass a qualifying exam, complete 18 hours of dissertation research and defend a dissertation.

Programs may be selected with concentrations in mechanical and manufacturing systems design (design, dynamics, vibrations, and control, materials and manufacturing), thermal/fluid sciences (computational fluid dynamics, fluid mechanics, heat transfer, thermodynamics and energy systems), or engineering mechanics (solid mechanics, composite materials, numerical computation methods and experimental methods).

PHYSICS

Master of Science

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Graduate studies in physics and astronomy may be pursued by well-prepared students in the physical and mathematical sciences or engineering. As the basic physical science, physics offers unique intellectual opportunities. Theoretical, experimental, or computer-simulated studies of the physical universe, ranging from cosmology to quantum physics, from atmospheric phenomena to biomolecular events, are available.

Normally, students are directly accepted into the PhD program. The ultimate goal is to carry out and publish independent scientific work in a chosen research field. Coursework required for the PhD includes 18 credit hours of the core curriculum consisting of PHYS (M E) 815, 821, 841, 842, 951, 952 (or their equivalents), and 12 credit hours of elective 800–900-level physics, astronomy or other graduate level courses (excluding PHYS 891/991), which must be approved by the student's advisory committee. PHYS/ASTR 875 courses may be used to satisfy this requirement with approval by the faculty. The purpose of these electives is to provide a well-rounded physics education and additional coursework necessary for the student's research area.

Unless they receive a deferral from the Department faculty, students must take the written PhD qualifying examination on topics from the core curriculum no later than their third semester. Students are offered two opportunities to pass the exam, which is typically offered twice annually. After passing the written PhD qualifying examination, students shall have selected a research area and faculty advisor and prepare for the oral PhD qualifying examination in which they present and defend their planned dissertation topic and research program. This oral examination must be completed within 12 months after passing the written examination. At least three weeks prior to the graduation at which the candidate expects to receive the PhD degree, a final oral examination on the dissertation must be successfully completed.

Students not passing the written PhD qualifying examination after two attempts may, with the approval of the Department faculty, complete an MS degree. Such students, and those accepted directly into the MS program, usually choose to prepare a research thesis, although a nonthesis option is available. For the thesis option, 30 credit hours and a final oral examination on the general area of study and thesis defense are required. In the nonthesis option, 36 credit hours are required, including six credit hours of PHYS 890. A written report must be submitted on the directed studies. A final oral examination on the general area and directed activities completes the requirements for the nonthesis option.