

## **FAQ – PRE-APPLICATION ISSUES**

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**Q: What programs are offered in this department?**

**A:** Please see our [Degree Programs](#) page for a listing of programs and detailed information.

**Q: How long does it take to complete each degree?**

**A:** You can find the requirements for each program on the [respective program's page](#).

**Q: Can I study towards a graduate degree in Mechanical Engineering part time?**

**A:** The only Mechanical Engineering degree that offers a part-time option is the M.Eng. All students are required to maintain a full-time load of 12 units (5th Year MS and full-time M.Eng) or 15 units (MS/PhD and PhD). We do not offer evening courses.

**Q: Do you offer online courses in Mechanical Engineering?**

**A:** The Mechanical Engineering Department currently does not offer graduate online courses.

**Q: What can I do ahead of time to prepare my graduate school application?**

**A:** We encourage you to begin early and prepare all documents needed to support your application. Register and prepare for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Contact three of your professors regarding letters of recommendation. International applicants should request official transcripts early and have official translations prepared. Applicants from countries where English is not the official language must provide a demonstration Evidence of English Language Proficiency (TOEFL or IELTS Test). For more information, please visit [Graduate Admission Requirements](#).

**Q: What are my chances of being admitted to the Department of Mechanical Engineering?**

**A:** Because of the large volume of applications and inquiries we receive during each admissions cycle, we cannot evaluate the potential success of each applicant. Admissions decisions can only be made by the admissions committee after an application is complete (including all supporting documents). The admissions committee considers many factors in its decision, including but not limited to: academic record, statement of purpose, letters of recommendation, research experience, and test scores.

**Q: Does Mechanical Engineering admit applicants for the Spring semester? A:**

Unfortunately, we do not hold a Spring Admissions cycle.

**Q: Does the Department have a supplemental application? A:** No.

**Q: What are the minimum requirements to be considered for admission to a graduate program in Mechanical Engineering?**

**A:** The minimum graduate admission requirements are:

- A bachelor's degree or recognized equivalent from an accredited institution.
- Enough undergraduate training to do graduate work in your chosen field.
- A satisfactory scholastic average, with a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 (B) and the General Test of the Graduate Record Examinations.
- All applicants from countries in which the official language is not English are required to submit official evidence of English language proficiency.

Please read our [required materials page](#), and the Graduate Division's webpage on admission requirements. If you received or are a candidate to receive a degree from an institution outside the United States, please read the section on [International Applicants](#) in Admission Requirements in addition to Graduate Division's general information.

**Q: How do I apply for graduate studies in Mechanical Engineering? A:** Please refer to the [Berkeley Graduate Division](#).

**Q: I have a B.S. in Engineering. Can I apply to the PhD program directly?**

**A:** Yes. We do not require a MS degree for you to apply to the PhD Program directly.