

Bioengineering, MSBioE

Bioengineering is engineering in a biological context such as the human body, an ecosystem, or a bioreactor. In every case, the interface between engineered and biological systems places unique constraints on the design and implementation of devices, instruments, or implants. These depend on the properties of the biological system involved and the functionality that is being created.

The interface of engineering and medicine as embodied in bioengineering will be one of the most exciting endeavors and greatest adventures of the 21st century. Job opportunities are expected to expand dramatically with a focus on development of entirely new classes of products, instrumentation, and implants. The impact to human health will be extraordinary.

Bioengineering is intrinsically multidisciplinary and it is essential that students learn the languages used by multidisciplinary teams. To that end, our curriculum is structured around a core of six courses that analyze biological systems from every possible quantitative point of view. On the completion of the core, students select one of four concentrations, which provides the opportunity to develop a deep level of expertise in a specific area of bioengineering.

Bioengineering students will have unique opportunities in the classroom, research labs, and experiential learning. The projects that they may be able to contribute to include bio-bandages that monitor bacterial growth or that help damaged ligaments heal faster; sheets of cells folded like origami to form a working kidney; and new materials that—like a leaf in the sun—automatically sense and adapt to changes in the environment.

Our graduate program includes four concentrations, including:

- Biomechanics and Mechanobiology
- Biomedical Devices and Bioimaging
- Molecular, Cell, and Tissue Engineering
- Systems, Synthetic, and Computational Bioengineering

Graduate Certificate Options

Students enrolled in a master's degree have the opportunity to also pursue one of the many engineering graduate certificate options in addition to or in combination with the MS degree. Students should consult their faculty advisor regarding these options (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/graduate-certificate-programs/>).

GORDON INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP

Master's Degree in Bioengineering with Graduate Certificate in Engineering Leadership

Students may complete a Master of Science in Bioengineering in addition to earning a Graduate Certificate in Engineering Leadership (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/multidisciplinary/engineering-leadership-graduate-certificate/>). Students must apply and be admitted to the Gordon Engineering Leadership Program in order to pursue this option. The program requires fulfillment of the 16-semester-hour curriculum required to earn the Graduate Certificate in Engineering Leadership, which includes an industry-based challenge project with multiple mentors. The integrated 33-semester-hour degree and certificate will require 17 hours of advisor-approved bioengineering technical courses.

Program Requirements

- Concentrations and course offerings may vary by campus and/or by program modality. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for the course availability each term at your campus or within your program modality.
- Certain options within the program may be *required* at certain campuses or for certain program modalities. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for requirements at your campus or for your program modality.

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Note: This major requires a concentration: biomechanics and mechanobiology; biomedical devices and bioimaging; molecular, cell, and tissue engineering; or systems, synthetic, and computational bioengineering. Consult your college administrator.

Core Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Seminar		
BIOE 7390	Seminar ¹	0

Required Core

A grade of C or higher is required in each course:

BIOE 6000	Principles of Bioengineering ¹	1
BIOE 6100	Medical Physiology	4

Concentrations

Complete one of the following four concentrations:

- Biomechanics and Mechanobiology (p. 2)
- Biomedical Devices and Bioimaging (p. 3)
- Molecular, Cell, and Tissue Engineering (p. 3)
- Systems, Synthetic, and Computational Bioengineering (p. 4)

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

32 total semester hours required

Minimum 3.000 GPA required

¹ Principles of Bioengineering (BIOE 6000) and Seminar (BIOE 7390) are not required for students in a PlusOne bioengineering pathway, but students must successfully complete a total of 32 semester hours.

BIOMECHANICS AND MECHANOBIOLOGY CONCENTRATION

Code	Title	Hours
Required Coursework		
A grade of C or higher is required.		
Complete two of the following:		8
BIOE 5630	Physiological Fluid Mechanics	
BIOE 5640	Computational Biomechanics	
BIOE 5650	Multiscale Biomechanics	
BIOE 5660	Integrative Mechanobiology	
ME 5665	Musculoskeletal Biomechanics	
Coursework Option		
Complete 20 semester hours from the course list.		20
Project Option		
BIOE 7945	Master's Project	4
Complete 16 semester hours from the course list.		16
Thesis Option		
Complete the following:		8
BIOE 7945	Master's Project	
BIOE 7990	Thesis	
Complete 12 semester hours from the course list.		12
In addition to completing the thesis course, students must successfully complete the thesis submission process, including securing committee and Graduate School of Engineering signatures and submission of an electronic copy of their MS thesis to ProQuest.		
Course List		
BIOE 5115	Dynamical Systems in Biological Engineering	
BIOE 5440	The Cell as a Machine	
BIOE 5630	Physiological Fluid Mechanics	
BIOE 5640	Computational Biomechanics	
BIOE 5650	Multiscale Biomechanics	
BIOE 5660	Integrative Mechanobiology	
BIOE 5820	Biomaterials	
or CHME 5631	Biomaterials Principles and Applications	
BIOL 5601	Multidisciplinary Approaches in Motor Control	
CHME 5632	Advanced Topics in Biomaterials	
EECE 7200	Linear Systems Analysis	
EECE 7203	Complex Variable Theory and Differential Equations	

ME 5650	Advanced Mechanics of Materials
ME 5654	Elasticity and Plasticity
ME 5655	Dynamics and Mechanical Vibration
ME 5657	Finite Element Method 1
ME 5658	Continuum Mechanics
ME 5659	Control Systems Engineering
ME 5665	Musculoskeletal Biomechanics
ME 7238	Finite Element Method 2

