Sustainable Building Systems, MSSBS

Website (https://cee.northeastern.edu/academics/graduate-studies/ms-subs/)

The sustainable building systems program focuses on the design and operation of buildings to provide a comfortable, healthy, and productive indoor environment with minimal energy and environmental impact. Students have an opportunity to develop leadership and decision-making skills to implement sustainable building practices in either the private or public sectors in the global market.

The graduates of the **Master of Science in Sustainable Building Systems** program should display a high level of engineering knowledge in a broad range of architectural engineering, civil engineering, and construction management while embracing the concepts of engineering sustainability as related to energy and materials usage and the effects on the environment. Graduates will have the base training necessary to lead efforts within companies to plan and implement sustainable practices for the design and operation of buildings, realize energy and materials efficiency improvements, and minimize environmental impact. Upon graduation, students will have a theoretical background to the concepts behind the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Associate examination.

Below is a typical course sequence for graduation in two semesters. The program is flexible to accommodate full-time students—who wish to proceed over a period of two to four semesters—and part-time students—who can complete the program requirements by taking one to two courses per semester, finishing the program in approximately four years.

Degree Requirements	Full-Time Study	Part-Time Study
Core courses	12	12
Restricted electives	8	8
Open electives	12	12

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 Sustainable Building Systems with Graduate Certificate in Engineering Leadership

Students may complete a Master of Science in Sustainable Building Systems in addition to earning a Graduate Certificate in Engineering Leadership. 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 36-semester-hour degree and certificate will require fulfillment of the 12-semester-hour core curriculum and 8 semester hours of restricted electives from the sustainable building systems coursework.

The Civil and Environmental Engineering Department encourages students pursuing a GIEL certificate to complete their MS coursework requirements in their first year and their GIEL certificate requirements in their second year. Students who prefer to complete their GIEL certificate requirements in their first year are asked to speak with their MS degree advisor beforehand.

Engineering Leadership (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/multidisciplinary/engineering-leadership-graduate-certificate/)

Program Requirements

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Core Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
ARCH 5210 and ARCH 5211	Environmental Systems and Recitation for ARCH 5210	4
SBSY 5100	Sustainable Design and Technologies in Construction	4
SBSY 5200	Sustainable Engineering Systems for Buildings	4
Students must register for this 0 SH course every semester:		
SBSY 5400	Sustainable Building Systems Seminar	

Electives

RESTRICTED ELECTIVES LIST

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 8 semester hours from the following:		8
ARCH 5220	Integrated Building Systems	

CIVE 5221	Construction Project Control and Organization
CIVE 5231	Alternative Project Delivery Systems in Construction
CIVE 5275	Life Cycle Assessment of Materials, Products, and Infrastructure
CIVE 7220	Construction Management
or EMGT 5220	Engineering Project Management
CIVE 7230	Legal Aspects of Civil Engineering
EMGT 6305	Financial Management for Engineers
SBSY 5250	Building Performance Simulation
SBSY 5300	Information Systems for Integrated Project Delivery

OTHER ELECTIVES LIST

Any restricted elective not used to meet the restricted elective requirement can be taken as another elective.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 12 semester hours from the following:		12
ACCT 6200	Financial Reporting and Managerial Decision Making 1	
ACCT 6201	Financial Reporting and Managerial Decision Making 2	
CIVE 7151	Urban Informatics and Processing	
CIVE 7350	Behavior of Concrete Structures	
CIVE 7351	Behavior of Steel Structures	
CIVE 7388	Special Topics in Civil Engineering (Dynamics and Control of Infrastructure Systems)	
FINA 6200	Value Creation through Financial Decision Making	
FINA 6216	Valuation and Value Creation	
FINA 6217	Real Estate Finance and Investment	
LPSC 7312	Cities, Sustainability, and Climate Change	
ME 5645	Environmental Issues in Manufacturing and Product Use	

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

32 total semester hours required
Minimum 3.000 GPA required