

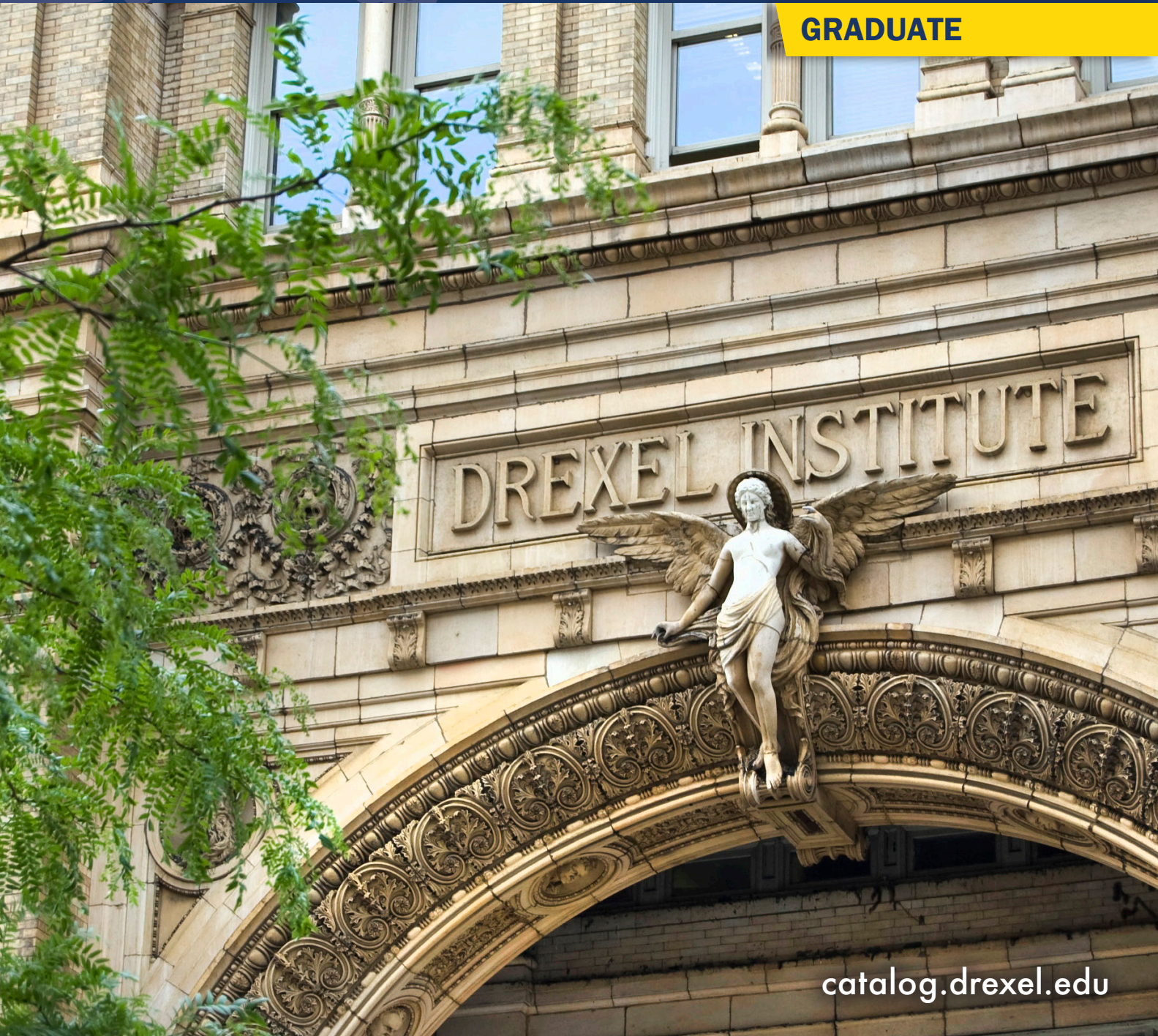


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The School of Biomedical Engineering, Science, and Health Systems

Mission Statement

The mission of the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems is to educate and empower the next generations of diverse biomedical innovators through interdisciplinary research, design-thinking, and immersive learning to equitably transform the future of health and humanity.

The School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems (<http://drexel.edu/biomed/>) is a nationally recognized center for research in biomedical engineering and science. The School offers multidisciplinary instruction on a full- and part-time basis at the graduate level and full-time instruction at the undergraduate level. The faculty includes individuals with engineering, physics, mathematics, biostatistics, life science, medical and clinical specialties. Multidisciplinary and translational research is carried out through collaboration among Drexel University faculty members and with medical schools, hospitals and biotech companies in the Philadelphia area.

The School offers MS programs in biomedical engineering, integrated biomedical engineering and business, biomedical science, bioinformatics and advanced therapeutics. PhD programs are offered in biomedical engineering and biomedical science. Areas of specialization available include biomaterials and tissue engineering, neuroengineering, pediatric engineering, advanced therapies, biosensors and devices, biomedical imaging, biostatistics, genome science, systems biology, biomechanics, human factors and performance engineering.

The School offers certificate programs in bioinformatics, medical product design, neurotechnologies and neurosystems, and tissue engineering for professionals continuing their education.

Majors

- **NEW** Advanced Therapeutics (MS)
- Bioinformatics (MS) (<https://catalog.drexel.edu/graduate/schoolofbiomedicalengineeringsscienceandhealthsystems/bioinformatics>)
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Minors

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Certificates

- Bioinformatics (p. 31)
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About the School

The vision of the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems (the School) is to accelerate its role as the University's incubator for developing cutting-edge programs that enhance the University's position as a national leader in education and research. The School is a leader at Drexel University, regionally, and nationally in research and translation of discoveries that impact human health and well-being. It engages students across Drexel's campus in a unique combination of cooperative (Co-op) and experiential learning, multi-disciplinary research, entrepreneurship and international exposure. Faculty and students within School possess a spirit of innovation that is built on a deep understanding of fundamental scientific principles; hand-on experience both in the laboratory and in service to others; and recognition of the synergistic impact that occurs through partnerships, globally and locally, with industry, academia, policymakers, clinicians and social-service providers. The School will cultivate "Renaissance Biomedical Scientists and Engineers" who adapt easily to changing technologies, environments and problems.

The School's areas of academic thrust, both in research and education, are at the forefront of biosensing, bioimaging, bioinformation engineering and integrated bioinformatics, drug delivery, biomedical ultrasound & optics, bionanotechnology, cellular tissue engineering, neuroengineering and human performance. The School's multidisciplinary programs are built around a core curriculum with research opportunities in specialized areas. The core curriculum provides the technical and analytical training students need to apply their engineering skills or knowledge of the life sciences to current problems in biology and medicine. Various units at Drexel, such as the College of Engineering, the Dornsife School of Public Health, and the College of Arts and Sciences offer courses relevant to graduate students in biomedical engineering and biomedical science.

Metropolitan Philadelphia has one of the nation's highest concentrations of medical institutions and pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device and systems industry. The School has forged strategic partnerships with select universities, research institutes, health care institutions and industries in the region. The School enjoys a close working relationship with Drexel's College of Medicine as well as alliances with prominent medical institutions in the region to develop joint research and educational programs. These include University of Pennsylvania, Thomas Jefferson University, the Fox Chase Cancer Center and the Wistar Institute. These collaborative initiatives provide students with ample opportunities in basic and clinical research as well as innovative academic programs.

The School maintains extensive facilities and laboratories devoted to areas of research. Visit the School's BIOMED Research Facilities (<https://drexel.edu/biomed/research-and-design/overview/>) webpage for more details about the laboratories and equipment available.

Applicants to the graduate program must meet the requirements for admission to graduate studies at Drexel University. Candidates for degrees in the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems are required to maintain academics standards applicable to all graduate students at Drexel University.

Program Objectives

The overall objective of the graduate programs offered by the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems is to provide

multidisciplinary curricula with an instructional core and research opportunities for students. Graduate biomedical engineering students are typically individuals with undergraduate degrees in engineering, physical sciences, or mathematics. The core curriculum provides the necessary training in life and medical sciences, modeling and simulation, and biomedical engineering applications to allow students to apply their engineering skills and perspective to solve current problems in biology and medicine. Areas in which students may focus their advanced studies and research attention include biomechanics and biomaterials, cellular and tissue engineering, biomedical sensing and imaging, human factors and performance engineering, neuroengineering, and bioinformatics. Students without an academic background in engineering or physical science who wish to enter the biomedical engineering program may enroll in the Crossover Program.

The core courses in the Biomedical Science program are designed to educate life-science students in quantitative analysis, mathematical modeling, systems analysis, and fundamental computational and informatics skills. Students are then encouraged to combine their knowledge of the life sciences with their newly acquired analytical skills to focus in such areas as tissue engineering and/or bioinformatics.

An agreement with the Drexel College of Medicine allows students to spend one year taking courses at the College of Medicine and their second year at the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems—leading to a master's degree in Medical Science.

The School also offers an integrated master's degree in biomedical engineering and business, a collaboration with the LeBow College of Business and the Close School of Entrepreneurship, which offers early-career engineers a tech-savvy alternative to an MBA. Through this cross-disciplinary approach, students are able to acquire the advanced knowledge and skills necessary for graduate-level research and career specialization.

Programs are revised regularly to meet industry needs. For the most up-to-date list, please visit the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems Graduate Admissions webpage (<http://drexel.edu/grad/programs/biomed/>).

Admission Requirements

Acceptance for graduate study at Drexel's School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems requires a four-year bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in the United States or equivalent international institution. Regular acceptance requires a minimal cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B) on a 4.0 scale for the last two years of undergraduate work, and for any graduate level work undertaken.

Drexel's School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems normally requires a TOEFL score of at least 260. Verbal, analytical, and quantitative scores on the GRE General Test are recommended for admission and are required for financial assistantship consideration.

