The department offers a Master of Science and a Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering. The MS degree is offered as either a thesis MS or a coursework (nonthesis) MS degree. Most courses are in the late afternoon or early evening to make them accessible to part-time students with full-time industrial careers. A full-time MS student may apply for participation in the cooperative (co-op) education plan. MS students pursuing the thesis MS option should first gain the consent of their advisors prior to participating in the co-op plan. The coursework MS may be taken part-time, but the thesis MS and PhD degrees are only offered as a full-time program. Any deviations from the curriculum must be addressed by petition to the graduate committee and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Candidates pursuing a thesis MS or a PhD degree can select thesis topics from a diverse range of faculty research interests. New graduate students can learn about ongoing research from individual faculty members, faculty websites, and graduate student seminars. Graduate student seminars are held on a regular basis and provide an interactive forum for learning and exchanging research ideas.

**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 adviser regarding these options (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/graduate-certificate-programs/).

**GORDON INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP OPTION**

Students have the opportunity to pursue the Gordon Engineering Leadership Program (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/leadership/) in combination with the MS degree.

**Programs**

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

- Chemical Engineering (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/chemical/chemical-engineering-phd/)

**Master of Science in Chemical Engineering (MSCHE)**

- Chemical Engineering (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/chemical/master-of-science-chemical-engineering-msche/)

**Graduate Certificate**

- Process Safety Engineering (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/chemical/process-safety-engineering-graduate-certificate/)

**Courses**

**Chemical Engineering Courses**

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**CHME 5101. Fundamentals of Chemical Engineering Analysis. 4 Hours.**

Offers graduate students from undergraduate studies outside of traditional chemical engineering an opportunity to obtain a practical understanding of the core principles behind the chemical engineering discipline. Topics include vector and tensor calculus, continuum mechanics and thermodynamics, macroscopic and microscopic analyses of mass, momentum, and energy conservation; the fundamental principles of processes in which mass, energy, and momentum are transported; consequences of the Second Law of Thermodynamics, the principles governing phase and chemical reaction equilibrium; the fundamental theories of chemical reaction kinetics and reactor design; and the mathematical formulation and solution of the underlying equations involved in all these topics.

**CHME 5105. Materials Characterization Techniques. 4 Hours.**

Covers the fundamentals and applications of materials characterization techniques. Major techniques include electron microscopy imaging, microbeam analysis, diffraction techniques, and near-field scanning probe techniques. Offers students an opportunity to learn transmission electron microscopy, scanning electron microscopy, electron and X-ray beam analysis, scanning tunneling microscopy, atomic force microscopy, and scanning near-field optical microscopy. Covers the applications of these techniques on both solid-state materials, such as metal and ceramics, and soft materials and biomaterials, such as polymers and nanostructured materials. Incorporates lab sessions on scanning electron microscopy and microanalysis.

**CHME 5137. Computational Modeling in Chemical Engineering. 4 Hours.**

Builds on chemical engineering fundamentals to introduce computer programming to allow simulation of physical, chemical, and biological systems. Covers numerical experiments (e.g., Monte Carlo, global sensitivity analysis) to analyze the significance of parameters and model assumptions. Offers students an opportunity to work on a research or design project throughout the course.

**CHME 5160. Drug Delivery Engineering Analysis. 4 Hours.**

Focuses on engineering analysis of drug delivery systems, demonstrating the application of classic engineering principles to a nontraditional field for chemical engineers. Presents quantitative analysis of transport of a drug through the body and its control by physical and chemical drug and drug delivery device properties. Emphasizes the influence of biological tissue composition and structure on these processes.
CHME 5185. Design of Experiments and Ethical Research (DOEER). 4 Hours.

Designed to provide a comprehensive approach to introducing interdisciplinary biochemical engineering research and design of experiments. Through immersion in a collaborative classroom, offers students an opportunity to develop the thought processes, skills, and strategies required for originating and performing high-impact research that broadens scientific knowledge. Emphasizes design of experiments, statistics, and considerations in conducting ethical research. Topics include case studies in conflict of interest, bioethics, laboratory safety, scientific misconduct, authorship and publication, literature and peer review, data visualization and integrity, statistical analysis, and contemporary issues. Students complete online and training modules in laboratory safety and apply their knowledge as they study applications for experiments, including power analysis and rigor, to design scientific aims with peer review. Meets NIH for RCR.

