MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

The Woodruff School has a challenging graduate program that encompasses advanced study and research leading to the degree of Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering for qualified graduates with backgrounds in engineering, mechanics, mathematics, physical sciences, and life sciences. Most graduate coursework is elective, but the program of study must meet the Woodruff School’s requirements of breadth, depth, and level. Graduate degrees in mechanical engineering can be completed through a combination of studies at Georgia Tech-Lorraine, Georgia Tech Savannah, via video and online course offerings, or by attending classes at the Atlanta campus.

ME: Graduate Website (http://www.me.gatech.edu)

The BS/MS Program

The Woodruff School offers a BS/MS program for those students who demonstrate an interest in and ability for additional education beyond the BS degree. Woodruff School students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher are eligible to apply for the program after completion of 30 semester credit hours at Georgia Tech, but before the completion of seventy-five semester credit hours, including transfer and advanced placement credits. Students who have more than 75 credit hours will be considered for the program on a case-by-case basis.

Participants in the BS/MS Program in the Woodruff School can obtain a master’s degree in mechanical engineering, nuclear engineering, medical physics, or in Georgia Tech’s interdisciplinary bioengineering graduate program. There are two options to consider:

Non-Thesis Option

The Non-Thesis Option is completed by taking 10 classes according to the MS degree requirements. In many cases, two courses can be counted towards both a student’s BS and MS degrees, thereby streamlining the process. With proper planning, most MS non-thesis degrees could be completed in one year.

Thesis Option

The Thesis Option involves working with a faculty member on a project in a wide range of research topics being investigated by Woodruff School faculty members. This will give you hands-on experience in working with a faculty mentor; the opportunity to work in a laboratory or a research environment; and the chance to perform theoretical and experimental work. These events will foster your career interests and expand your selection of possible employers. In some cases, a student will receive a graduate research assistantship, which includes a stipend and a tuition waiver. The time to graduation depends on your thesis project, your advisor, and your work ethic.

During the first year of your graduate studies, you will be encouraged to continue for the PhD. In many cases, you might be working on an interesting topic of study as part of your master’s degree research that could provide the basis for doctoral research.

BS/MS Information (https://www.me.gatech.edu/undergraduate/bsms)