The School practices a rolling admissions policy. Students are able to apply at any term during the year, but students are encouraged to matriculate in the fall to ensure proper sequence of coursework.

In addition to the School's requirements, students must satisfy the requirements of the Office of Research and Graduate Studies in matters such as academic standing, thesis, examinations, and time limits.

Financial Assistance

Financial support for qualified students pursuing studies toward the MS and PhD degrees is available in the form of research assistantships, teaching assistantships, graduate assistantships, and fellowships.

Dean's Fellowships are available for outstanding applicants to the School's Master programs and are renewable depending on the student's academic performance. Fellowship applicants must be seeking full-time study only at the master's level. Other requirements include a GPA of 3.5 or better in the student's bachelor's program and submission of GRE scores. For international students, a TOEFL score of 260 or better is required. For more information regarding international applicant requirements, view the International Students Admission Information (<http://www.drexel.edu/grad/resources/international/>) page.

Calhoun Graduate Assistantships are supported by the School's Calhoun Endowment and are available to outstanding applicants to the PhD program. To be considered for a fellowship, students must submit GRE scores along with all their application materials. The application deadline is February 28 for the following academic year.

For further assistance, students should contact the Office of Graduate Admissions (<https://drexel.edu/grad/>).

All applicants will automatically be considered for departmental assistantships. There is no additional paperwork to apply. Applicants interested in graduate assistantships must submit GRE scores. These awards are based on academic merit.

About Graduate Co-op

Drexel University's long tradition in the field of experiential learning has now been extended into many of its master's programs in science, business, and engineering.

This option, called Graduate Co-op (<http://www.drexel.edu/scdc/co-op/graduate/>), provides students with the opportunity to gain work experience directly related to their career goals while earning academic credit. Students who have earned a minimum of 24.0 credits with a GPA of at least 3.0 are eligible to participate. Employment typically lasts six months, during which students enroll in a special 3.0 credit GCP course coinciding with their term of employment. Students gain work experience while earning salaries. It is important to note that the GCP program does not guarantee a job. It is a market-driven process for the candidates as well as employers. GCP provides the tools and contacts; the student must qualify for the job on the basis of merit, qualifications, and skills.

Further information on the GCP program is available at the Drexel Steinbright Career Development Center. (<http://www.drexel.edu/scdc/>)

Advanced Therapeutics MS

Major: Advanced Therapeutics
Degree Awarded: Master of Science (MS)
Calendar Type: Quarter
Minimum Required Credits: 46.0
Co-op Option: Available for full-time, on-campus master's-level students
Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code: 14.0501
Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) code: 19-1099

About the Program

MS in Advanced Therapeutics provides a unique multidisciplinary graduate education providing foundations and best practices for research and development of the next generation of therapeutics, such as cellular and genetic therapies, immune engineering, targeted drug delivery and personalized medicines as well as pharmacogenomics and drug discovery. For those interested in joining this growing workforce, our new program provides fundamental knowledge and lab skills pertaining to cell engineering and gene therapy, classes dedicated to industrial biomanufacturing and the option to choose a 6-months graduate co-op.

Additional Information

For more information, visit the the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems (<https://drexel.edu/biomed/>) website.

Admission Requirements

Undergraduate degree: A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in the United States or equivalent international institution in a STEM area.

GPA: A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the last two years of undergraduate work

GRE scores are not required, but optional.

Letters of recommendation: Two letters of recommendation are required

Personal statement

Other factors that may be considered include:

Health care-related experiences, community service, research, leadership, extracurricular activities, and extenuating circumstances.

Drexel's School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems has a rolling admissions policy, allowing students to apply at any term during the year. However, students are encouraged to start in the fall to ensure the proper sequence of coursework.

Degree Requirements

Core Courses		
BIO 500	Biochemistry I	3.0
BIO 632	Advanced Cell Biology	3.0
BIO 635	Advanced Genetics and Molecular Biology	3.0
BMES 538	Biomedical Ethics and Law	3.0
BMES 667	Cell and Gene Therapy (CGT) Manufacturing and Regulatory Requirements	3.0
BMES 669	Techniques in Cell Engineering and Gene Therapy	3.0
BMES 670	Introduction to Immune Engineering	3.0
BMES 671	Advanced Topics in Immune Engineering	3.0
BMES 864	Seminar	0.0
BMES Computation (choose 1)		4.0

BMES 546	Biocomputational Languages	
BMES 550	Advanced Biocomputational Languages	
BMES Modeling (choose 1)		3.0
BMES 544	Genome Information Engineering	
BMES 611	Biological Control Systems	
BMES 677	Mathematical Modeling of Cellular Behavior	
BMES 678	Biocomputational Modeling and Simulation	
BMES Statistics (choose 1)		3.0
BMES 510	Biomedical Statistics	
BMES 517	Intermediate Biostatistics	
BMES 518	Interpretation of Biomedical Data	
BIO Electives		
Select two courses from the list below:		6.0
BIO 534	Bioinformatics I	
BIO 535	Bioinformatics II	
BIO 613	Genomics	
BIO 616	Biochemistry of Major Diseases	
BIO 626	Immunology	
BIO 630	Cell Biology of Disease	
BIO 644	Human Genetics	
BIO 646	Stem Cell Research	
BIO 650	Virology	
BIO 653	Protein Dysfunction in Disease	
BIO 664	Neurobiology of Disease	
BMES Electives		
Select two courses from the list below:		6.0
BMES 547	Machine Learning in Biomedical Applications	
BMES 548	Structural Bioinformatics and Drug Design	
BMES 549	Genomic and Sequencing Technologies	
BMES 586	Medical Technology Innovation: Biologics	
BMES 604	Pharmacogenomics	
BMES 609	Emerging Technologies in the Healthcare System	
BMES 660	Biomaterials I	
BMES 661	Biomaterials II	
Co-op Option *		0-1
COOP 500	Career Management and Professional Development for Master's Degree Students (for students choosing Co-op option)	
Total Credits		46.0-47.0

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Co-op is an option for this degree for full-time, on-campus students. To prepare for the 6-month co-op experience, students will complete COOP 500. The total minimum required credits for this degree with the co-op experience is 47.0. Students not participating in the co-op experience will need a minimum of 46.0 credits.

Sample Plan of Study

No Co-op

First Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
BIO 500	3.0 BIO 635	3.0 BIO 632	3.0 VACATION	
BMES 864	0.0 BMES 670	3.0 BMES 669	3.0	
BMES Computation	4.0 BMES Modeling	3.0 BMES 671	3.0	
BMES Statistics	3.0			
	10	9	9	0
Second Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits		
BMES 538	3.0 BMES 667	3.0		

BIO elective	3.0 BIO elective	3.0
BMES Elective	3.0 BMES elective	3.0
9		9
Total Credits 46		

With Co-op

First Year

Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
BIO 500	3.0 BIO 635	3.0 BIO 632	3.0 BMES 538	3.0
BMES 864	0.0 BMES 667	3.0 BMES 669	3.0 BIO Elective	3.0
BMES Computation	4.0 BMES 670	3.0 BMES 671	3.0 BMES Elective	3.0
BMES Statistics	3.0 COOP 500	1.0		
10		10	9	9

Second Year

Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits
COOP EXPERIENCE	COOP EXPERIENCE	BMES Modeling	3.0
		BIO Elective	3.0
		BMES Elective	3.0
0		0	9

Total Credits 47

Program Level Outcomes

The student learning outcomes (SLOs) that students will achieve through participation in this program are:

- Understanding of biological foundations of cell engineering, gene therapies and immune engineering.
- Ability to apply scientific and engineering concepts, methods, and approaches to address healthcare challenges with direct relevance to cell engineering and gene therapies.
- Ability to perform basic cell experiments and analyze experimental data in the lab.
- Ability to measure and analyze cell biological and genetic data and the effect of interventions.
- Understanding of biomanufacturing processes and regulatory affairs.

Bioinformatics MS

Major: Bioinformatics

Degree Awarded: Master of Science (MS)

Calendar Type: Quarter

Minimum Required Credits: 45.0

Co-op Option: None

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code: 26.1103

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC)

code: 15-1221; 15-1299; 15-2051; 19-4021; 15-1252

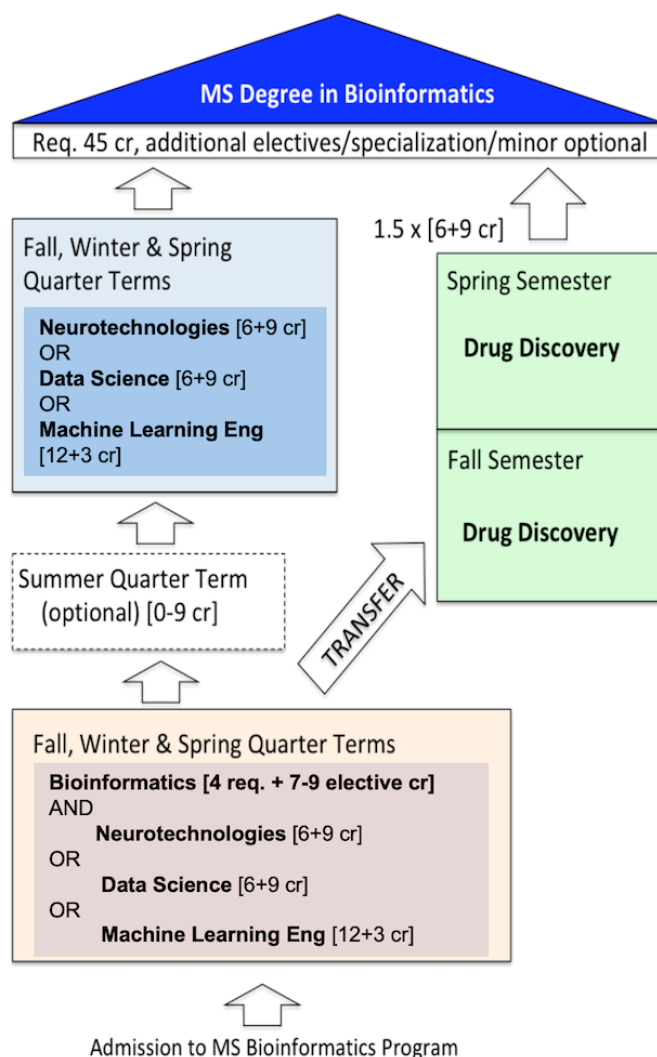
About the Program

The Bioinformatics program aims to train professional graduates for bioinformatics specialist roles in healthcare, biomedical research, pharmaceutical, and biotechnology industries by providing them with interdisciplinary knowledge and experience to develop and apply

sophisticated computational methods for the analysis of biomedical data. The program consists of classes and electives included in certificates offered by the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems (Bioinformatics, Neurotechnologies and Neurosystems), the College of Computing and Informatics (Computational Data Science), and the Graduate School of Biomedical Science and Professional Studies (Drug Discovery and Development).

