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Engineering, M.S.E., Civil Engineering Concentration



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All specialty aspects of civil engineering which align with the UL Lafayette Department of Civil Engineering faculty's areas of expertise can serve as potential specialization areas for both course selection and thesis topics. Example areas of particular emphasis by the department include hydraulics, engineering mechanics, coastal engineering, construction materials, environmental engineering, structures, and transportation engineering.

To be considered for admission to this program, applicants are required to provide official results of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE); official scores must be sent directly from the test administrator to the Graduate School. This application requirement for official GRE scores is waived for UL Lafayette College of Engineering graduates with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Course Requirements

For the Thesis Program, thirty (30) semester hours of graduate credit with a minimum GPA of 3.0 are required as follows: (1) a minimum of 12 credit hours of 500 and/or 400G level graduate courses in the Civil Engineering Department with 6 of these credit hours being two core department courses that will be identified for the student upon acceptance into the program. [Note that no more than 9 graduate credit hours may be courses below the 500 level.]; (2) 6 credit hours achieved by the successful passing of two college-level core graduate courses: ENGR 501 and MCHE 508; (3) a minimum of 3 credit hours of either civil engineering, mathematics, statistics, or the sciences, and (4) a minimum of 3 credit hours of additional graduate course work from either the Civil Engineering Department or another engineering department; and (5) a minimum of 6 credit hours of thesis work and a thesis approved by the graduate committee. Enrollment in CIVE 591 – Seminar is required for all full-time students when it is offered.

For the Non-Thesis Program, thirty-six (36) semester hours of graduate credit with a minimum GPA of 3.0 are required as follows: (1) a minimum of 18 credit hours of 500 and/or 400G level graduate courses in the Civil Engineering Department with 6 hours being two core department courses that will be identified for the student upon acceptance into the program. [Note that no more than 12 graduate hours may be below the 500 level.]; (2) 6 credit hours achieved by the successful passing of two college-level core graduate courses: ENGR 501 and MCHE 508; (3) a minimum of 3 credit hours of either civil engineering, mathematics, statistics, or the sciences; (4) a minimum of 6 credit hours of additional graduate courses from either the Civil Engineering Department or another engineering department; and (5) 3 hours taken via CIVE 594 Research that includes a special project and a project report to be presented to the graduate committee; (6) satisfactory performance on oral and written or oral/written exams as required by the graduate committee. Enrollment in CIVE 591 – Seminar is required for all full-time students when it is offered.

Note(s)

All graduate courses must be approved by both the committee chairperson and department graduate coordinator.

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