Materials Science and Engineering Undergraduate Major

COVID-19-Related Degree Requirement Changes
For information on how Materials Science and Engineering degree requirements have been affected by the pandemic, see the "COVID-19 Policies" tab in the "Materials Science and Engineering" of this bulletin. For University-wide policy changes related to the pandemic, see the "COVID-19 and Academic Continuity" section of this bulletin.

The department offers a B.S. as well as a minor in Materials Science and Engineering.

Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering (MSE/MATSCI)
Completion of the undergraduate program in Materials Science and Engineering leads to the conferral of the Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering.

Mission of the Undergraduate Program in Materials Science and Engineering
The mission of the undergraduate program in Materials Science and Engineering is to provide students with a strong foundation in materials science and engineering with emphasis on the fundamental scientific and engineering principles which underlie the knowledge and implementation of material structure, processing, properties, and performance of all classes of materials used in engineering systems. Courses in the program develop students' knowledge of modern materials science and engineering, teach them to apply this knowledge analytically to create effective and novel solutions to practical problems, and develop their communication skills and ability to work collaboratively. The program prepares students for careers in industry and for further study in graduate school.

The B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering provides training for the materials engineer and also preparatory training for graduate work in materials science. Capable undergraduates are encouraged to take at least one year of graduate study to extend their course work through the coterminal degree program which leads to an M.S. in Materials Science and Engineering. Coterminal degree programs are encouraged both for undergraduate majors in Materials Science and Engineering and for undergraduate majors in related disciplines.

Learning Outcomes (Undergraduate)
The department expects undergraduate majors in the program to be able to demonstrate the following learning outcomes. These learning outcomes are used in evaluating students and the department's undergraduate program. Students are expected to demonstrate the ability to:

1. Apply the knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering to assess and synthesize scientific evidence, concepts, theories, and experimental data relating to the natural or physical world.
2. Extend students' knowledge of the natural or physical world beyond that obtained from secondary education by refining their powers of scientific observation, the essential process by which data is gained for subsequent analysis.
3. Design and conduct experiments, as well as understand and utilize the scientific method in formulating hypotheses and designing experiments to test hypotheses.
4. Function on multidisciplinary teams, while communicating effectively.
5. Identify, formulate, and solve engineering issues by applying conceptual thinking to solve certain problems, bypassing calculations or rote learning and relying on the fundamental meaning behind laws of nature.
6. Understand professional and ethical responsibility.
7. Understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context.
8. Demonstrate a working knowledge of contemporary issues.
9. Recognize the need for, and engage in, lifelong learning.
10. Apply the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice.
11. Transition from engineering concepts and theory to real engineering applications and understanding the distinction between scientific evidence and theory, inductive and deductive reasoning, and understanding the role of each in scientific inquiry.

Degree Requirements

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<td>Linear Algebra, Multivariable Calculus, and Modern Applications</td>
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<td>Introduction to Materials Science, Nanotechnology Emphasis</td>
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ENGR 50M Introduction to Materials Science, Biomaterials Emphasis ¹

At least one additional course ² 3-5

Department Requirements: MSE Fundamentals, Depth & Focus Areas

Materials Science Fundamentals: All of the following courses: 16

MATSCI 142 Quantum Mechanics of Nanoscale Materials
MATSCI 143 Materials Structure and Characterization
MATSCI 144 Thermodynamic Evaluation of Green Energy Technologies
MATSCI 145 Kinetics of Materials Synthesis

Two of the following courses: 8

MATSCI 151 Microstructure and Mechanical Properties
MATSCI 152 Electronic Materials Engineering
MATSCI 156 Solar Cells, Fuel Cells, and Batteries: Materials for the Energy Solution
MATSCI 158 Soft Matter in Biomedical Devices, Microelectronics, and Everyday Life
MATSCI 190 Organic and Biological Materials
MATSCI 192 Materials Chemistry
MATSCI 193 Atomic Arrangements in Solids
MATSCI 194 Thermodynamics and Phase Equilibria
MATSCI 195 Waves and Diffraction in Solids
MATSCI 196 Defects in Crystalline Solids
MATSCI 197 Rate Processes in Materials
MATSCI 198 Mechanical Properties of Materials
MATSCI 199 Electronic and Optical Properties of Solids

Materials Science & Engineering Depth 16

Four laboratory courses for Sixteen units; Four units must be WIM

MATSCI 160 Nanomaterials Laboratory
MATSCI 161 Energy Materials Laboratory (WIM)
MATSCI 162 X-Ray Diffraction Laboratory
MATSCI 163 Mechanical Behavior Laboratory
MATSCI 164 Electronic and Photonic Materials and Devices Laboratory (WIM)
MATSCI 165 Nanoscale Materials Physics Computation Laboratory
MATSCI 166 Data Science and Machine Learning Approaches in Chemical and Materials Engineering

Focus Area Options ⁴ 6 13

Total Units 103-107

¹ See a list of approved math courses at ughb.stanford.edu. Course chosen must be on the approved list the year taken.
² See a list of approved science courses at ughb.stanford.edu. Course chosen must be on the approved list the year taken.
³ See a list of approved Technology in Society courses at ughb.stanford.edu. Course chosen must be on the approved list the year taken.
⁴ See a list of approved Engineering Fundamentals Courses at ughb.stanford.edu. Course chosen must be on the approved list the year taken.
⁵ Focus Area Options: 13 units from one of the following Focus Area Options below. If the focus area contains only 12 units, but the combined unit total in major (SoE Fundamentals, MSE Fundamentals, MSE Depth and the Focus Area) is at 60 or more, it will be allowed and no petition is necessary.
⁶ The self-defined focus area option requires additional approval; program deviation forms for this option can be found on the MSE website (https://mse.stanford.edu/student-resources/forms/undergraduate/).