Pathways to Completion

As the graphic below indicates, students have defined pathways to earning the MS in Bioinformatics. The program starts with required and elective core classes in bioinformatics, and a choice of either Computational Data Science or Neurotechnology and Neurosystems courses over the first three quarter terms. In the second year, students have the choice to remain in the quarter term system to take the second choice of either Computational Data Science or Neurotechnology and Neurosystems courses, or transfer into the semester-based system to take classes in the Drug Discovery and Development program offered by the College of Medicine. Additional options include concentrations offered by the School and graduate minors across Drexel's academic units. Note - concentrations are not eligible for federal financial aid.



Additional Information

For questions about how to apply to the program, please contact:

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For more information, visit the The School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems (<https://drexel.edu/biomed/>) website.

Admission Requirements

Acceptance into the MS in Bioinformatics program requires a four-year bachelor's degree in sciences or engineering from a regionally accredited institution in the United States or an equivalent international institution. Regular acceptance typically requires a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0. The average for any graduate work must be at least 3.0.

Applicants must also fulfill the following requirements for consideration:

- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- References from at least two instructors or professionals
- Essay
- Resume

International applicants (non-United States citizens) must meet the same requirements for admission as students from the United States. Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate the ability to speak, write, and understand the English language by submitting an acceptable score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). An evaluation by World Education Services (WES) is required for transcripts from institutions outside the United States.

Online applications are accepted all year-round, but all admitted students initiate their studies in the following fall term. Students are encouraged to apply no later than July 1 for consideration for admission the following fall term. Students may defer admission by one year.

Degree Requirements

Core Required Courses		
BMES 546	Biocomputational Languages	4.0
or BMES 550	Advanced Biocomputational Languages	
BMES 544	Genome Information Engineering	4.0
Core Elective Courses		
Select 7.0-9.0 credits from the list below:		7.0-9.0
BMES 543	Quantitative Systems Biology	
BMES 548	Structural Bioinformatics and Drug Design	
BMES 547	Machine Learning in Biomedical Applications	
BMES 545	Biosystems Modeling	
BMES 549	Genomic and Sequencing Technologies	
BMES 551	Biomedical Signal Processing	
BMES 604	Pharmacogenomics	
Elective Tracks		
Select two from the following: (Please note DDD Elective Track requires advisor approval for quarter-based students)		30.0
[Elective Track 1] Computational Data Sciences (CDS)		

Required Courses (6 credits)	
DSCI 511	Data Acquisition and Pre-Processing
DSCI 521	Data Analysis and Interpretation
Elective Courses (Choose 9 credits)	
CS 500	Fundamentals of Databases
CS 510	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
CS 583	Introduction to Computer Vision
CS 613	Machine Learning
CS 615	Deep Learning
CS 660	Data Analysis at Scale
[Elective Track 2] Drug Discovery and Development (DDD)	
Required courses (6 semester credits)	
PHRM 525S	Drug Discovery and Development I
PHRM 526S	Drug Discovery and Development II
Elective courses (Choose 9 semester credits)	
CBIO 510S	Cancer Biology
CR 500S	Epidemiology
CR 505S	Ethical Issues in Research
CR 513S	Business Processes and Contemporary Concerns in Pharmaceutical R & D
CR 514S	World Wide Regulatory Submissions
CR 515S	Intro to Clinical Trials
CR 520S	Applications of Clinical Research Biostatistics
CR 525S	Scientific Writing and Medical Literature
CR 535S	Current Federal Regulatory Issues in Biomedical Research
CR 545S	Pharmaceutical Law
CR 550S	Leadership Skills
CR 555S	Compliance & Monitoring Issues
CR 570S	Principles and Practice of Pharmacovigilance
CR 600S	Designing the Clinical Trial
CR 609S	Innovative Product Development
CR 612S	Fundamentals of Compliance
CR 614S	Introduction to Clinical Pharmacology
CR 617S	Informatics in Pharm Res & Development
CR 620S	Regulatory, Scientific and Social Issues Affecting Biotech Research
CR 625S	Health Policy and Economics
CR 635S	Strategic Planning
CR T980S	Special Topics in Clinical Research
IDPT 500S	Responsible Conduct of Research
MIIM 508S	Immunology I
MIIM 521S	Biotechniques I: Molecular and Genomic Methods
MIIM 524S	Vaccines and Vaccine Development
MIIM 530S	Fundamentals of Molecular Medicine I
MIIM 531S	Fundamentals of Molecular Medicine II
MLAS 536S	Animal Models for Biomedical Research
NEUR 500S	Statistics for Neuro/Pharm Research
NEUR 508S	Graduate Neuroscience I
PHGY 503S	Graduate Physiology
PHRM 502S	Current Topics in Pharmacology & Physiology
PHRM 503S	Pharm & Phys 1st Lab Rotation
PHRM 507S	Prin of Neuropharmacology
PHRM 512S	Graduate Pharmacology
PHRM 516S	Advanced Topics in Physiology
PHRM 517S	Advanced Topics in Pharmacology
PHRM 518S	New Frontiers in Therapy
PHRM 519S	Methods in Biomedical Research
PHRM 520S	Internship in Drug Discovery and Development
PHRM 521S	Intensive Internship in Drug Discovery and Development
PHRM 527S	Current Topics in Drug Discovery and Development
PHRM 605S	Research in Drug Discovery and Development
[Elective Track 3] Neurotechnologies and Neurosystems (NN)	

Required courses for Option 3	
BMES 710	Neural Signals
BMES 711	Principles in Neuroengineering
Elective courses for Option 3 (Choose 9 credits)	
BMES 685	Experimental Methods in Neuroengineering
BMES 715	Systems Neuroscience and Applications I
BMES 718	Brain Computer Interfaces
BMES 725	Neural Networks
[Elective Track 4] Machine Learning Engineering (MLE)	
Required courses for Option 4	
ECE 610	Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence
ECE 612	Applied Machine Learning Engineering
ECE 687	Pattern Recognition
ECES 521	Probability & Random Variables
Elective courses for Option 4 (choose at least one):	
ECE 686	Cell & Tissue Image Analysis
ECES 620	Multimedia Forensics and Security
ECES 641	Bioinformatics
ECES 650	Statistical Analysis of Genomics
Optional Coop Experience *	
COOP 500	Career Management and Professional Development for Master's Degree Students
OPTIONAL CONCENTRATION - Not eligible for Federal Financial Aid	
Total Credits	

BMES 675	Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering III	4.0
Total Credits		20.0

Pediatric Engineering Concentration (Optional) - Not eligible for Federal Financial Aid

This concentration aims to train students: 1) to develop a fundamental understanding of childhood injury and disease, healthcare, and treatment, and 2) to apply scientific and engineering concepts, methods, and approaches to address healthcare challenges with direct relevance to pediatric patients.

BMES 528	Pediatric Engineering I	3.0
BMES 529	Pediatric Engineering II	3.0
BMES 538	Biomedical Ethics and Law	3.0
BMES 509	Entrepreneurship for Biomedical Engineering and Science	3.0
Total Credits		12.0

Neuroengineering Concentration (Optional) - Not eligible for Federal Financial Aid

This concentration aims to train students 1) to develop a fundamental understanding of neural systems from cellular, to whole brain level, and 2) operational principles of neurotechnologies that can interface with nervous systems, 3) to apply scientific and engineering concepts to repair nervous system for clinical applications or enhance its functional performance.

BMES 710	Neural Signals	3.0
BMES 711	Principles in Neuroengineering	3.0
BMES 715	Systems Neuroscience and Applications I	3.0
BMES 718	Brain Computer Interfaces	3.0
BMES 725	Neural Networks	3.0
Total Credits		15.0

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Co-op is an option for this degree for full-time on-campus students. To prepare for the 6-month co-op experience, students will complete: COOP 500 (<https://catalog.drexel.edu/search/?P=COOP%20500>). The total credits required for this degree with the co-op experience is 46.0. Students not participating in the co-op experience will need 45.0 credits to graduate.

Biomedical Technology Development Concentration (Optional) - Not eligible for Federal Financial Aid

Students enrolled in this concentration will develop an understanding of critical regulatory, economic, and legal issues in addition to the project management skills that facilitate the development of new medical devices and positive working relationships with intellectual property lawyers, insurance companies, and the federal government.

BMES 509	Entrepreneurship for Biomedical Engineering and Science	3.0
BMES 534	Design Thinking for Biomedical Engineers	3.0
BMES 538	Biomedical Ethics and Law	3.0
BMES 588	Medical Device Development	3.0
BMES 596	Clinical Practicum	3.0
Total Credits		15.0

Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering Concentration (Optional) - Not eligible for Federal Financial Aid

This concentration is designed to provide students with advanced training in cellular and molecular biology relevant to tissue engineering and behavior of materials used in biomedical applications.

