

Product Development, MS (Boston)

Product development is in demand across many technology industries and is widely thought to be the engine of innovation. The Sherman Center for Entrepreneurial Engineering Education is uniquely positioned to offer students a combination of product process and technical skills. The mission of the center is to enable interdisciplinary student entrepreneurship in the broadest sense by providing education about tools, concepts, and resources to foster creativity and the ability to develop commercially viable ideas.

Products ranging from smart devices to the Internet of Things to software as a service all require people with product development skills. These positions guide product innovation and lead in crafting products for users. A look at any careers page for any technology firm currently hiring shows many positions open for individuals that have a mix of technical and product development knowledge.

The Master of Science in Product Development program contains a core of courses that span the product development cycle and then allows students to customize the rest of their degree to fit their chosen industry or path. The core courses cover topics such as customer acquisition, technical market analysis, product life cycle, intellectual property, prototyping, iterative development, product design, user testing, and manufacturing.

Program Requirements

Beginning with students admitted in the fall of 2026, all students pursuing on-ground master's degree programs must complete a university-level experiential learning requirement. This requirement may be fulfilled through the curriculum, co-op, or other work- or industry-integrated learning experiences.

Core Requirements

A grade of C or higher is required in each course to be used in the core.

Code	Title	Hours
GE 5010	Customer-Driven Technical Innovation for Engineers	4
GE 5020	Engineering Product Design Methodology	4
GE 5030	Iterative Product Prototyping for Engineers	4
GE 5100	Product Development for Engineers	4

Options

Complete one of the following options:

COURSEWORK OPTION

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 16 semester hours from the course list below. (p. 2)		16

PROJECT OPTION

Code	Title	Hours
GE 7945	Master's Project	4
Complete 12 semester hours from the course list below. (p. 2)		12

THESIS OPTION

Code	Title	Hours
GE 7945	Master's Project	4
GE 7990	Thesis	4
Complete 8 semester hours from the course list below. (p. 2)		8

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.

Optional Co-op Experience

Code	Title	Hours
Complete the following (students must complete ENCP 6100 to qualify for co-op experience):		
ENCP 6100	Introduction to Cooperative Education	1
ENCP 6964	Co-op Work Experience	0
or ENCP 6954	Co-op Work Experience - Half-Time	
or ENCP 6955	Co-op Work Experience Abroad - Half-Time	
or ENCP 6965	Co-op Work Experience Abroad	

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

32 total semester hours required (33 with optional co-op)

Minimum 3.000 GPA required

COURSE LIST

Code	Title	Hours
Any course in the following list will serve as an elective course, provided the student satisfies prerequisites and program requirements. Students can take electives outside this list with prior approval from the program director.		
College of Engineering		
BIOE 5250	Regulatory and Quality Aspects of Medical Device Design	
BIOE 5810	Design of Biomedical Instrumentation	
CSYE 6200	Concepts of Object-Oriented Design	
CSYE 6205	Concepts of Object-Oriented Design with C++	
CSYE 7280	User Experience Design and Testing	
EECE 5155	Wireless Sensor Networks and the Internet of Things	
EECE 5550	Mobile Robotics	
EECE 5552	Assistive Robotics	
EECE 5580	Classical Control Systems	
EECE 5639	Computer Vision	
EECE 5666	Digital Signal Processing	
IE 5617	Lean Concepts and Applications	
IE 5630	Biosensor and Human Behavior Measurement	
IE 6200	Engineering Probability and Statistics	
IE 6500	Human Performance	
IE 7200	Supply Chain Engineering	
IE 7270	Intelligent Manufacturing	
INFO 6660	Business Ethics and Intellectual Property for Engineers	
ME 5245	Mechatronic Systems	
ME 5250	Robot Mechanics and Control	
ME 5650	Advanced Mechanics of Materials	
ME 5659	Control Systems Engineering	
TELE 6510	Fundamentals of the Internet of Things	
TELE 6530	Connected Devices	
D'Amore McKim School of Business		
ENTR 6450	Lean Design and Development	
INNO 6200	Enterprise Growth and Innovation	
INNO 6430	Platform Innovation	
MKTG 6200	Creating and Sustaining Customer Markets	
College of Arts, Media and Design		
ARTG 5120	Research Methods for Design	
ARTG 5310	Visual Cognition	
ARTG 5610	Design Systems	
ARTG 5640	Prototyping for Experience Design	
ARTG 6310	Design for Behavior and Experience	
GSND 5110	Game Design and Analysis	
GSND 5122	Business Models for Creative Media	
GSND 5130	Mixed Research Methods for Games	
GSND 6320	Psychology of Play	
GSND 6340	Biometrics of Design	
Bouvé College of Health Sciences		
PT 5321	Applications of Biomechanics in Human Function and Movement	