Accelerated Coursework Master’s in Chemical Engineering at Michigan Technological University

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Guidelines and Requirements

1. This program allows students in the coursework-only master’s degree program (which requires neither a thesis nor a report) to apply up to six undergraduate engineering credits earned at the 3000 level or higher toward both the bachelor’s and master’s degrees.
2. Only students who intend to complete both their bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Michigan Tech can enroll in the accelerated master’s program.
3. The accelerated masters program requires that students complete a minimum of 155 total credits for the bachelor’s and master’s combined. Both the BS and the MS must be earned in Chemical Engineering.
4. Students must apply to and be accepted into the Graduate School at Michigan Tech. Applications will be reviewed by the Chemical Engineering graduate program according to their normal procedure.
5. Students may apply for admission to the accelerated master’s program any time after they attain junior level class standing and up until the time that they are awarded their bachelor’s degree.
6. Only students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above are eligible to enter the accelerated master’s program.
7. Students who are accepted in the accelerated master’s program will not be allowed to continue in this program if their cumulative undergraduate GPA falls below 3.0.
8. Prior to completion of the accelerated master’s degree, students must indicate on their master’s degree schedule which undergraduate level courses and credits (up to a maximum of six) should be applied to both their bachelor’s and master’s degree.
9. Students will be considered undergraduate students until their undergraduate degree has been awarded.
10. Once students have been awarded their undergraduate degree, they will be considered graduate students and will be expected to adhere to all policies and procedures related to graduate education at Michigan Tech.
11. The maximum time to degree for students in the accelerated master’s program is 5 years from the time the student is accepted into the program.

Accelerated Coursework Master’s in Chemical Engineering Curriculum

1. Required Core Courses:
   Students in the accelerated coursework master’s in Chemical Engineering at Michigan Tech must complete the following required classes (15 credits total).
2. **Other Courses:**

An additional 15 credits of technical (engineering, math, etc.) classes are required to earn the 30 credits needed for the accelerated master’s degree. Up to six credits may have been taken as an undergraduate and re-used to partially satisfy the requirements for the master’s degree. Note that a maximum number of 12 credits earned at the 3000 to 4000 level can be applied toward a master’s degree, whether or not those courses were taken as an undergraduate student.

Each student’s preliminary plan for the accelerated master’s coursework degree program **must** be approved by Chemical Engineering prior to acceptance into the graduate program. Therefore, students are **required** to meet with the Chemical Engineering Graduate Program Director/Advisor at the time of application to develop a plan for completion of the degree and to designate courses taken while an undergraduate student that will be re-used to satisfy part of the requirements for the master’s degree. Upon acceptance to the program, students are **required** to meet each semester to review their plan for completion and make adjustments if necessary.

The list below is a possible list of classes that may be used for the additional 15 credits required for completion of the degree. Other courses, including those outside of chemical engineering, may also be acceptable.

CM3450: 3 credits: Computer Aided Problem Solving

CM3820: 3 credits: Sampling and Data Analysis

CM3974: 1 credit: Fuel Cell Fundamentals

CM4125: 1 credit: Bioprocess Engineering Laboratory

CM4500: 4 credits: Particle Technology

CM4550: 3 credits: Industrial Chemical Production
CM4610: 3 credits: Introduction to Polymer Science
CM4620: 3 credits: Polymer Chemistry
CM4631: 2 credits: Polymer Science Laboratory
CM4650: 3 credits: Polymer Rheology
CM4655: 1 credit: Polymer Rheology Laboratory
CM4710: 3 credits: Biochemical Processes
CM4740: 4 credits: Hydrometallurgy/Pyrometallurgy
CM4770: 3 credits: Analytical Microdevice Technologies
CM4990: maximum of 6 credits: Special Topics in Chemical Engineering
CM5770: 3 credits: Advanced Analytical Microdevice Technologies
CM5900: maximum of 6 credits: Graduate level Special Topics in Chemical Engineering