BMES 631	Tissue Engineering I	4.0
BMES 632	Tissue Engineering II	4.0
BMES 660	Biomaterials I	4.0
BMES 661	Biomaterials II	4.0

Sample Plan of Study

Elective track 1 (All quarter courses):

First Year				
Fall	Credits	Winter	Credits	Spring
BMES 546	4.0	BMES 544	4.0	BMES 543
or 550				4.0
BMES 710	3.0	BMES 547	3.0	BMES 678
				3.0
COOP 500	1.0	BMES 711	3.0	BMES 725
				3.0
CS Elective	3.0			
	11		10	10
				6
Second Year				
Fall	Credits	Winter	Credits	Spring
COOP EXPERIENCE		COOP EXPERIENCE		BMES 611
				3.0
				BMES 715
				3.0
				CS Elective
				3.0
	0		0	9
Total Credits 46				

Elective Track 2 (with semester courses)

First year, Quarter courses

First Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
BMES 546 or 550	4.0 BMES 544	4.0 BMES 549	3.0 Complete Quarter; Enroll as Semester	
BMES 718	3.0 BMES 547	3.0 BMES 685	2.0	
	BMES 548	3.0 BMES 604	3.0	
	7	10	8	0
Total Credits 25				

With Coop and Neuro

First Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
BMES 546 or 550	4.0 BMES 544	4.0 BMES 543	4.0 BMES 604	3.0
BMES 710	3.0 BMES 547	3.0 BMES 678	3.0 CS Elective	3.0
COOP 500	1.0 BMES 711	3.0 BMES 725	3.0	
CS Elective	3.0			
	11	10	10	6
Second Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits	
COOP EXPERIENCE	COOP EXPERIENCE	BMES 611	3.0	
		BMES 715	3.0	
		CS Elective	3.0	
	0	0	9	
Total Credits 46				

Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems Faculty

Fred D. Allen, PhD (*University of Pennsylvania*) *Associate Director, Undergraduate Education*. Assistant Professor. Tissue engineering, cell engineering, orthopedics, bone remodeling, wound healing, mechanotransduction, signal transduction, adhesion, migration.

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Sriram Balasubramanian, PhD (*Wayne State University*). Assistant Professor. Structural characteristics of the pediatric thoracic cage using CT scans and developing an age-equivalent animal model for pediatric long bones.

Kenneth A. Barbee, PhD (*University of Pennsylvania*). Professor. Cellular biomechanics of neural and vascular injury, mechanotransduction in the cardiovascular system, mechanical control of growth and development for wound healing and tissue engineering.

Donald Buerk, PhD (*Northwestern University*). Research Professor. Biotechnology, physiology, systems biology, blood flow, microcirculation, nitric oxide, oxygen transport

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Biomedical Engineering MS

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Degree Awarded: Master of Science (MS)

Calendar Type: Quarter

Minimum Required Credits: 45.0

Co-op Option: Available for full-time, on-campus master's-level students

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code: 14.0501

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About the Program

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Master's students can choose to include a six-month graduate co-op cycle as part of their studies, supported by Drexel's Steinbright Career Development Center.

Students may also choose to enroll in a concentrations such as biomedical device development, bioinformatics, pediatric engineering or neuroengineering, (note - concentrations are not eligible for federal financial aid) or may pursue a dual-degree MS option. Graduating students work in industry in such fields as medical devices, healthcare, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology, continue academic careers (PhD), or continue to medical schools.

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Admission Requirements

Application Requirements

- No GRE examination scores required to apply!
- Provide official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended (student must have a previous BS degree or equivalent)
- Personal essay
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation

For more information about the application, financial aid, cost of study, and length of program, please visit the Graduate Admissions website (<https://drexel.edu/biomed/admissions/graduate/>).

Degree Requirements (MS)

The core requirements for the Master in Biomedical Engineering encompass approximately 45.0 course credits (most courses carry 3.0 credits each). Students who choose the non-thesis option cannot register for thesis or research credits.

The curriculum includes room for specializations and concentrations in several areas of biomedical engineering.

Concentrations

Five optional concentrations are available:

1. Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering

Biomaterials and tissue engineering is designed to provide students with advanced training in cellular and molecular biology relevant to tissue engineering and behavior of materials used in biomedical applications.

2.

3. Bioinformatics

This specialization emphasized a systems engineering approach to provide a foundation in systems biology and pathology informatics. Students are provided with hands-on experience in the application of genomic, proteomic, and other large-scale information to biomedical engineering as well as experience in advanced computational methods used in systems biology: pathway and circuitry, feedback and control, machine learning, stochastic analysis, and biostatistics.

4.

5. Biomedical Technology Development

6. This concentration area aims to provide engineers with the comprehensive education and training necessary to succeed in careers in business, industry, non-profit organizations, and government agencies involving biomedical technology development.

7.

8. Pediatric Engineering

This concentration provides a foundation for future scientific and technical careers in pediatric engineering, healthcare, entrepreneurship, and innovation.

9.

10. Neuroengineering

11. This concentration aims to train students to develop a fundamental understanding of neural systems, operational principles of neurotechnologies, and approaches to apply scientific and engineering concepts to repair nervous system for clinical applications or enhance its functional performance.

12.

13. Cell and Gene Therapy Engineering

14. This concentration provides students with the foundations of cell and gene engineering, involving various techniques to modify or manipulate the characteristics of living cells for treatment purposes, including immune engineering and gene therapy.

15.

The sum of electives, core credits, and/or thesis credits must total 45.0 credits. Elective choices would depend upon the student's area(s) of focus or concentration but must be within the fields of science, engineering, or medicine. A concentration may substitute for elective credits.

Core Courses

BMES 501	Medical Sciences I	3.0
BMES 502	Medical Sciences II	3.0
BMES 510	Biomedical Statistics	4.0
BMES 538	Biomedical Ethics and Law	3.0
BMES 546	Biocomputational Languages	4.0
or BMES 550	Advanced Biocomputational Languages	
BMES 864	Seminar *	0.0

Modeling-Intensive Courses

Select two: 6.0

BMES 611	Biological Control Systems
BMES 651	Transport Phenomena in Living Systems I
BMES 672	Biosimulation I
BMES 673	Biosimulation II
BMES 677	Mathematical Modeling of Cellular Behavior
BMES 678	Biocomputational Modeling and Simulation
BMES 710	Neural Signals

BMES Electives

Select 13.0 credits from the list below: 13.0

BMES 503	Medical Sciences III
BMES 508	Cardiovascular Engineering
BMES 509	Entrepreneurship for Biomedical Engineering and Science
BMES 515	Experimental Design in Biomedical Research
BMES 517	Intermediate Biostatistics
BMES 518	Interpretation of Biomedical Data
BMES 524	Introduction to Biosensors
BMES 528	Pediatric Engineering I
BMES 529	Pediatric Engineering II
BMES 531	Chronobioengineering I
BMES 532	Chronobioengineering II

BMES 534	Design Thinking for Biomedical Engineers
BMES 535	Introduction to Product Design for Biomedical Engineers
BMES 541	Nano and Molecular Mechanics of Biological Materials
BMES 543	Quantitative Systems Biology
BMES 544	Genome Information Engineering
BMES 548	Structural Bioinformatics and Drug Design
BMES 549	Genomic and Sequencing Technologies
BMES 551	Biomedical Signal Processing
BMES 588	Medical Device Development
BMES 604	Pharmacogenomics
BMES 611	Biological Control Systems
BMES 621	Medical Imaging Systems I
BMES 622	Medical Imaging Systems II
BMES 623	Medical Imaging Systems III
BMES 624	Principles of Neuroimaging
BMES 631	Tissue Engineering I
BMES 632	Tissue Engineering II
BMES 641	Biomedical Mechanics I
BMES 642	Biomedical Mechanics II
BMES 651	Transport Phenomena in Living Systems I
BMES 660	Biomaterials I
BMES 661	Biomaterials II
BMES 669	Techniques in Cell Engineering and Gene Therapy
BMES 667	Cell and Gene Therapy (CGT) Manufacturing and Regulatory Requirements
BMES 670	Introduction to Immune Engineering
BMES 671	Advanced Topics in Immune Engineering
BMES 672	Biosimulation I
BMES 673	Biosimulation II
BMES 675	Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering III
BMES 677	Mathematical Modeling of Cellular Behavior
BMES 678	Biocomputational Modeling and Simulation
BMES 685	Experimental Methods in Neuroengineering
BMES 710	Neural Signals
BMES 711	Principles in Neuroengineering
BMES 718	Brain Computer Interfaces
BMES 715	Systems Neuroscience and Applications I
BMES 722	Neural Aspects of Posture and Locomotion I
BMES 725	Neural Networks
BMES 821	Medical Instrumentation
BMES 822	Medical Instrumentation II
BMES 825	Hospital Administration
Science, Engineering, and Medicine Electives **	
9.0	
Thesis Option ***	
BMES 897	Research
BMES 898	Master's Thesis
Optional Coop Experience †	
0-1	
COOP 500	Career Management and Professional Development for Master's Degree Students
Total Credits	
45.0-46.0	

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Must be taken three times.

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Science, engineering, and medicine electives may include graduate-level courses from appropriate disciplines and departments, including Biomedical Engineering. Please consult with your graduate advisor when formulating your plan of study and choosing electives.

Up to 9.0 credits of research and thesis may be applied toward the MS degree requirements. The research for the thesis may include work carried out during an internship.

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Co-op is an option for this degree for full-time, on-campus students. To prepare for the 6-month co-op experience, students will complete COOP 500. The total minimum required credits for this degree with the co-op experience is 46.0. Students not participating in the co-op experience will need a minimum of 45.0 credits.

