



Northeastern University
College of Engineering

**Bachelor of Science/Master of Science (BS/MS) Programs
Policies and Guidelines
Effective July 1, 2019**

Admission Requirements

Required Minimum Overall Grade Point Average for admission eligibility: 3.2

Application Information:

Students must submit a completed [application form](#) and program of study for the BS/MS program. To be eligible for entry into the BS/MS program, the plan must outline all coursework for both degrees, with all specified courses to be completed by the end of the Summer 2 term (August conferral date) of the **5th year of study**.

For those students enrolled in the BS/MS Program, all coursework must be completed by the August 2022 conferral date.

Students who transfer into the College of Engineering should meet with their undergraduate academic advisor to determine eligibility.

All students should consult with the [Student Financial Services](#) office to discuss the financial implications of enrolling in the College of Engineering BS/MS program.

Policies

A minimum overall Grade Point Average of 3.0 in graduate coursework is required to remain in good standing in the BS/MS program, and to be eligible for MS degree conferral.

It is important for students in the BS/MS program to work closely with the MS faculty advisors, undergraduate academic advisors and graduate advisors to ensure that degree requirements are fulfilled and policies/procedures are followed.

All requirements for the BS and MS degrees must be completed concurrently; degree conferral will occur simultaneously. No simultaneous degree awarding will take place after the 2022 August conferral date.

If requirements for the MS degree are not completed by the end of the Summer 2 term (August conferral date) in the 5th year of a student's undergraduate status, the student must apply for admission to the [PlusOne](#) program to complete the Master of Science degree requirements. This application must be submitted one semester prior to the completion of the Bachelor of Science degree.

Course Enrollment

BS/MS students must enroll in sections of graduate coursework (5000 level and above) that are specifically designated for undergraduate students.

A maximum of four 4 semester hour courses (maximum 2 in the Electrical and Computer Engineering department) may be used for cross-degree credit sharing between the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees. The first four graduate courses completed (the first two graduate courses in Electrical and Computer Engineering) are applied as the cross-degree credit shared courses, unless graduate coursework in a minor is required.

Each department or other unit offering the MS degree reserves the right to restrict and/or specify the options available in the designated MS program, including the electives taken, tracks available, and other degree options.

Cooperative Education

Students enrolled in the BS/MS program are permitted to participate in up to two undergraduate cooperative education (co-op) experiences during their program. With Academic Advisor and Co-op Coordinator approval, a third undergraduate co-op experience may be permitted only if all program requirements are met within the designated 5 year period.

Online Courses

BS/MS students may not take online graduate coursework unless the following conditions are met:

- a course required for graduation will not be offered on-ground prior to the scheduled graduation date, or
- a course is taken while on co-op or if the student is away from campus for other academic reasons, and an on-ground section is not available or does not align with the co-op schedule or location. In this case, enrollment in an online section would only be allowed if the student's graduation date would be delayed as a result of not taking the course online. There may be financial implications for courses taken while on co-op; all students should contact the [Student Financial Services](#) office to discuss planned coursework.

Study Abroad

Courses taken while studying abroad usually cannot be applied toward completion of the MS requirements. If a student wishes to count a course taken abroad toward Master of Science degree requirements, a petition must be filed with the Graduate School (130 Snell Engineering) for review by the Graduate Director of the relevant MS program.

Certificate Programs

BS/MS students are not eligible to earn a Graduate Certificate as part of their BS/MS program, with the exception of the Galante Engineering Business Certificate. Students wishing to pursue the Galante Engineering Business Certificate must meet with both undergraduate and graduate academic advisors to confirm the inclusion of the certificate is feasible with their plan of study, prior to applying for the certificate.

Course Waiver and Replacement

Any request to waive a graduate level course and replace it with another course requires a meeting with a graduate advisor in 130 Snell Engineering. Exception requests will be reviewed by the Graduate Director of the relevant MS program.

Change of MS Degree Program/Concentration

BS/MS students who wish to change their Master of Science degree program or concentration must complete this [form](#); instructions are provided in the document.

Withdrawal from the BS/MS Program

A student who decides to withdraw from the BS/MS program or who is denied continuation in the program, is eligible to continue pursuing the Bachelor of Science portion of the combined program. All required undergraduate degree requirements for the student's specified degree must be met to be eligible for Bachelor of Science degree conferral. Graduate credit used toward the undergraduate degree cannot be used toward a graduate degree at a later date.

Interested in the PlusOne Program? View the [PlusOne Policies and Procedures](#).