CHME 5510. Fundamentals in Process Safety Engineering. 4 Hours.

Introduces the basic concepts in process safety engineering as applied to the process industries as well as various terms and lexicon. Reviews the fundamentals involved in the prediction of scenarios and covers the assumptions involved as well as the range of these predictions. Emphasizes toxicology, industrial hygiene, sources models, toxic releases, and dispersion models, as well as fire and explosion prevention.

CHME 5520. Process Safety Engineering—Chemical Reactivity, Reliefs, and Hazards Analysis. 4 Hours.

Reviews chemical reactivity hazards. Introduces relief methods and sizing estimation to prevent overpresurization vessel damage. Covers methods of hazards identification and risk assessment. Offers students an opportunity to obtain the ability to lead hazards analysis in any organization at any level.

CHME 5521. Electrochemical Engineering. 4 Hours.

Introduces fundamental concepts of electrochemical thermodynamics, kinetics, and mass transport and places them in context for applications such as batteries, fuel cells, and electrochemical sensors. Additional topics include porous electrode theory, cyclic voltammetry, Pourbaix diagrams, and the structure of the electrochemical double layer.

CHME 5530. Biochemical Engineering. 4 Hours.

Focuses on topics relevant to the design of cell culture processes for the production of pharmaceuticals. Topics include an overview of prokaryotic vs. eukaryotic cells; enzyme kinetics; overview of cellular processes (DNA replication, transcription, translation, primary metabolism, and regulation of protein synthesis at the transcriptional, posttranslational, and metabolic levels); overview of genetic engineering methods (for bacteria, mammalian, and plant cells); kinetics of cell growth (growth models, growth kinetic parameters); kinetics of product formation; bioreactor design and optimum operating conditions; scale-up; and overview of product recovery and purification methods.

CHME 5531. Biomaterials Principles and Applications. 4 Hours.

Offers a broad overview of the field of biomaterials (materials used in medical devices that interact with living tissues). Begins with introductory lectures on biomaterials and their translation from the laboratory to the medical marketplace and progresses to discussions of important biomaterials terminology and concepts. Basic materials science lectures then emphasize material structure-property-function-testing relationships. Concludes with introductions to topics in the field such as biomaterials-tissue interactions, tissue engineering, regulatory requirements, etc. Considers principles of device design as related to the selection and application of biomaterials throughout this course.

CHME 5632. Advanced Topics in Biomaterials. 4 Hours.

Addresses several important topics in biomaterials, specifically, materials used in medical devices that communicate with living tissues. Topics that may be addressed include biomaterials: past, present, and future; tissue engineering: scope, status, promise, challenges; biomaterials-tissue interactions; regulated medical device design, fabrication, and testing; strategies for translating medical products from concept to the marketplace; and medical device disasters. Some topics are covered in more depth than others depending on their value and interest to the students.

CHME 5683. Introduction to Polymer Science. 4 Hours.

Introduces basic concepts of polymers and polymer properties. Covers macromolecular structure from both theoretical and experimental viewpoints, polymerization processes and kinetics, polymer/solvent thermodynamics, crosslinking and network dynamics, thermal and phase behavior of polymers, viscoelasticity and mechanical behavior, diffusion in polymers, and selected advanced topics. Designed for both undergraduate and graduate students. No prior knowledge of polymers is required.

CHME 5699. Special Topics in Chemical Engineering. 4 Hours.

Focuses on topics related to chemical engineering to be selected by the instructor. May be repeated up to two times.

CHME 5984. Research. 1-4 Hours.

Offers an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision. May be repeated without limit.

CHME 6610. Computational Programs in Process Safety for Relief and Scenario Modeling. 4 Hours.

Focuses on the use of process safety software that is available to perform hazard analysis, relief and flare system evaluation, and scenario analysis. The software may include use of Process Safety Office (ioMosaic), Aspen Process Simulator (Aspen Technologies), and FLACS (Flame Acceleration Simulator by GexCon). These programs are dedicated to predicting relief sizing for vessels and processes; flare system sizing; chemical reactivity analysis; and dispersion modeling, should a release occur, and its damage potential either as an explosive or toxic cloud.