Biomedical Technology Development Concentration (Optional)

Students enrolled in this concentration will develop an understanding of critical regulatory, economic, and legal issues in addition to the project management skills that facilitate the development of new medical devices and positive working relationships with intellectual property lawyers, insurance companies, and the federal government.

Core Courses

BMES 509	Entrepreneurship for Biomedical Engineering and Science	3.0
BMES 534	Design Thinking for Biomedical Engineers	3.0
BMES 538	Biomedical Ethics and Law	3.0
BMES 588	Medical Device Development	3.0
BMES 596	Clinical Practicum	3.0
Total Credits		15.0

Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering Concentration (Optional)

This concentration is designed to provide students with advanced training in cellular and molecular biology relevant to tissue engineering and behavior of materials used in biomedical applications

Core Courses

BMES 631	Tissue Engineering I	4.0
BMES 632	Tissue Engineering II	4.0
BMES 660	Biomaterials I	4.0
BMES 661	Biomaterials II	4.0
BMES 675	Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering III	4.0
Total Credits		20.0

Bioinformatics Concentration (Optional)

This concentration emphasizes a systems engineering approach to provide a foundation in systems biology and pathology informatics. Students are provided students with hands-on experience in the application of genomic, proteomic, and other large-scale information to biomedical engineering as well as experience in advanced computational methods used in systems biology: pathway and circuitry, feedback and control, cellular automata, sets of partial differential equations, stochastic analysis, and biostatistics.

BMES 543	Quantitative Systems Biology	4.0
BMES 544	Genome Information Engineering	4.0
BMES 547	Machine Learning in Biomedical Applications	3.0
or BMES 549	Genomic and Sequencing Technologies	
BMES 551	Biomedical Signal Processing	3.0
BMES 604	Pharmacogenomics	3.0
Total Credits		17.0

Pediatric Engineering Concentration (Optional)

This concentration aims to train students: 1) to develop a fundamental understanding of childhood injury and disease, healthcare, and treatment, and 2) to apply scientific and engineering concepts, methods, and approaches to address healthcare challenges with direct relevance to pediatric patients.

BMES 528	Pediatric Engineering I	3.0
BMES 529	Pediatric Engineering II	3.0
BMES 538	Biomedical Ethics and Law	3.0
BMES 509	Entrepreneurship for Biomedical Engineering and Science	3.0
Total Credits		12.0

Neuroengineering Concentration (Optional)

This concentration aims to train students 1) to develop a fundamental understanding of neural systems from cellular, to whole brain level, and 2) operational principles of neurotechnologies that can interface with nervous systems, 3) to apply scientific and engineering concepts to repair nervous system for clinical applications or enhance its functional performance.

BMES 710	Neural Signals	3.0
BMES 711	Principles in Neuroengineering	3.0
BMES 715	Systems Neuroscience and Applications I	3.0
BMES 718	Brain Computer Interfaces	3.0
BMES 725	Neural Networks	3.0
Total Credits		15.0

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MIIM 571S	Cell and Gene Therapy 1	3.0
MIIM 572S	Cell and Gene Therapy 2	3.0
BMES 670	Introduction to Immune Engineering	3.0
BMES 671	Advanced Topics in Immune Engineering	3.0
BMES 667	Cell and Gene Therapy (CGT) Manufacturing and Regulatory Requirements	3.0
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Sample Plan of Study

No co-op

First Year				
Fall	Credits	Winter	Credits	Spring
BMES 501	3.0	BMES 502	3.0	BMES 538*
BMES 510	4.0	BMES 864	0.0	BMES 864
BMES 546 or 550	4.0	BMES Elective	3.0	BMES Elective
BMES 864	0.0	Modeling-Intensive Course	3.0	Modeling-Intensive Course
11		9		9

Second Year		
Fall	Credits	Winter
Elective Courses and/or Thesis**	9.0	Elective Courses and/or Thesis***
9		7
Total Credits 45		

* Can be taken in any term.

** Can include BMES 897.

*** Can include BMES 897 and BMES 898.

With Co-op

First Year				
Fall	Credits	Winter	Credits	Spring
BMES 501	3.0	BMES 502	3.0	BMES 864
BMES 546 or 550	4.0	BMES 510	4.0	Modeling Intensive Course
BMES 864	0.0	BMES 864	0.0	Elective
COOP 500	1.0	Elective/Concentration	4.0	Elective/Concentration
Elective/Concentration	3.0			
11		11		9

Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Winter	Credits
COOP	COOP	Modeling	3.0
EXPERIENCE	EXPERIENCE	Intensive Course	
		Elective	3.0
	0	0	6
Total Credits 46			

Areas of Specialization

Areas of specialization can be pursued within the Biomedical Engineering graduate program. Students can plan their own focus area that will give them strength in a particular sub-discipline. Alternatively, the student can specialize by conducting research and writing a thesis.

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Biomechanics and human performance engineering is designed to meet two objectives: to acquaint students with the responses of biological tissues to mechanical loads as well as with the mechanical properties of living systems, and to provide students with the background and skills needed to create work and living environments which improve human health and enhance performance. Biomechanics and human performance also involves the study of orthopedic appliances and the broader aspect of rehabilitation engineering and the management of disability.

Biomedical Systems and Imaging

Biomedical systems and imaging focuses on the theoretical and practical issues related to machine vision, image processing and analysis, and signal processing associated with such medical applications as well biomedical instrumentation and product development.

Neuroengineering

Neuroengineering is broadly defined to include the modeling of neural and endocrine systems, neural networks, complexity in physiological systems, evolutionary influences in biological control systems, neurocontrol, neurorobotics, and neuroprosthetics.

Program Level Outcomes

- Understands the fundamentals of biology and physiology from an engineering perspective to enhance human health
- Take advantage of cutting edge tools, information and knowledge to address complex problems in the development and delivery of health care solutions. The graduate evaluates models and hypotheses using the appropriate experimental, mathematical and statistical approaches.
- Innovate from an analytic and synthetic perspective using multiple approaches, integrating life sciences and engineering with a global and interdisciplinary perspectives
- Acquire skills and knowledge necessary to specialize in an area of bioengineering, to perform research or design and develop a system.
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Biomedical Engineering PhD

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The following milestones have to be satisfied during the course of the program:

- Students must successfully pass the candidacy examination.
- Students must submit a PhD dissertation proposal and successfully defend it.
- Students must write a dissertation and successfully pass final oral defense.

Post-Baccalaureate Requirements and Post-Master's Requirements

Both post-baccalaureate and post-master's students are admitted into the doctoral program in Biomedical Engineering but have slightly differing sets of requirements.

For **post-master's students**, 45.0 of the credits that they earned toward their master's degree may be applied toward the PhD. If coming from the master's program in Biomedical Engineering at Drexel University, those courses they took would apply. For non-Drexel students who have completed their master's elsewhere, there may be exceptions made. If these students believe that they have covered the material of the required courses in another program, they must show evidence of such material and obtain a formal waiver of this requirement from the graduate advisor.

For **post-baccalaureate students**, students must complete a minimum of 90.0 credits and a research thesis. These 90.0 credits include the core courses required by Drexel's MS in Biomedical Engineering.

Core Courses

BMES 501	Medical Sciences I	3.0
BMES 502	Medical Sciences II	3.0
BMES 864	Seminar	0.0
BMES 870	Graduate Research Talks (must be taken 9 times) *	9.0
Modeling-Intensive Courses: Select two		6.0
BMES 611	Biological Control Systems	
BMES 651	Transport Phenomena in Living Systems I	

BMES 672	Biosimulation I	
BMES 673	Biosimulation II	
BMES 677	Mathematical Modeling of Cellular Behavior	
BMES 678	Biocomputational Modeling and Simulation	
BMES 710	Neural Signals	
Additional Courses **		
BMES 510	Biomedical Statistics	4.0
BMES 538	Biomedical Ethics and Law	3.0
BMES 546	Biocomputational Languages	4.0
or BMES 550	Advanced Biocomputational Languages	
BMES Electives		10.0
BMES 503	Medical Sciences III	
BMES 508	Cardiovascular Engineering	
BMES 509	Entrepreneurship for Biomedical Engineering and Science	
BMES 515	Experimental Design in Biomedical Research	
BMES 517	Intermediate Biostatistics	
BMES 518	Interpretation of Biomedical Data	
BMES 524	Introduction to Biosensors	
BMES 528	Pediatric Engineering I	
BMES 529	Pediatric Engineering II	
BMES 531	Chronobioengineering I	
BMES 532	Chronobioengineering II	
BMES 534	Design Thinking for Biomedical Engineers	
BMES 535	Introduction to Product Design for Biomedical Engineers	
BMES 541	Nano and Molecular Mechanics of Biological Materials	
BMES 543	Quantitative Systems Biology	
BMES 544	Genome Information Engineering	
BMES 548	Structural Bioinformatics and Drug Design	
BMES 549	Genomic and Sequencing Technologies	
BMES 551	Biomedical Signal Processing	
BMES 588	Medical Device Development	
BMES 604	Pharmacogenomics	
BMES 611	Biological Control Systems	
BMES 621	Medical Imaging Systems I	
BMES 622	Medical Imaging Systems II	
BMES 623	Medical Imaging Systems III	
BMES 631	Tissue Engineering I	
BMES 632	Tissue Engineering II	
BMES 641	Biomedical Mechanics I	
BMES 642	Biomedical Mechanics II	
BMES 651	Transport Phenomena in Living Systems I	
BMES 660	Biomaterials I	
BMES 661	Biomaterials II	
BMES 672	Biosimulation I	
BMES 673	Biosimulation II	
BMES 675	Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering III	
BMES 677	Mathematical Modeling of Cellular Behavior	
BMES 678	Biocomputational Modeling and Simulation	
BMES 685	Experimental Methods in Neuroengineering	
BMES 710	Neural Signals	
BMES 711	Principles in Neuroengineering	
BMES 722	Neural Aspects of Posture and Locomotion I	
BMES 725	Neural Networks	
BMES 821	Medical Instrumentation	
BMES 822	Medical Instrumentation II	
BMES 825	Hospital Administration	
Research		
BMES 897	Research	48.0
Total Credits		90.0

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PHD students in the 2nd through 4th years are required to enroll in BMES 870 for the Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters (thus taking the course 9 times). Students with extenuating circumstances (e.g., study or research abroad, leave of absence) may petition the graduate advisor to waive the requirement for a given term.

