ENGINEERING

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Mission
The College of Engineering is committed to educating tomorrow’s technology leaders for career success.

The objective of the College of Engineering is to serve society by offering high quality educational programs in the professional areas that it covers, and by performing research and community service, with high professional standards. The College is dedicated to educating engineers to deal with the major issues of society over the next generation - enhancing competitiveness, advancing health care, coming into harmony with the environment, utilizing technology for humankinds benefit, and supporting a sophisticated infrastructure. The goal of the faculty is to prepare students to be employed effectively in manufacturing, consulting, construction, information technology, service industries, and those related to the medical industry and health care, in roles involving planning, design and implementation at all levels of decision making. Students are broadly prepared in technical, leadership, and management skills. Student development accrues both inside and outside the classroom, with input from faculty, employers, alumni, and other students. They are made acutely aware of environmental and international perspectives. Professional competence in the traditional sense is complemented by a broad capability to function in society. The College places great emphasis on providing students with a learning experience which will enable them to develop productive careers while creating engineering solutions to problems of our society. Learning is centered around real life experiences, which involve an understanding of science, mathematics, social values, and aesthetics, to produce economical solutions to physical problems which society encounters. Protection and enhancement of the environment is stressed at all levels, and emphasis is placed on the creative application of knowledge which will improve the quality of life.

Department and Programs
The College of Engineering has five departments -

- Biomedical Engineering,
- Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering,
- Electrical and Computer Engineering,
- Industrial Engineering, and
- Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

offering curricula leading to Bachelor of Science degrees in the following fields:

- Aerospace Engineering,
- Architectural Engineering,
- Biomedical Engineering,
- Civil Engineering,
- Computer Engineering,
- Electrical Engineering,
- Engineering Science,
- Environmental Engineering,
- Industrial Engineering, and
- Mechanical Engineering.

Interdisciplinary areas of study, areas of specialization within departments, and study in two entirely different areas are available through options, concentrations and dual degree programs.

Accreditation
The programs in Aerospace Engineering, Architectural Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Industrial Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (http://www.abet.org) (ABET)

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The program in Engineering Science is not accredited.

The College offers graduate programs leading to degrees both in the traditional and interdisciplinary areas of study. Programs leading to the M.S. degree may include specialization in the following areas of study: Architectural Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Engineering Management, Environmental Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Medical Informatics, Structural Engineering, and Thermal and Fluid Sciences. A joint M.S.I.E./M.B.A. program and a M.S. program in Management of Technology are offered in conjunction with the School of Business Administration, a M.S. in Environmental Health and Safety in conjunction with the School of Medicine and a M.S. in Occupational Health and Safety in conjunction with the School of Medicine.

Combined BS/MS Program
The College offers a five-year Bachelor of Science and Master of Science BS/MS degree program in Architectural Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Industrial Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering. This program is specifically designed for those students who want to pursue their graduate study as they are completing their undergraduate study. The special conditions and processes for the five-year BS/MS Program are as follows:

Requirements
You must be an undergraduate student in the College of Engineering (CoE). A master’s degree is considered the first professional degree in engineering. The Admission Committee will carefully review academic credentials for admission into our M.S. program. Students should discuss the program and possibility of entering with an academic adviser. Completed applications are due prior to the beginning of the final exams in your junior year.

Application Process
Get the application form (It is different for US students and International students) from the CoE Office of Admission, fill it out and then return it to the same office. The application fee is waived for currently enrolled students in the CoE.
Take the GRE Examination before the end of your senior year and attain a combined score of more than 1000 on the Verbal and Quantitative portions.

Financial Implications
Many financial aid programs, including those offered by the University and the federal and state governments are restricted to coursework required to complete an undergraduate degree. For further information contact the University of Miami Financial Aid Office.

Once admitted into BS-MS program
In your senior year when you have a full time undergraduate status, you may take a maximum of twelve (12) graduate credit hours (a maximum of six (6) credit hours per semester). In order to register for these classes, you must complete and submit the UM Graduate School "Application for Undergraduate to Take Graduate Course" special form.

