Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering

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Industrial and systems engineering is the application of engineering methods and the principles of scientific management to the design, improvement, and installation of integrated systems of people, materials, information, equipment, and energy. The industrial and systems engineer is concerned with the design of total systems, and is the leader in the drive for increased productivity and quality improvement.

The industrial and systems engineering profession uses a variety of specialized knowledge and skills. These include communications, economics, mathematics, physical and social sciences, together with the methods of engineering analysis and design.

The industrial and systems engineer is often involved in designing or improving major systems that encompass the total organization. Consequently, he/she is often in contact with individuals from many segments of the organization. From his/her education and these experiences, the industrial and systems engineer develops a global view of the many inter-related operations necessary to deliver a firm's goods and services. Because of their management skills and global view of the organization, a large proportion of industrial and systems engineers move into management, and later advance into top management positions.

Although industrial and systems engineering is especially important to all segments of industry, it is also applied in other types of organizations, such as transportation, health care, public utilities, agriculture, defense, government, merchandising, distribution, logistics, and other service sectors. With increasing emphasis on quality and productivity for successful international competition, it is expected that industrial and systems engineers will be in increasing demand in the coming decades.

The objectives of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering are founded in Mississippi State University's educational philosophy and in the industrial engineering profession. They were developed to satisfy the needs of the department's constituents: students, employers, alumni, faculty, and the industrial engineering profession.

The Industrial Engineering program objective is to graduate students having a broad education, with emphasis in industrial and systems engineering fundamentals and practices, which enables them to function effectively in systems involving people, materials, information, energy, and money.

The six educational objectives of the Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering are stated below.

- 1. The Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering strives to ready its graduates for a lifelong pursuit of learning.
- 2. The Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering expects its graduates to be well versed in industrial engineering theory, know how to apply that theory, and to be capable of functioning effectively in a broad range of organizations.
- 3. The Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering expects its graduates to master important professional skills, including communication, economics, physical and social science, mathematics and statistics.
- 4. The Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering expects its graduates to interact cooperatively in professional situations with individuals having different cultures, training, education, and interest.
- 5. The Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering expects its graduates to think independently, to critically examine ideas, and to make discerning professional judgments, whether intellectual, ethical, or aesthetic.
- 6. The Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering expects to graduate professionally mature, responsible, and informed citizens.

Because of the importance of systems design in the many facets of industrial and systems engineering, instruction of the principles and methods of design is integrated throughout the curriculum of industrial engineering, and culminates in a major design experience in the student's senior year.

The Industrial Engineering Program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, http://www.abet.org .

General Education Requirements

English Composition

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EN 1103	English Composition I	3
or EN 1163	Accelerated Composition I	
EN 1113	English Composition II	3
or EN 1173	Accelerated Composition II	
Mathematics		
See Major Core		
Science		
See Major Core		
Humanities		

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Writing Requirement

GE 3513 Technical Writing 3

Computer Literacy

Fulfilled in Engineering Topics courses

Total Hours 128

- ¹ A grade of C or better must be made in the course.
- ² Any three-hour industrial engineering course not required in curriculum.
- ³ Courses that can be used for the Engineering Science Elective are EM 2433, EM 3213, EM 3313, ECE 3283 and ME 3533.