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In addition to the required courses, post-baccalaureate PhD students must take at least 21.0 more credits in courses approved by their academic advisor. The balance may be taken as research and/or thesis/dissertation credits.

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Sample Plan of Study

First Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
BMES 501	3.0 BMES 502	3.0 BMES 538	3.0 BMES 897	5.0
BMES 510	4.0 BMES 864	0.0 BMES 864	0.0 BMES Elective	4.0
BMES 546 or 550	4.0 Modeling-Intensive Course	3.0 Modeling-Intensive Course	3.0	
BMES 864	0.0 BMES Elective	3.0 BMES Elective	3.0	
	11	9	9	9
Second Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
BMES 870	1.0 BMES 870	1.0 BMES 870	1.0 VACATION	
BMES 897	8.0 BMES 897	8.0 BMES 897	8.0	
	9	9	9	0
Third Year				
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits	
BMES 870	1.0 BMES 870	1.0 BMES 870	1.0	
BMES 897	8.0 BMES 897	8.0 BMES 897	6.0	
	9	9	7	
Total Credits 90				

Areas of specialization can be pursued within the Biomedical Engineering graduate program. Students can plan their own focus area that will give them strength in a particular sub-discipline. Alternatively, the student can specialize by conducting research and writing a thesis.

Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering

Biomaterials and tissue engineering is designed to provide students with advanced training in cellular and molecular biology relevant to tissue engineering and behavior of materials used in biomedical applications.

Biomedical Technology Development

Students pursuing the concentration will develop an understanding of critical regulatory, economic, and legal issues in addition to the project management skills that facilitate the development of new medical devices and positive working relationships with intellectual property lawyers,

insurance companies, and the federal government. (This is a formal concentration with specific course requirements.)

Bioinformatics

Bioinformatics emphasizes a systems engineering approach to provide a foundation in systems biology and pathology informatics. Students are provided with hands-on experience in the application of genomic, proteomic, and other large-scale information to biomedical engineering as well as experience in advanced computational methods used in systems biology: pathway and circuitry, feedback and control, cellular automata, sets of partial differential equations, stochastic analysis, and biostatistics.

Biomechanics and Human Performance Engineering

Biomechanics and human performance engineering is designed to meet two objectives: to acquaint students with the responses of biological tissues to mechanical loads as well as with the mechanical properties of living systems, and to provide students with the background and skills needed to create work and living environments which improve human health and enhance performance. Biomechanics and human performance also involves the study of orthopedic appliances and the broader aspect of rehabilitation engineering and the management of disability.

Biomedical Systems and Imaging

Biomedical systems and imaging focuses on the theoretical and practical issues related to machine vision, image processing and analysis, and signal processing associated with such medical applications as well biomedical instrumentation and product development.

Neuroengineering

Neuroengineering is broadly defined to include the modeling of neural and endocrine systems, neural networks, complexity in physiological systems, evolutionary influences in biological control systems, neurocontrol, neurorobotics, and neuroprosthetics.

Cell and Gene Therapy Engineering

Cell and gene therapy engineering involves various techniques to modify or manipulate the characteristics of living cells for treatment purposes, including immune engineering and gene therapy.

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Kurtulus Izzetoglu, PhD (*Drexel University*) Associate Research Professor. Cognitive neuroengineering, functional brain imaging, near infrared spectroscopy, medical sensor development, biomedical signal processing, human performance assessment, and cognitive aging

Meltem Izzetoglu, PhD (*Drexel University*). Associate Research Professor. Cognitive neuroengineering, biomedical signal processing, statistical signal analysis, optimal artifact removal, information processing, optical brain imaging, functional near infrared spectroscopy, working memory, attention, learning, reading and mathematical disabilities, cognitive aging, anesthesia awareness, and social anxiety disorders.

Dov Jaron, PhD (*University of Pennsylvania*) *Calhoun Distinguished Professor of Engineering in Medicine*. Professor. Mathematical, computer and electromechanical simulations of the cardiovascular system.

Andres Kriete, PhD (*University in Bremen Germany*) Associate Director for Graduate Studies and Academic Operations. Systems biology, bioimaging, control theory, biology of aging, skin cancer.

Steven Kurtz, PhD (*Cornell University*). Associate Research Professor. Computational biomechanics of bone-implant systems and impact-related injuries, orthopaedic biomechanics, contact mechanics, orthopaedic biomaterials, large-deformation mechanical behavior and wear of polymers, and degradation and crosslinking of polyolefins in implant applications.

Ryszard Lec, PhD (*University of Warsaw Engineering College*). Professor. Biomedical applications of viscoelastic, acoustoptic and ultrasonic properties of liquid and solid media.

Peter Lewin, PhD (*University of Denmark, Copenhagen-Lyngby*) *Richard B. Beard Professor, School Of Biomedical Engineering, Science & Health Systems*. Professor. Biomedical ultrasonics, piezoelectric and polymer transducers and hydrophones; shock wave sensors.

Hualou Liang, PhD (*Chinese Academy of Sciences*). Professor. Neuroengineering, neuroinformatics, cognitive and computational neuroscience, neural data analysis and computational modeling, biomedical signal processing.

Donald L. McEachron, PhD (*University of California at San Diego*) *Coordinator, Academic Assessment and Improvement*. Teaching

Professor. Animal behavior, autoradiography, biological rhythms, cerebral metabolism, evolutionary theory, image processing, neuroendocrinology.

Karen Moxon, PhD (*University of Colorado*) *Associate Director for Research*. Professor. Cortico-thalamic interactions; neurobiological perspectives on design of humanoid robots.

Michael Neidrauer, PhD (*Drexel University*). Assistant Research Professor. Wound healing, near infrared, spectroscopy, cell culture, data analysis, optical coherence tomography (OCT), matlab, life sciences assay development, confocal microscopy, biomaterials, in-vivo, medical devices

Banu Onaral, PhD (*University of Pennsylvania*) *H.H. Sun Professor; Senior Advisor to the President, Global Partnerships*. Professor. Biomedical signal processing; complexity and scaling in biomedical signals and systems.

Kambiz Pourrezaei, PhD (*Rensselaer Polytechnic University*). Professor. Thin film technology; nanotechnology; near infrared imaging; power electronics.

Ahmet Sacan, PhD (*Middle East Technical University*). Assistant Professor. Indexing and data mining in biological databases; protein sequence and structure; similarity search; protein structure modeling; protein-protein interaction; automated cell tracking.

Joseph J. Sarver, PhD (*Drexel University*). Associate Professor. Neuromuscular adaptation to changes in the myo-mechanical environment.

Rahamim Seliktar, PhD (*University of Strathclyde, Glasgow*) *Vice Director, School of Biomedical Engineering, Science & Health Systems*. Professor. Limb prostheses, biomechanics of human motion, orthopedic biomechanics.

Patricia A. Shewokis, PhD (*University of Georgia*). Professor. Roles of cognition and motor function during motor skill learning; role of information feedback frequency on the memory of motor skills, noninvasive neural imaging techniques of functional near infrared spectroscopy(fNIR) and electroencephalography (EEG) and methodology and research design.

Adrian C. Shieh, PhD (*Rice University*). Assistant Professor. Contribution of mechanical forces to tumor invasion and metastasis, with a particular emphasis on how biomechanical signals may drive the invasive switch, and how the biomechanical microenvironment interacts with cytokine signaling and the extracellular matrix to influence tumor and stromal cell behavior.

Wan Y. Shih, PhD (*Ohio State University*). Associate Professor. Piezoelectric microcantilever biosensors development, piezoelectric finger development, quantum dots development, tissue elasticity imaging, piezoelectric microcantilever force probes.

Kara Spiller, PhD (*Drexel University*). Assistant Professor. Macrophage-biomaterial interactions, drug delivery systems, and chronic wound healing. Cell-biomaterial interactions, biomaterial design, and international engineering education.

Marek Swoboda, PhD (*Drexel University*). Assistant Teaching Professor. Cardiovascular engineering, cardiovascular system, diagnostic devices in cardiology, piezoelectric biosensors, and pathogen detection.

Amy Throckmorton, PhD (*University of Virginia*). Associate Professor. Computational and experimental fluid dynamics; cardiovascular modeling,

including transient, fluid-structure interaction, and patient-specific anatomical studies; bench-to-bedside development of medical devices; artificial organs research; prediction and quantification of blood trauma and thrombosis in medical devices; design of therapeutic alternatives for patients with dysfunctional single ventricle physiology; human factors engineering of mechanical circulatory assist devices

Margaret Wheatley, PhD (*University of Toronto*) John M. Reid Professor. Ultrasound contrast agent development (tumor targeting and triggered drug delivery), controlled release technology (bioactive compounds), microencapsulated allografts (ex vivo gene therapy) for spinal cord repair.

Ming Xiao, PhD (*Baylor University*). Associate Professor. Nanotechnology, single molecule detection, single molecule fluorescent imaging, genomics, genetics, genome mapping, DNA sequencing, DNA biochemistry, and biophysics.

Yinghui Zhong, PhD (*Georgia Institute of Technology*). Assistant Professor. Spinal cord repair, and engineering neural prosthesis/brain interface using biomaterials, drug delivery, and stem cell therapy.