During your last one or two semesters, when you are taking graduate course work only, register as a graduate student.

A student wishing to withdraw from the BS/MS Program without the MS degree must complete all the requirements for the BS degree.

To qualify for the MS degree, the student must meet all the pertinent Graduate School requirements, including an acceptable score on the GRE (Graduate Record Examination) and a minimum of 3.0 GPA in the credit hours applied toward the MS degree.

The student is awarded both the BS and MS degrees at the end of the fifth year when all degree requirements are satisfied.

The Doctor of Philosophy Degree is currently offered in the area of:

- Biomedical Engineering,
- Civil Engineering,
- Electrical and Computer Engineering,
- Ergonomics and Human Factors,
- Industrial Engineering, and
- Mechanical Engineering.

The Ph.D. programs in Interdepartmental Graduate Studies permit, with approval of the Graduate Council, highly qualified students to pursue a privileged individualized program which cuts across disciplinary lines.

The Bulletin of the Graduate School (http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/engineering) presents more detailed information on these graduate programs.

The College is primarily housed in the J. Neville McArthur Building. Completed in 1959 and renovated in 1984, this attractive building is the gift of the late J. Neville McArthur, who was a member of the Board of Trustees and a prominent citizen and dairyman. The Engineering Annex is also a gift of the McArthur family. Students in the College of Engineering come from all parts of the United States and from many nations throughout the world, comprising one of the most diverse and cosmopolitan engineering student bodies in the country.

Engineering Laboratories
The College of Engineering maintains a variety of well-equipped laboratories adequate for undergraduate instruction and providing for graduate and sponsored research.

Computer Laboratory
- Clarke Computational Laboratory
- Computer Graphics Laboratory

Biomedical Engineering Laboratories
- Biomedical Design and Instrumentation Laboratory
- Biomatertials/Circulatory Assist Device Laboratory
- Biomedical Atomic Force Microscopy Laboratory
- Biomedical Optics Laboratory
- Diabetes Tissue Engineering Laboratory
- Joint Bioengineering and Endourology Laboratory
- Measurements Laboratory
- Medical Imaging Laboratory
- Neuroprosthetics Research Group
- Neurosensory Engineering Laboratory
- Stem Cell and Mechanobiology Laboratory
- Tissue Biomechanics Laboratory
- Tissue Engineering Laboratory

Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering Laboratories
- Environmental Engineering Laboratory
- Geotechnical Engineering Laboratory
- Mechanics of Solids and Materials Laboratory
- Structures and Materials Laboratory
- Sustainable Building Systems Laboratory

Electrical and Computer Engineering Laboratories
- Electronics Laboratory
- Wireless Communications Laboratory
- Digital Signal Processing Laboratory
- Electrical Machinery Laboratory
- Digital Design Laboratory
- Microprocessor Laboratory
- Photonics and Micro-Devices Laboratory
- Distributed Decision Environments Laboratory
- Networks Laboratory
- Embedded Systems Laboratory
- Computer Vision and Image Processing Laboratory
- Information Technology Laboratory
- Multimedia Laboratory
- Digital Audio and Speech Processing Laboratory
- Optics and Fiber Communications Laboratory
- ECE Computer Laboratory
- Nanophotonics and Devices Laboratory
school preparation has not provided an adequate background, the students may be accelerated. For those students whose secondary school graduate, the University provides proficiency examinations and the College believes that emphasis should be placed on the student's appropriate level.

The academic work of each transfer student will be evaluated on an individual basis, and the student will be enrolled in the College at an appropriate level.

Students planning on entering the College.

Admission to the College of Engineering is covered under the section on Admission (http://bulletin.miami.edu/general-university-information/admission) to the University in the General Information section of this Bulletin. Algebra, trigonometry, analytic geometry, chemistry, computer literacy, and physics are high school subjects that are appropriate for students to demonstrate positive academic progress, he/she may be placed on academic probation or dismissed by the College of Engineering by meeting the criteria established above. Whenever a student fails to demonstrate positive academic progress, he/she may be placed on academic probation or dismissed by the College of Engineering

The requirements for graduation as specified by each Department and Program reflect the general education requirements of the University of Miami and the requirements of the appropriate accrediting agencies. The curricula contain required courses and elective courses. No course required for graduation may be taken under the credit-no credit (Credit-Only) option.