CHME 6692. Elective. 1-4 Hours.

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

CHME 7235. Introduction to Statistical Thermodynamics. 4 Hours.

Covers the introductory concepts used to predict molecular, bulk, and mixture properties from molecular structure. Topics include nonideal solutions, high-pressure systems, complex reaction equilibria, phase equilibria, and molecular modeling. Student projects are self-selected to focus on specific applications of individual interest. The material is appropriate for graduate students who have taken classical thermodynamics in either an undergraduate chemical engineering course or similar content in a physical chemistry course.

CHME 7240. Polymer Science. 4 Hours.

Covers basic concepts of polymers, thermodynamics of polymer solutions, and measurement of molecular weight. Topics include physical and chemical testing of polymers, crystallinity in polymers and rheology of polymers, physical and chemical properties of polymers, and mechanisms and conditions for polymerization of polymers including step reaction, addition, and copolymerization. Discusses carbon-chain polymers, fibers, and fiber technology. Requires BS in chemical engineering or chemistry.
CHME 7260. Special Topics in Chemical Engineering. 4 Hours.
Covers topics of interest to the staff member conducting this class for advanced study. A student may not take more than one Special Topics course with any one instructor. May be repeated without limit.

CHME 7262. Special Topics in Process Safety. 4 Hours.
Covers topics of interest to the staff member conducting this class for advanced study. Current topics relevant in process safety are considered, such as a focus on layers of protection analysis, qualitative risk analysis, and specific process safety challenges. Process safety challenges from industrial settings may also serve as problems tackled in the course. A student may not take more than one special topics course with any one instructor.

CHME 7320. Chemical Engineering Mathematics. 4 Hours.
Focuses on the formulation and solutions of problems involving advanced calculus as they arise in chemical engineering systems. Covers ordinary differential equations, series solutions, and complex variables. Also studies applications involving Laplace transforms, partial differential equations, matrix operations, vectors and tensors, and optimization methods. Emphasis is on methods for formulating the problems.

CHME 7330. Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics. 4 Hours.
Designed as an introductory course to graduate-level, classical thermodynamics. Covers the first and second laws, and their applications to problems of interest to the chemical engineer. Introduces Legendre transformation, multicomponent phase equilibrium, and stability as well as reaction equilibrium in an engineering context.

CHME 7340. Chemical Engineering Kinetics. 4 Hours.
Covers fundamental theories of the rate of chemical change in homogeneous reacting systems, integral and differential analysis of kinetic data. Examines the theoretical foundations for the analysis of elementary chemical reaction rates. Comprises analysis and modeling of batch and ideal flow reactors, axial and radial dispersion in flow tubular reactors, and design principles of gas solid catalytic reactors. Builds on undergraduate chemical engineering kinetics concepts. Requires proficiency in calculus and differential equations.

CHME 7350. Transport Phenomena. 4 Hours.
Explores analytical and approximate solutions of equations of momentum, energy, and mass transport and their analogies. Covers heat and mass transfer at a fluid-solid interface. Introduces creeping, potential, and boundary layer flows. Examines macroscopic balances for isothermal systems and interphase transport of multicomponent systems.

CHME 7390. Seminar. 0 Hours.
Presents topics of an advanced nature by staff, outside speakers, and students in the graduate program. All seminars by outside speakers must be attended by all full-time graduate students; all other seminars must be attended when required by the instructor. May be repeated without limit.

CHME 7391. Professional Development and Communication in Chemical Engineering 1. 1 Hour.
Focuses on communication and integrates tightly with the graduate seminar series (CHME 7390). Offers students an opportunity to learn how to articulate scientific accomplishments to the scientific community, write high-quality manuscript outlines, develop proposals for graduate fellowships, give high-quality short and long seminar presentations, and critique and peer-review research manuscripts and proposals. Students also have an opportunity to learn about ongoing research projects in the Department of Chemical Engineering, professional workplace behaviors, and ethical conduct in a research environment. This is the first of four required courses (CHME 7392, 7393, and 7394).

