Mechanical Engineering, Ph.D.

Admission

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; for detailed information about Graduate College policies, see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website.

Minimum Requirements for Admission

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test Requirements

Quantitative Reasoning: 80th percentile or above (score=159).
Verbal Reasoning: 60th percentile or above (score=152).
Analytical Writing: 50th percentile or above (score=4.0).

International Student Requirements

Requirements include a minimum TOEFL score of 550 or higher on the paper-based test (PBT) or a score of 81 or higher on the internet-based test (iBT). Newly admitted graduate students who present TOEFL scores below 600 on the PBT or below 100 on the iBT are required to complete an English Proficiency Evaluation on campus before their first registration for classes.

Alternatively, an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 7 or Duolingo English Test (DET) score of at least 105 is required. IELTS and DET test takers, regardless of score, are required to take an on-campus English Proficiency Evaluation.

There is no conditional admission for graduate students whose TOEFL scores are below 550 on the PBT, below 81 on the iBT, or below 6.5 on the IELTS.

Applicants with lower grade-point averages and/or GRE or TOEFL test scores may be considered for conditional admission under exceptional circumstances. Those admitted conditionally must achieve regular standing within one semester (excluding summer sessions) after admission by attaining a g.p.a. of at least 3.00 on their first 9 s.h. at the University of Iowa. The Graduate College cancels registration for the subsequent semester for students who have not submitted their GRE and/or TOEFL scores by the end of the first semester after admission.

Some of the requirements may be waived in select cases when other components of the application are particularly outstanding. Satisfaction of the requirements does not guarantee admission.

Other Requirements

Students must have earned a minimum g.p.a. of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale, submit three letters of recommendation, unofficial transcripts (with official transcripts submitted if accepted), and a statement of purpose.

Applying for Admission

Refer to the Graduate Admissions website for information about applying for graduate studies.

Graduate Application Deadlines

Applications for fall: January 15 (application deadline), March 1 (admission decision).
Applications for spring: September 1 (application deadline), October 1 (admission decision).

All requirements must be fulfilled by the respective deadline dates. Applicants who apply after a deadline date must be sponsored by a mechanical engineering faculty member for a deadline waiver.