Mechanical Engineering, PhD

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

GRE scores have been waived for applications to begin the program in the fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters.

International Student Requirements

Requirements include a 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). Alternatively, an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 7 is required.

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. IELTS 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 (GPAs) 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 GPA 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 GPA 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 University of Iowa Graduate Admissions website for information about applying for graduate studies.

Graduate Application Deadlines

Applications for fall: Jan. 15 (application deadline), March 1 (admission decision).

Applications for spring: Sept. 1 (application deadline), Oct. 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.