What is Early Entry?

Exceptional undergraduate students at UNC Charlotte may apply to the Early Entry Program to begin work toward a graduate degree before completion of the baccalaureate degree.

Accepted students receive provisional admission to the MSME program pending the award of their Bachelor’s degree.
Benefits of Early Entry

Double-Counted Courses

The Entry Entry Program is accelerated; up to 12 credit hours earned at the graduate level may be substituted for required undergraduate hours.

Cost Savings

Students are charged undergraduate tuition and fees for all courses taken (both graduate and undergraduate) until the bachelor's degree is complete.

About our MSME Program

At the Master's level, the program is broad based, allowing students to develop expertise in a number of areas including metrology, manufacturing, bioengineering, motorsports and automotive engineering, thermal sciences and fluid mechanics, computational mechanics and materials, and dynamics and controls.

The MSME program requires successful completion of 30 credits at the graduate level. Both thesis and non-thesis options are available.

Admission Requirements

- Completion of at least 75 earned undergraduate credit hours applicable to the BSME degree
- Minimum 3.2 overall undergraduate GPA
- Acceptable scores on the GRE (Exceptional undergraduate students with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above may receive an automatic waiver of the GRE requirement)
- Recommendation by the Graduate Program Director and approval by the Graduate School.

Apply online at mygradschool.uncc.edu and provide supporting documents.

Continued Enrollment Requirements

- Completion of Early Entry Program Form prior to registering for graduate coursework each semester
- Maintain a minimum 3.0 overall undergraduate GPA

Undergraduate students may take a maximum of 15 graduate credit hours prior to completion of the BSME degree.

MS in Mechanical Engineering

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