BIOMEDICAL DEVICES AND BIOIMAGING CONCENTRATION

Code	Title	Hours
Required Coursework		
A grade of C or higher is required:		
BIOE 5235	Biomedical Imaging	4
or BIOE 5648	Biomedical Optics	
BIOE 5250	Regulatory and Quality Aspects of Medical Device Design	4
BIOE 5810	Design of Biomedical Instrumentation	4
Coursework Option		
Complete 16 semester hours from the course list.		16
Project Option		
BIOE 7945	Master's Project	4
Complete 12 semester hours from the course list.		12
Thesis Option		
Complete the following:		8
BIOE 7945	Master's Project	
BIOE 7990	Thesis	
Complete 8 semester hours from the course list.		8
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Course List		
BIOE 5115	Dynamical Systems in Biological Engineering	
BIOE 5510	Bioengineering Products/Technology Commercialization	
BIOE 5648	Biomedical Optics	
BIOE 5800	Systems, Signals, and Controls for Bioengineers	
BIOE 5820	Biomaterials	
or CHME 5631	Biomaterials Principles and Applications	
BIOE 5850	Design of Implants	
CHME 5632	Advanced Topics in Biomaterials	
EECE 5606	Micro- and Nanofabrication	
EECE 7105	Optics for Engineers	
EECE 7200	Linear Systems Analysis	
EECE 7203	Complex Variable Theory and Differential Equations	
EECE 7204	Applied Probability and Stochastic Processes	
ME 5657	Finite Element Method 1	
NNMD 5370	Nanomedicine Research Techniques	

MOLECULAR, CELL, AND TISSUE ENGINEERING CONCENTRATION

Code	Title	Hours
Required Coursework		
A grade of C or higher is required:		
BIOE 5410	Molecular Bioengineering	4
or BIOE 5411	Applied Molecular Bioengineering	
BIOE 5420	Cellular Engineering	4
Coursework Option		

Complete 19–20 semester hours from the course list.	19-20
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Project Option

BIOE 7945	Master's Project	4
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Complete 15–16 semester hours from the course list.	15-16
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Thesis Option

Complete the following:	8
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BIOE 7945	Master's Project	
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BIOE 7990	Thesis	
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Complete 11–12 semester hours from the course list.	11-12
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Course List

BIOE 5115	Dynamical Systems in Biological Engineering
BIOE 5250	Regulatory and Quality Aspects of Medical Device Design
BIOE 5411	Applied Molecular Bioengineering
BIOE 5430	Principles and Applications of Tissue Engineering
BIOE 5440	The Cell as a Machine
BIOE 5450	Stem Cell Engineering
BIOE 5510	Bioengineering Products/Technology Commercialization
BIOE 5650	Multiscale Biomechanics
BIOE 5660	Integrative Mechanobiology
BIOE 5710	Experimental Systems and Synthetic Bioengineering
BIOE 5720	Physical Bioengineering
BIOE 5820	Biomaterials
or CHME 5631	Biomaterials Principles and Applications
BIOL 5543	Stem Cells and Regeneration
BIOL 6301	Molecular Cell Biology
CHME 5632	Advanced Topics in Biomaterials
NNMD 5370	Nanomedicine Research Techniques
NNMD 5470	Nano/Biomedical Commercialization: Concept to Market

SYSTEMS, SYNTHETIC, AND COMPUTATIONAL BIOENGINEERING CONCENTRATION

Code	Title	Hours
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Required Coursework

A grade of C or higher is required.

BIOE 5710	Experimental Systems and Synthetic Bioengineering	4
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BIOE 5720	Physical Bioengineering	4
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Complete one of the following courses:	4
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BIOE 5115	Dynamical Systems in Biological Engineering	
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BIOE 5750	Modeling and Inference in Bioengineering	
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Coursework Option

Complete 16 semester hours from the course list.	16
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Project Option

BIOE 7945	Master's Project	4
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Complete 12 semester hours from the course list.	12
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Thesis Option

Complete the following:	8
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BIOE 7945	Master's Project	
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BIOE 7990	Thesis	
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Complete 8 semester hours from the course list.	8
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Course List

BINF 6400	Genomics in Bioinformatics
BIOE 5115	Dynamical Systems in Biological Engineering
BIOE 5440	The Cell as a Machine
BIOE 5510	Bioengineering Products/Technology Commercialization
BIOE 5640	Computational Biomechanics
BIOE 5750	Modeling and Inference in Bioengineering
BIOE 5760	Method and Logic in Systems Biology and Bioengineering
BIOE 5860	Engineering Approaches to Precision Medicine I
BIOE 5870	Engineering Approaches to Precision Medicine II
BIOE 5880	Computational Methods in Systems Bioengineering
BIOL 6299	Molecular Cell Biology for Biotechnology
CHEM 5638	Molecular Modeling
CHME 5630	Biochemical Engineering
DS 5110	Introduction to Data Management and Processing
DS 5220	Supervised Machine Learning and Learning Theory
DS 5230	Unsupervised Machine Learning and Data Mining
HINF 5101	Introduction to Health Informatics and Health Information Systems
PHSC 6290	Biophysical Methods in Drug Discovery
PHTH 5202	Introduction to Epidemiology
PHYS 5116	Network Science 1

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