CHME 7392. Professional Development and Communication in Chemical Engineering 2. 1 Hour.
Builds upon the learning objectives acquired in CHME 7391. Focuses on communication and integrates tightly with the graduate seminar series (CHME 7390). Offers students an opportunity to learn how to give high-quality short and long seminar presentations, write a high-quality research proposal, assemble all the components of a research proposal, and develop research strategies to realize their own research projects. This is the second of four required courses (CHME 7391, 7393, and 7394).

CHME 7393. Professional Development and Communication in Chemical Engineering 3. 1 Hour.
Focuses on communication and integrates tightly with the graduate seminar series (CHME 7390). Builds upon the learning objectives acquired in CHME 7391 and CHME 7392. Offers students an opportunity to write and submit high-quality graduate fellowship proposals, develop high-quality outlines of research proposals related to their dissertation proposal, critique and peer-review publications and proposals, and learn about the latest development in ongoing research in the Department of Chemical Engineering. This is the third of four required courses (CHME 7391, 7392, and 7394).

CHME 7394. Professional Development and Communication in Chemical Engineering 4. 1 Hour.
Focuses on communication and integrates tightly with the graduate seminar series (CHME 7390). Builds upon the learning objectives acquired in CHME 7391, 7392, and 7393. All PhD students that have successfully completed their closed-door proposal defense give a 25-minute public podium presentation of their research. Students prepare a two-page detailed abstract and a presentation, attend and critique presentations given by their peers, and also submit the final version of a research or review article. This is the last of four required courses (CHME 7391, 7392, and 7393).

CHME 7395. Mentoring in Chemical Engineering. 1 Hour.
Offers graduate students an opportunity to connect theoretical concepts learned in the classroom to real-life innovations, identify the conceptual framework of existing technological innovations, identify the conceptual aspects of their own research activities, propose innovative strategies to connect them to real-life applications, and to learn the basics of mentoring to be able to transfer their knowledge and expertise to their peers or to undergraduate students. Students may attend workshops on effective teaching and mentoring and mentor undergraduate students under the supervision of experienced academic and/or industrial mentors.

CHME 7396. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

CHME 7397. Independent Study. 1-4 Hours.
Offers theoretical or experimental work under individual faculty supervision. May be repeated without limit.

CHME 7990. Thesis. 1-4 Hours.
Offers analytical and/or experimental work conducted under the direction of the faculty in fulfillment of the requirements for the degree. First-year students must attend a graduate seminar program that introduces the students to the methods of choosing a research topic, conducting research, and preparing a thesis. Successful completion of the seminar program is required. May be repeated without limit.

CHME 7994. Thesis Continuation—Part Time. 0 Hours.
Continues thesis work conducted under the supervision of a departmental faculty member. May be repeated without limit.
CHME 7996. Thesis Continuation. 0 Hours.
Continues thesis work conducted under the supervision of a departmental faculty.

CHME 8960. Candidacy Preparation—Doctoral. 0 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to prepare for the PhD qualifying exam under faculty supervision. Intended for students who have completed all required PhD course work and have not yet achieved PhD candidacy; students who have not completed all required PhD course work are not allowed to register for this course. May be repeated once.

CHME 8984. Research. 1-4 Hours.
Offers an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision. May be repeated without limit.

CHME 8986. Research. 0 Hours.
Offers an opportunity to conduct full-time research under faculty supervision. May be repeated without limit.

CHME 9000. PhD Candidacy Achieved. 0 Hours.
Indicates successful completion of program requirements for PhD candidacy.

CHME 9984. Research. 1-4 Hours.
Offers an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision. May be repeated without limit.

CHME 9986. Research. 0 Hours.
Offers an opportunity to conduct full-time research under faculty supervision. May be repeated without limit.

CHME 9990. Dissertation Term 1. 0 Hours.
Offers theoretical and experimental work conducted under the supervision of a departmental faculty.

CHME 9991. Dissertation Term 2. 0 Hours.
Offers dissertation supervision by members of the department.

CHME 9996. Dissertation Continuation. 0 Hours.
Continues thesis work conducted under the supervision of a departmental faculty.