Leonid Zubkov, PhD, DSc (*St. Petersburg State University, Russia*). Research Professor. Physiology, wound healing, physiologic neovascularization, near-infrared spectroscopy, optical tomography, histological techniques, computer-assisted diagnosis, infrared spectrophotometry, physiologic monitoring, experimental diabetes mellitus, penetrating wounds, diabetes complications, skin, animal models, radiation scattering, failure analysis

Catherin von Reyn, PhD (*University of Pennsylvania*). Assistant Professor. Cell type-specific genetic engineering, whole-cell patch clamp in behaving animals, modeling, and detailed behavioral analysis to identify and characterize sensorimotor circuits.

Emeritus Faculty

Hun H. Sun, PhD (*Cornell University*). Professor Emeritus. Biological control systems, physiological modeling, systems analysis.

Biomedical Science MS

Major: Biomedical Science

Degree Awarded: Master of Science (MS)

Calendar Type: Quarter

Minimum Required Credits: 45.0

Co-op Option: Available for full-time, on-campus master's-level students

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code: 26.0102

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) code: 19-1042

About the Program

The Biomedical Science program at the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems applies fundamental biological research, analysis and technology to human health. The program educates students whose undergraduate education is in basic life sciences (e.g., biology) or paramedical disciplines in quantitative data analysis, mathematical modeling, systems analysis and informatics.

For students entering with degrees in physics, mathematics, and/or computer science, the School, in close collaboration with the Department of Biology, provides the coursework needed to acquire proficiency in the life sciences.

Master's students can choose to include a six-month graduate co-op cycle as part of their studies, supported by Drexel's Steinbright Career Development Center.

Students may also choose to enroll in concentrations such as biomedical technology development, bioinformatics, pediatric engineering or neuroengineering. Students who graduate with a master's degree from the biomedical science program often continue clinical training in medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine; pursue further graduate study toward the PhD degree; or work in industry in such fields as health care, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology or advanced therapeutics.

The Biomedical Science program has an articulation with Intensive Medical Sciences (IMS) program at the Drexel College of Medicine, which can be pursued after taking one year of required classes. The IMS program is a rigorous one-year graduate program designed to help students develop strong academic portfolios and become attractive candidates for medical school.

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For more information, visit the The School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems (<https://drexel.edu/biomed/>) website.

Degree Requirements

The core requirements for the master's in biomedical science encompass approximately 45.0 course credits (most courses carry three credits each). Students who choose the non-thesis option cannot register for thesis or research credits.

The curriculum includes room for specialization in several areas in biomedical engineering, as well as concentrations in biomaterials and tissue engineering, bioinformatics and biomedical technology development.

Concentrations

Five concentrations are available:

Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering

Biomaterials and tissue engineering is designed to provide students with advanced training in cellular and molecular biology relevant to tissue engineering and behavior of materials used in biomedical applications.

Bioinformatics

This specialization emphasized a systems engineering approach to provide a foundation in systems biology and pathology informatics. Students are provided with hands-on experience in the application of genomic, proteomic, and other large-scale information to biomedical engineering as well as experience in advanced computational methods used in systems biology: pathway and circuitry, feedback and control, machine learning, stochastic analysis, and biostatistics.

Biomedical Technology Development

This concentration area aims to provide engineers with the comprehensive education and training necessary to succeed in careers in business, industry, non-profit organizations, and government agencies involving biomedical technology development.

Pediatric Engineering

This concentration provides a foundation for future scientific and technical careers in pediatric engineering, healthcare, entrepreneurship, and innovation.

Neuroengineering

This concentration aims to train students to develop a fundamental understanding of neural systems, operational principles of neurotechnologies, and approaches to apply scientific and engineering concepts to repair nervous system for clinical applications or enhance its functional performance.

Cell and Gene Therapy Engineering

This concentration provides students with the foundations of cell and gene engineering, involving various techniques to modify or manipulate the characteristics of living cells for treatment purposes, including immune engineering and gene therapy.

Required Courses

BMES 505	Mathematics for Biomedical Sciences I	3.0
BMES 506	Mathematics for Biomedical Sciences II	3.0
BMES 510	Biomedical Statistics	4.0
BMES 515	Experimental Design in Biomedical Research	4.0
BMES 538	Biomedical Ethics and Law	3.0
BMES 543	Quantitative Systems Biology	3.0-4.0
or BMES 611	Biological Control Systems	
BMES 546	Biocomputational Languages	4.0
or BMES 550	Advanced Biocomputational Languages	
BMES 864	Seminar (Must be taken 3 times)	0.0

BMES Electives

Select a minimum of 15.0 credits from the list below		15.0-21.0
BMES 508	Cardiovascular Engineering	
BMES 509	Entrepreneurship for Biomedical Engineering and Science	
BMES 517	Intermediate Biostatistics	
BMES 518	Interpretation of Biomedical Data	
BMES 524	Introduction to Biosensors	
BMES 525	Advanced Biosensors	
BMES 528	Pediatric Engineering I	
BMES 529	Pediatric Engineering II	
BMES 531	Chronobiomechanics I	
BMES 532	Chronobiomechanics II	
BMES 534	Design Thinking for Biomedical Engineers	
BMES 535	Introduction to Product Design for Biomedical Engineers	
BMES 541	Nano and Molecular Mechanics of Biological Materials	
BMES 543	Quantitative Systems Biology	
BMES 544	Genome Information Engineering	
BMES 547	Machine Learning in Biomedical Applications	
BMES 548	Structural Bioinformatics and Drug Design	
BMES 549	Genomic and Sequencing Technologies	
BMES 551	Biomedical Signal Processing	
BMES 588	Medical Device Development	
BMES 604	Pharmacogenomics	
BMES 621	Medical Imaging Systems I	
BMES 622	Medical Imaging Systems II	

BMES 623	Medical Imaging Systems III	
BMES 624	Principles of Neuroimaging	
BMES 631	Tissue Engineering I	
BMES 632	Tissue Engineering II	
BMES 641	Biomedical Mechanics I	
BMES 642	Biomedical Mechanics II	
BMES 651	Transport Phenomena in Living Systems I	
BMES 660	Biomaterials I	
BMES 661	Biomaterials II	
BMES 672	Biosimulation I	
BMES 673	Biosimulation II	
BMES 667	Cell and Gene Therapy (CGT) Manufacturing and Regulatory Requirements	
BMES 669	Techniques in Cell Engineering and Gene Therapy	
BMES 670	Introduction to Immune Engineering	
BMES 671	Advanced Topics in Immune Engineering	
BMES 685	Experimental Methods in Neuroengineering	
BMES 710	Neural Signals	
BMES 711	Principles in Neuroengineering	
BMES 715	Systems Neuroscience and Applications I	
BMES 718	Brain Computer Interfaces	
BMES 722	Neural Aspects of Posture and Locomotion I	
BMES 821	Medical Instrumentation	
BMES 822	Medical Instrumentation II	
BMES 825	Hospital Administration	

General Electives in the fields of science, engineering, or medicine including additional BMES classes

The sum of electives, core credits, and/or thesis credits must total 45.0 credits. Elective choices would depend upon the student's area(s) of focus or concentration but must be within the fields of science, engineering, or medicine. A concentration may substitute for elective credits. A minimum of 15.0 credits of BMES elective courses are required.

Thesis

BMES 897	Research	0.0-9.0
BMES 898	Master's Thesis	

Optional Coop Experience *

COOP 500	Career Management and Professional Development for Master's Degree Students	0-1
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Total Credits

45.0-68.0

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Co-op is an option for this degree for full-time, on-campus students.

To prepare for the 6-month co-op experience, students will complete COOP 500. The total minimum required credits for this degree with the co-op experience is 46. Students not participating in the co-op experience will need a minimum of 45.

Biomedical Technology Development Concentration (Optional)

Students enrolled in this concentration will develop an understanding of critical regulatory, economic, and legal issues in addition to the project management skills that facilitate the development of new medical devices and positive working relationships with intellectual property lawyers, insurance companies, and the federal government.

BMES 509	Entrepreneurship for Biomedical Engineering and Science	3.0
BMES 534	Design Thinking for Biomedical Engineers	3.0
BMES 538	Biomedical Ethics and Law	3.0
BMES 588	Medical Device Development	3.0
BMES 596	Clinical Practicum	3.0
Total Credits		15.0

Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering Concentration (Optional)

This concentration is designed to provide students with advanced training in cellular and molecular biology relevant to tissue engineering and behavior of materials used in biomedical applications

BMES 631	Tissue Engineering I	4.0
BMES 632	Tissue Engineering II	4.0
BMES 660	Biomaterials I	4.0
BMES 661	Biomaterials II	4.0
BMES 675	Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering III	4.0
Total Credits		20.0

Bioinformatics Concentration (Optional)

This concentration emphasizes a systems engineering approach to provide a foundation in systems biology and pathology informatics. Students are provided students with hands-on experience in the application of genomic, proteomic, and other large-scale information to biomedical engineering as well as experience in advanced computational methods used in systems biology: pathway and circuitry, feedback and control, cellular automata, sets of partial differential equations, stochastic analysis, and biostatistics.

BMES 543	Quantitative Systems Biology	4.0
BMES 544	Genome Information Engineering	4.0
BMES 547	Machine Learning in Biomedical Applications	3.0
or BMES 549	Genomic and Sequencing Technologies	
BMES 551	Biomedical Signal Processing	3.0
BMES 604	Pharmacogenomics	3.0
Total Credits		17.0

Pediatric Engineering Concentration (Optional)

This concentration aims to train students: 1) to develop a fundamental understanding of childhood injury and disease, healthcare, and treatment, and 2) to apply scientific and engineering concepts, methods, and approaches to address healthcare challenges with direct relevance to pediatric patients.