Students are expected to make satisfactory progress toward graduation by meeting the criteria established above. Whenever a student fails to demonstrate positive academic progress, he/she may be placed on academic probation or dismissed by the College of Engineering

Areas of Knowledge

Students at the College of Engineering fulfill the Areas of Knowledge requirement by completing three cognates, one from each of the three areas of the university curriculum:

- Arts & Humanities;
- People & Society; and
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics.

For students in the College of Engineering, their engineering major will count as a cognate in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics. These students have to complete a cognate in People & Society and Arts & Humanities.

A cognate is a group of at least three courses for at least nine credit hours, related in a topical, thematic, interdisciplinary, sequential, or special purpose, has a higher requirement, i.e., a grade point average of 3.0 (B).

Completion of any of the prescribed curricula, except Engineering Science, with an overall grade point average of at least 2.0 (C) in all course work, to include all accepted work from other institution(s), is the basic requirement for graduation in the College. An average of C also must be attained in all work attempted at the University of Miami and the professional studies. The Engineering Science curriculum, because of its special purpose, has a higher requirement, i.e., a grade point average of 3.0 (B).

The University offers preparatory courses. Graduation for these students may be delayed accordingly.

The student's program of study is selected jointly with an adviser, with special attention to the individual student's needs. Flexibility is ordinarily possible within the framework of sound education in the essential fundamentals and within the development of depth in selected fields of design and analysis. An examination of a typical curriculum given under the various department sections of this Bulletin shows that there is a strong common core of studies. Therefore, students uncertain of their ultimate field of specialization retain a high degree of mobility to enable them to transfer from one curriculum to another.

Each student must demonstrate upon admission an adequate preparation in the necessary skills of reading, writing, and mathematics. Placement test scores will indicate which, if any, supplementary courses must be taken the first semester. Although these courses are recorded for University credit hour, the student must take the full curriculum, as listed, in addition to these courses. Students not prepared in these areas are advised to make every effort to correct deficiencies before the first semester.

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Requirements for Graduation

The College believes that emphasis should be placed on the student’s ultimate level of attainment in selected subject areas. For those students whose preparation is advanced beyond that of the average secondary school graduate, the University provides proficiency examinations and schedules the students for more advanced work. Graduation for these students may be accelerated. For those students whose secondary school preparation has not provided an adequate background, the
other fashion, so that completion of a cognate provides coherent depth of knowledge. Each cognate has course options that allow students to complete the cognate in a manner that meets their interests, while staying within the coherent focus of the cognate. While students are required to take three cognates to fulfill the Areas of Knowledge requirement, there is no limit to the number of additional cognates students may complete. All cognates completed by students are listed on the students’ transcripts, thus certifying their depth of knowledge in those areas.

The university offers a large number and range of cognates. All approved cognates are visible in a cognate search engine (at www.miami.edu/cognates) that allows students to search for cognates based on cognate features, cognate courses, and keywords. Each cognate is administered by a department or program that is designated as the Responsible Academic Unit (RAU) for the cognate. Inquiries regarding a cognate should be directed to the RAU of the cognate.

Engineering students satisfy the University’s Advanced Writing and Communication Skills requirement by completing a set of classroom courses, laboratory courses and design courses where they learn effective oral, graphical and technical writing skills. These requirements are specified under each department.

The student’s official records are maintained by the Office of Enrollment Services. It is the student’s obligation to take the initiative to assure that all requirements are being met in conformity with his/her own graduation plans.

**Degree Programs**

**Dual Majors**

Dual majors are offered for engineering students with strong interest in related fields of study such as Physics or Mathematics. In order to obtain a dual major in one of these areas, the student will have to obtain, in parallel, a degree in one of the engineering programs, plus additional course work approved by the dual majors department. Further information on this dual major program may be obtained from the Dean’s Office of the College.

