

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT

Graduate Programs

The School of Industrial Engineering and Management offers graduate programs leading to the Master of Science Industrial Engineering and Management degree and the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

The Master of Science degree is characterized by a higher degree of technical specialization in a particular field of study (beyond a BS degree). This degree program is designed to prepare students for professional practice that may include research or consulting components. The Master of Science degree is especially attractive to industrial engineering graduates, engineering graduates from other disciplines, and many science majors. The MS degree includes a strong technical component and an orientation to business and engineering management that is complementary to a technical background.

The Doctor of Philosophy degree is designed to position the student on the leading edge of knowledge in the profession of industrial engineering and engineering management. It is intended to prepare students for highly specialized positions, such as research and consulting in industry, government and service organizations, and for teaching or research positions in colleges and universities.

The basic consideration in graduate education in industrial engineering and management is effective and efficient utilization of human, physical and economic resources. Instruction in management embraces both qualitative and quantitative concepts, including analytical methodologies and social considerations pertinent to organizations.

Advanced degree programs are designed with major emphasis in fields of interest such as engineering management, manufacturing systems, operations research, quality and reliability, facilities and energy-management, and enterprise systems and supply chains. Students may complement industrial engineering and management courses with work in other branches of engineering, as well as economics, business administration, computer science, statistics, mathematics, psychology, and sociology.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the Graduate College is required of all students pursuing the MS or PhD degree. Graduation from an industrial engineering curriculum with scholastic performance distinctly above average qualifies the student for admission to the School of Industrial Engineering and Management as a candidate for the master's and doctorate degrees. Graduates from related disciplines may be admitted if an evaluation of their transcripts and other supporting materials by the School of Industrial Engineering and Management indicates that they are prepared to take graduate-level course work in industrial engineering, or can be expected to do so after a reasonable amount of prerequisite work.

All applicants must submit GRE scores. In addition, the Graduate College may require certain international applicants to submit TOEFL scores.

Degree Requirements

The Master of Science degree in industrial engineering and management may be earned by one of two plans as follows:

Plan I—coursework with thesis. Minimum 30 credit hours consisting of 24 hours of coursework and 6 hours of research with a grade of "SR."

Plan II—coursework without thesis. Minimum of 33 credit hours. May include no more than three hours of independent study project.

The Doctor of Philosophy degree requires the completion of at least 90 credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree or 60 credit hours beyond the master's degree; including a minimum of 18 credit hours of dissertation research and a minimum of 30 credit hours of course work beyond the master's degree.

The School of Industrial Engineering and Management also participates in the Master of Science in Engineering and Technology Management program. Current IE&M program information can be found on the School website <http://iem.okstate.edu>.