Focus Area Options (Four courses for a minimum of 13 units; select from one of the ten Focus Areas.)

Bioengineering
BI0 80 Introduction to Bioengineering (Engineering Living Matter)
BI0 220 Introduction to Imaging and Image-based Human Anatomy
BI0 260 Tissue Engineering
BI0 281 Biomechanics of Movement
BI0 381 Orthopaedic Bioengineering
MATSCI 158 Soft Matter in Biomedical Devices, Microelectronics, and Everyday Life
MATSCI 190 Organic and Biological Materials
MATSCI 225 Biochips and Medical Imaging
MATSCI 380 Nano-Biotechnology
MATSCI 381 Biomaterials in Regenerative Medicine
MATSCI 384 Materials Advances for Neurotechnology: Materials Meet the Mind

Chemical Engineering
CHEM 171 Foundations of Physical Chemistry
CHEMENG 130
CHEMENG 140 Micro and Nanoscale Fabrication Engineering
CHEMENG 150 Biochemical Engineering
MATSCI 158 Soft Matter in Biomedical Devices, Microelectronics, and Everyday Life

Chemistry
CHEM 151 Inorganic Chemistry I
CHEM 153 Inorganic Chemistry II
CHEM 171 Foundations of Physical Chemistry
CHEM 173 Physical Chemistry II
CHEM 175 Physical Chemistry III
CHEM 181 Biochemistry I
CHEM 183 Biochemistry II
CHEM 185 Biophysical Chemistry

Electronics & Photonics
EE 101A Circuits I
EE 101B Circuits II
EE 102A Signal Processing and Linear Systems I
EE 102B Signal Processing and Linear Systems II
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Honors Program

The Materials Science and Engineering honors program offers an opportunity for undergraduate Materials Science and Engineering majors with a GPA of 3.5 or higher to pursue independent research at an advanced level, supported by a faculty advisor and graduate student mentors. The main requirements are as follows:

1. Application to the honors program (must be pre-approved by faculty advisor)
2. Enrollment in MATSCI 150 Undergraduate Research and participation in an independent research project over three sequential full quarters
3. Completion of a faculty-approved thesis
4. Participation in either a poster or oral presentation of thesis work at a Stanford Symposium/event or, at your faculty advisor's discretion, in a comparable public event.

Since this requires three full quarters of research in addition to a final written thesis and presentation following completion of the work, students must apply to the program no less than four quarters prior to their planned graduation date. Materials Science and Engineering majors pursuing a typical four-year graduation timeline should meet with student services no later than the Winter Quarter of their junior year to receive information on the application process.

All requirements for the honors program are in addition to the normal undergraduate program requirements.

To apply to the MATSCI Honors program

- Have an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher (as calculated on the unofficial transcript) prior to application.
- Seek out a faculty research advisor and agree on a proposed research topic. If the research advisor is not a member of the School of Engineering Academic Council, students must have a second advisor who fulfills these requirements.
- Compose a brief (less than 1 page) summary of proposed research, including a proposed title, and submit along with unofficial transcript prior to application.
- Have an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher (as calculated on the unofficial transcript) at graduation.

To complete the MATSCI Honors program

- Overall GPA of 3.5 or higher (as calculated on the unofficial transcript) at graduation.
- Complete at least three quarters of research with a minimum of 9 units of MATSCI 150 (students may petition out of unit requirement with faculty adviser approval). All quarters must focus on the same topic. Maintain the same faculty adviser throughout, if possible.
• Present either a poster or oral presentation of thesis work at a Stanford event or, at the faculty advisor’s discretion, in a comparable public event.
• Submit final drafts of an honors thesis to two faculty readers (one must be your research advisor, and one must be an MSE faculty member/SoE Academic Council member) at least one quarter prior to graduation. Both must approve the thesis by completing the signature page (https://mse.stanford.edu/student-resources/forms/undergraduate/).
• Submit to MATSCI student services (Durand 113) one copy of the honors thesis and signed signature page (in electronic or physical form) at least one quarter prior to graduation.

Materials Science and Engineering (MATSCI) Minor

A minor in Materials Science and Engineering allows interested students to explore the role of materials in modern technology and to gain an understanding of the fundamental processes that govern materials behavior.

The following courses fulfill the minor requirements:

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MATSCI 198 Mechanical Properties of Materials
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