**Minors**

Minors are offered by the College of Engineering. The departments of:

- Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering,
- Electrical and Computer Engineering,
- Industrial Engineering, and
- Mechanical Engineering

offer minors with various areas of specialization. Details of each area of concentration and its requirements may be found under each departmental listing.

Engineering students can earn a minor offered by any other College/School within the University of Miami, including the College of Engineering. In cases where the major degree requirements satisfy some of the requirements for the minor, at least six credit hours beyond the major degree requirements must be taken in the minor subject area to earn a minor. Minors in Engineering require a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the courses required for the minor.

**Departmental Honors Program**

A student in the College of Engineering may graduate with Departmental Honors noted upon his/her diploma and transcript upon fulfillment of the following requirements:

1. Completion of at least 18 credit hours of course work in honors courses and/or in courses at the 500 level, including 6 credit hours in independent study, senior thesis, or designated advanced or special honors courses specified by the department, with grades of at least B in these 6 credit hours.
2. Attainment of at least a 3.4 overall grade point average. Transfer students must also attain at least a 3.4 grade point average in all work taken at the University of Miami.
3. Attainment of at least a 3.5 average in the departmental major courses.
4. A written request from the student to the departmental faculty during his/her semester of expected graduation stating the desire to graduate with Departmental Honors, and specifying those courses taken in compliance with section (A) above.

**Certificate Programs in Engineering**

In cooperation with the University’s School of Continuing Studies, the College of Engineering offers practicing engineers advanced or specialized training without having to meet the stringent entrance requirements of the Graduate School. Persons holding Bachelor’s degrees, registered as Professional Engineers, or possessing equivalent qualifications can be granted Certificates of Proficiency by the University after completing fifteen credit hours of course work in a specified field of engineering. Study programs are arranged on an individual basis by each student and his/her advisor. Detailed information on Certificate Programs can be requested from the Office of the Dean of Engineering.

**The Internship Cooperative Program**

The Cooperative Program takes its name from the close cooperation that exists between the College and participating employers. This arrangement attempts to ensure that each student’s academic and work experience will integrate and contribute significantly to his/her overall growth and professional development. Interviews and screening by both the employer and Cooperative Program personnel attempt to match the needs of the employer carefully with the interests and capability of the student.

**Advantages to the Student**

1. Offers on-the-job experience to supplement the academic degree program.
2. Offers potential long term career employment with the Cooperative Program employer.
3. The experience obtained makes the student, upon graduation, potentially much more valuable to any future employer. Upon completion of an appropriate amount and level of experience, graduation in the Cooperative Program may be recognized by a special seal on the student’s diploma.
4. Helps the student to verify whether or not his/her career or specialty choice is correct.
5. Tends to increase motivation and to make academic studies more meaningful.
6. Earnings from Cooperative Program employment can cover a significant portion of the student’s college expenses.
7. Certain work experience may shorten the experience requirements, after graduation, for eligibility for professional registration.
8. Helps to develop the students understanding of human relations and the lifelong need of learning to balance appropriately the demands on one’s time of multiple duties such as studying, employment, daily necessities, family obligations, etc.

Advantages to the Employer
1. Offers an opportunity to recruit and screen potential employees in the fields of engineering.
2. The Cooperative Program maintains an up-to-date roster of available undergraduate and graduate students, many with previous experience. This roster offers employers means of obtaining employees to meet fluctuating work loads, on relatively short notice.
3. Students in the Cooperative Program can provide good company public relations with their classmates.
4. Participation in a Cooperative Program serves the profession by providing opportunities for many capable and well deserving young persons to attend a University, who otherwise might lack the financial ability or motivation to attend.

Types of Cooperative Program Arrangements

Continuous Work-Study
An arrangement involving a combination of part-time employment (15 or more hours per week) and a credit hour academic load which is appropriately reduced from the normal full-time load to balance the employment duties. Full-time employment may be undertaken during the summer period. Two students may be used during the year to share the hours of a full-time position (20 hours each student). In some instances, an individual student will hold a full-time position and carry a light academic load in evening and/or early morning classes.

