MS Engineering Access from Non-Engineering Undergraduate Degree

Admission to the MS Engineering (MSE) program requires an undergraduate degree in engineering, physical science, or related technical field. Prospective applicants who have a bachelor's degree in a different field and are lacking sufficient technical background for direct admission have two options to meet the eligibility requirements for the MSE program:

Option 1 (4+1): In this option, students enroll in the BSEE program as post-baccalaureate students, complete the degree requirements up to the junior level, and then apply for admission to the 4+1 BSEE+MSE program. Admission to the accelerated 4+1 program is contingent on meeting the GPA requirement (average of 3.0 or above) in the undergraduate courses. Students pursuing this route end up with two degrees: a BS Electrical Engineering and a MS Engineering.

Option 2 ("Bridge" coursework): In this option, students enroll as post-baccalaureate students, complete only the minimum set of courses to meet the eligibility requirements for the MSE program, and then apply for admission to the MSE. This is a shorter and more direct path. At the end of it, students are awarded a single degree: a MS Engineering (with their chosen specialty).

The 4+1 option (option 1) provides ample preparation for any of the MSE specialties. The "bridge" coursework option is intended to focus only on the minimum set of courses needed to have the background necessary for the applicant to succeed in the MSE specialty of interest. Because of this, the set of "bridge" courses depends on the MSE specialty selected, as indicated below. Admission to the MSE program is contingent on meeting the GPA requirement (average of 3.0 or above) in the "bridge" courses. Depending on the student's background, some of the "bridge" courses may be waived by the MSE Admissions Committee.

List of "Bridge" Courses for Access to the Different MSE Specialties

(a) MSE in Electrical Engineering

Math: MATH 251, 252, 321, 341, and 243 or 465 Physics: PHY221 and 222 Programming: CST116 or ENGR 267 Engineering: EE 131, 133, 221, 223, 225, 321, 331 and 333 Note: Must complete EE530 as part of the MSE curriculum

(b) MSE in Embedded Systems Engineering

Math: MATH 251 and 252 Programming: CST 116 and 126 Engineering: EE 131, 133, 221, 223, 331, 333, and 335

(c) MSE in Optical Engineering

Math: MATH 251, 252, 254 and 341 Physics: PHY 221, 222 and 223 Programming: CST 116 or ENGR 267 Engineering: EE 221, 223 and 225

(d) MSE in Power Systems Engineering

Math: MATH 251, 252 and 321 Physics: PHY 221 and 222 Programming: CST 116 or ENGR 267 Engineering: EE 221, 223, 225 and EE 321 or REE 243 Note: Must complete EE 561 as part of MSE curriculum

(e) MSE in Robotics, Autonomous Systems and Control Engineering

Math: MATH 251, 252, 321, 341 and 243 or 465 Physics: PHY 221 and 222 Programming: CST 116 or ENGR 267 Engineering: EE 221, 223, 225, 321 Note: Must complete EE 561 as part of MSE curriculum

(f) MSE in Systems Engineering

Math: MATH 251, 252, 341, and 243 or 465 Physics: PHY 221 and 222 Programming: CST 116 or ENGR 267 Engineering: EE 221, 223 and 225

Sample curriculum map for "bridge" year (for a 3-year MSE plan)

MSE Specialty	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
	MATH 251	MATH 252	MATH 321	MATH 243 or 465
Electrical	PHY 221	PHY 222	MATH 341	EE 225
Engineering	CST 161 or ENGR 267	EE 133	EE 223	EE 321
8 8	EE 131	EE 221	EE 331	EE 333
	MATH 251	MATH 252	EE 223	
Embedded Systems	CST 161	EE 133	EE 331	Creducto level courses
Engineering	EE 131	EE 221	EE 335	Graduate-level courses
8 8		EE 333	CST 126	
	MATH 251	MATH 252	MATH 254	EE 225
Optical Engineering	PHY 221	PHY 222	MATH 341	
	CST 116 or ENGR 267	EE 221	PHY 223	Graduate-level courses
			EE 223	
Power Systems	MATH 251	MATH 252	MATH 321	EE 225
	PHY 221	PHY 222	EE 223	EE 321 or REE 243
Fuginophing	CST 116 or ENGR 267	EE 221	Graduate-level course	Graduate-level course
Engineering			(ENGR 511, 512 or	(ENGR 511, 512 or
			513)	513)
Robotics.	MATH 251	MATH 252	MATH 321	EE 225
Autonomous	PHY 221	PHY 222	MATH 341	EE 321
Systems and	CST 116 or ENGR 267	EE 221	MATH 243 or 465	Graduate-level course
Systems and			EE 223	(EE561 or ENGR
Control Engineering				511/512/513)
	MATH 251	MATH 252	MATH 341	EE 225
Systems	PHY 221	PHY 222	MATH 243 or 465	
Engineering	CST 116 or EGR 267	EE 221	EE 223	Graduate-level courses
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