

# MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, B.S.

## HOW TO GET IN

### ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE AS A FRESHMAN

Students applying to UW–Madison (<https://www.admissions.wisc.edu/apply/>) need to indicate an engineering major (<https://engineering.wisc.edu/degrees-programs/undergraduate/>) as their first choice in order to be considered for direct admission to the College of Engineering. Direct admission to a major means students will start in the program of their choice in the College of Engineering and will need to meet progression requirements (<https://engineering.wisc.edu/student-services/undergraduate-student-advising/progression/>) at the end of the first year to guarantee advancement in that program.

### CROSS-CAMPUS TRANSFER TO ENGINEERING

UW–Madison students in other schools and colleges on campus must meet minimum admission requirements (<https://engineering.wisc.edu/admissions/undergraduate/cross-campus-students/>) for admission consideration to engineering degree granting classifications. Cross-campus admission is competitive and selective, and the grade point average expectations may increase as demand trends change. The student's overall academic record at UW–Madison is also considered. Students apply to their intended engineering program by submitting the online application by stated deadlines for spring and fall. The College of Engineering offers an online information tutorial and drop-in advising (<https://engineering.wisc.edu/admissions/undergraduate/cross-campus-students/>) for students to learn about the cross-campus transfer process.

### OFF-CAMPUS TRANSFER TO ENGINEERING

With careful planning, students at other accredited institutions can transfer coursework that will apply toward engineering degree requirements at UW–Madison. Off-campus transfer applicants are considered for direct admission to the College of Engineering by applying to the Office of Admissions with an engineering major listed as their first choice. Those who are admitted to their intended engineering program must meet progression requirements (<https://engineering.wisc.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer-from-off-campus/>) at the point of transfer or within their first two semesters at UW–Madison to guarantee advancement in that program. A minimum of 30 credits in residence in the College of Engineering is required after transferring, and all students must meet all requirements for their major in the college. Transfer admission to the College of Engineering is competitive and selective, and students who have exceeded the 80 credit limit at the time of application are not eligible to apply.

The College of Engineering has dual degree programs with select four-year UW System campuses. Eligible dual degree applicants are not subject to the 80 credit limit.

Off-campus transfer students are encouraged to discuss their interests, academic background, and admission options with the Transfer Coordinator in the College of Engineering: [ugtransfer@engr.wisc.edu](mailto:ugtransfer@engr.wisc.edu) or 608-262-2473.

### SECOND BACHELOR'S DEGREE

The College of Engineering does not accept second undergraduate degree applications. Second degree student (<https://engineering.wisc.edu/admissions/undergraduate/adult-students-second-degree-students/>)s (<https://engineering.wisc.edu/student-services/undergraduate-student-advising/>) might explore the Biological Systems Engineering program at UW–Madison, an undergraduate engineering degree elsewhere, or a graduate program in the College of Engineering.