Alternating Work-Study
An arrangement involving two students alternating full-time employment and full-time study. Students alternate positions of work and study at the end of each semester (including the summer), and thereby provide the equivalent employee time of a full-time position year-round.

Student Eligibility for the Program
University of Miami students enrolled in the College of Engineering are eligible to enter the Cooperative Program. Initial entry into the Program is limited to superior students. Normally, work assignments are not given until the equivalent of one or two semesters of full-time academic work is completed. Currently, most students in the Program are under continuous work-study arrangements.

Study Abroad Programs
The College of Engineering encourages its students to take advantage of one of the University of Miami’s numerous study abroad options in Latin America, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Middle East. Of particular interest to Engineering students are the following: internships (unpaid and paid) in Spain, England, France, Argentina, Colombia, Chile, and Australia in which professional work experience is carried out abroad; course work at Engineering schools abroad for a semester or an academic year; summer programs in intensive Language instruction, Humanities and Social Sciences abroad. The cost of attending these programs is equivalent to University of Miami tuition and fees. Almost all University of Miami financial aid is granted. With prior approval and detailed curriculum advice, courses taken abroad will apply towards graduation.

The Management of Technology Supplemental Program
The objective of this program is to educate engineers in how to exploit their technological knowledge. This is a vital, but often neglected, link in achieving competitiveness in the global marketplace. The basic premise motivating this approach is the recognition that in today’s world, technology is the backbone of the business enterprise system and that wealth can only be created through production of goods and services. This program will educate engineers in a multitude of subjects bridging the gap between product technology, production technology and the marketplace, which is the ultimate customer of engineering contributions.

The program consists of four courses:
1. Quality in Design of Products and Production Systems
2. Entrepreneurship for Engineers
3. Production Systems Design

A project is required at the end of the program, but is threaded throughout the program starting with the first course. Upon completion of the program, the student will receive a special certificate of completion. This program is available to all qualified students in all departments of the College of Engineering.

Admission to the Program
Admission to this supplemental program will be by application submitted by the candidate or by nomination by an advisor or department chair. All applications will be reviewed by a standing committee. Students must meet the prerequisite of each course before enrolling in it.

Requirements for the Certificate
The program is an add-on to existing curriculum. Students must complete all courses designated in order to qualify for the certificate. A notation will be made on the student’s transcript recognizing their completion of the special program. No designation will be made on the diploma.

Course Sequence
Courses are recommended to be taken in the sequence indicated above.

Team Work
Students will be encouraged to work on projects in teams. Multidisciplinary teams will also be encouraged.

Foote Fellows

Foote Fellows in CoE
The Foote Fellows Honors Program recognizes the most educationally accomplished incoming students at the University of Miami. Foote Fellows have distinguished themselves both in and out of the classroom at their previous schools, are self-motivated, and think
Admission to the Foote Fellows Honors Program is by invitation.

Foote Fellows in the College of Engineering are exempt from the Cognates Program of General Education requirements within the curricular framework of their major. Within the curricular framework of their majors, Foote Fellows enjoy unmatched freedom and flexibility to explore a multitude of educational resources. Many Foote Fellows leverage this opportunity to take additional majors and/or minors and to study abroad.

At each of the nine undergraduate schools at the University of Miami, a dedicated adviser helps Foote Fellows chart their academic path and attain access to distinctive learning opportunities at the University, such as special school-based seminars, faculty-mentored research, networking opportunities, and off-campus internships.

Foote Fellows also will be invited to join advanced, interdisciplinary Foote Fellow seminars taught by leading faculty members from across the University. An example is Books That Matter, a rigorous seminar in non-fiction reading that is offered in sessions for first-year and for upper-class students. Freshman Foote Fellows benefit from early move-in to the residential colleges. Further, Foote Fellows receive focused advising on post-baccalaureate distinguished fellowships and awards.

The Foote Fellows Honors Program reflects the educational vision of former University of Miami President Edward T. Foote, who retired in 2000 after serving the University for twenty years.