BMES 509	Entrepreneurship for Biomedical Engineering and Science	3.0
BMES 528	Pediatric Engineering I	3.0
BMES 529	Pediatric Engineering II	3.0
BMES 538	Biomedical Ethics and Law	3.0
Total Credits		12.0

Neuroengineering Concentration (Optional)

This concentration aims to train students 1) to develop a fundamental understanding of neural systems from cellular, to whole brain level, and 2) operational principles of neurotechnologies that can interface with nervous systems, 3) to apply scientific and engineering concepts to repair nervous system for clinical applications or enhance its functional performance.

BMES 710	Neural Signals	3.0
BMES 711	Principles in Neuroengineering	3.0
BMES 715	Systems Neuroscience and Applications I	3.0
BMES 718	Brain Computer Interfaces	3.0
BMES 725	Neural Networks	3.0
Total Credits		15.0

Cell and Gene Therapy Engineering Concentration (Optional)

This concentration aims to provide students with the foundations of cell and gene engineering involving various techniques and technologies to modify or manipulate the characteristics of living cells for treatment purposes, including immune engineering, and gene therapy involving the introduction, alteration, or replacement of genetic material within an individual's cells to treat or prevent disease.

MIIM 571S	Cell and Gene Therapy 1	3.0
MIIM 572S	Cell and Gene Therapy 2	3.0
BMES 670	Introduction to Immune Engineering	3.0
BMES 671	Advanced Topics in Immune Engineering	3.0
BMES 667	Cell and Gene Therapy (CGT) Manufacturing and Regulatory Requirements	3.0
BMES 669	Techniques in Cell Engineering and Gene Therapy	3.0

Sample Plan of Study

No Co-Op

First Year				
Fall	Credits	Winter	Credits	Spring
BMES 505	3.0	BMES 506	3.0	BMES 507
BMES 510	4.0	BMES 511	3.0	BMES 538
BMES 546	4.0	BMES 515	4.0	BMES 864
or 550				0.0
BMES 864	0.0	BMES 864	0.0	Choose one of the following courses:
				BMES 512
				BMES 5
				BMES 611
	11	10	9-10	0
Second Year				
Fall	Credits	Winter	Credits	Spring
Elective	9.0-12.0	Elective	6.0-9.0	
Courses		Courses		
and/or		and/or		
Research *		Thesis **		
	9-12		6-9	
Total Credits 45-52				

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Can include BMES 897.

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Can include BMES 897 and BMES 898.

With Co-op

First Year				
Fall	Credits	Winter	Credits	Spring
BMES 505	3.0	BMES 506	3.0	BMES 507
BMES 546	4.0	BMES 510	4.0	BMES 515
or 550				4.0 Electives
BMES 864	0.0	BMES 511	3.0	BMES 864
COOP 500	1.0	BMES 864	0.0	Choose one of the following courses:
				BMES 512
Elective/Concentration	3.0			BMES 5

BMES 611				
	11	10	10-11	9
Second Year				
Fall	Credits	Winter	Credits Spring	Credits
COOP	COOP	Electives	6.0	
EXPERIENCE	EXPERIENCE			
	0	0	6	
Total Credits 46-47				

Program Level Outcomes

- Understands the fundamentals and analytical approaches relevant to quantitative biomedical science to enhance human health.
- Take advantage of cutting edge tools, information and knowledge to address complex problems in the development and delivery of health care solutions. The graduate evaluates models and hypotheses using the appropriate experimental, mathematical and statistical approaches.
- Innovate from an analytic and synthetic perspective using multiple approaches, integrating life sciences and engineering with a global and interdisciplinary perspective.
- Acquire skills and knowledge necessary to specialize in an area of quantitative biomedical science, to perform research or design and develop a system.
- Recognize ethical issues, consider multiple points of view, and use critical ethical reasoning to determine the appropriate behavior to follow in the practice of biomedical science in a global context. The graduate thus demonstrates a thorough understanding of the ethical implications and obligations associated with the practice of biomedical science.

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Biomedical Science PhD

Major: Biomedical Science

Degree Awarded: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Calendar Type: Quarter

Minimum Required Credits: 90.0

Co-op Option: None

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code: 26.0102

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) code: 19-1042

About the Program

The Biomedical Science program at the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems applies fundamental biological research, analysis and technology to human health. The program educates students whose undergraduate education is in basic life sciences (e.g., biology) or paramedical disciplines in quantitative data analysis, mathematical modeling, systems analysis and informatics.

For students entering with degrees in physics, mathematics, and/or computer science, the School, in close collaboration with the Department of Biology, provides the coursework needed to acquire proficiency in the life sciences.

The Biomedical Science program has an articulation with Intensive Medical Sciences (IMS) program at the Drexel College of Medicine, which can be pursued after taking one year of required classes. The IMS program is a rigorous one-year graduate program designed to help students develop strong academic portfolios and become attractive candidates for medical school.

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Degree Requirements

Students with training in natural science or engineering, as well as individuals with academic or professional degrees in the medical science disciplines will be considered for admission to the doctoral program.

To be awarded the PhD degree, students must complete 90.0 required credits and fulfill a one-year residency requirement.

The following milestones have to be satisfied during the course of the program:

- Students must successfully pass the candidacy examination.
- Students must submit a PhD dissertation proposal and successfully defend it.
- Students must write a dissertation and successfully pass final oral defense.

Post-Baccalaureate Requirements and Post-Master's Requirements

Both post-baccalaureate and post-master's students are admitted into the doctoral program in Biomedical Science, but have slightly differing sets of requirements.

For **post-master's students**, 45.0 of the credits that they earned toward their Master's degree may be applied toward the PhD. If coming from the Master's program in Biomedical Science at the School of Biomedical Engineering, those courses they took would apply.

For **post-baccalaureate students**, students must complete a minimum of 90.0 credits and a research thesis. These 90.0 credits include the core courses required by Drexel's MS in Biomedical Science.

In addition to the required courses, post-baccalaureate PhD students must take at least 21.0 more credits in courses. This balance may be taken as research and/or thesis/dissertation credits.

Thesis Advisor/Plan of Study

During the first year of the program all Doctoral students are required to identify a Thesis Advisor and complete a plan of study. The student's Thesis Advisor and the Graduate Advisor will guide the student in developing this plan of study. Each plan of study is individually tailored to the student, and includes a combination of research and course credits most beneficial and complimentary to the student's chosen thesis topic.

The Candidacy Examination

Doctoral students must successfully pass a candidacy examination, preferably at the end of the first year of their study.

The overall objective of the candidacy examination is to test the student's basic knowledge and preparedness to proceed toward a PhD in

Biomedical Science. After a satisfactory performance on the candidacy examination the student is awarded the Doctoral Candidate status. Candidates must submit a Thesis Proposal by the end of the second year and defend it in an oral presentation to a committee of five faculty members.

Thesis Defense

After the student has successfully completed all the necessary research and composed a thesis manuscript, in accordance with the guidelines specified by the Office of Research and Graduate Studies, he or she then must formally defend their thesis. A formal thesis defense includes an oral presentation of research accomplishments in front of a committee of faculty members. The thesis defense is open to the general public.

Required Courses

BMES 505	Mathematics for Biomedical Sciences I	3.0
BMES 506	Mathematics for Biomedical Sciences II	3.0
BMES 510	Biomedical Statistics	4.0
BMES 515	Experimental Design in Biomedical Research	4.0
BMES 538	Biomedical Ethics and Law	3.0
BMES 546	Biocomputational Languages	4.0
or BMES 550	Advanced Biocomputational Languages	
BMES 864	Seminar (must be taken 3 times)	0.0
BMES 870	Graduate Research Talks (must be taken 9 times) *	9.0

BMES Electives **12.0**

BMES 511	Principles of Systems Analysis Applied to Biomedicine I
BMES 512	Principles of Systems Analysis Applied to Biomedicine II
BMES 528	Pediatric Engineering I
BMES 529	Pediatric Engineering II
BMES 531	Chronobioengineering I
BMES 532	Chronobioengineering II
BMES 534	Design Thinking for Biomedical Engineers
BMES 541	Nano and Molecular Mechanics of Biological Materials
BMES 544	Genome Information Engineering
BMES 547	Machine Learning in Biomedical Applications
BMES 549	Genomic and Sequencing Technologies
BMES 551	Biomedical Signal Processing
BMES 555	Biomedical Additive Manufacturing
BMES 556	Biomedical Additive Manufacturing II
BMES 563	Robotics in Medicine I
BMES 585	Medical Technology Innovation: Devices
BMES 586	Medical Technology Innovation: Biologics
BMES 588	Medical Device Development
BMES 624	Principles of Neuroimaging
BMES 644	Cellular Biomechanics
BMES 651	Transport Phenomena in Living Systems I
BMES 667	Cell and Gene Therapy (CGT) Manufacturing and Regulatory Requirements
BMES 669	Techniques in Cell Engineering and Gene Therapy
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BMES 711	Principles in Neuroengineering
BMES 715	Systems Neuroscience and Applications I
BMES 718	Brain Computer Interfaces
BMES 722	Neural Aspects of Posture and Locomotion I
BMES 725	Neural Networks

Research

BMES 897	Research	48.0
Total Credits		90.0

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PHD students are required to enroll in BMES 870 for the Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters (thus taking the course 9 times). Students with extenuating circumstances (e.g., study or research abroad, leave of absence) may petition the graduate advisor to waive the requirement for a given term.

Additional Information

Prospective PhD students are welcome to contact the school to discuss their research interests. For a more detailed description of the PhD requirements, please visit the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems' Biomedical Science (<http://drexel.edu/biomed/>) website.

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Sample Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
BMES 505	3.0 BMES 506	3.0 BMES 512	3.0 BMES 897	6.0
BMES 510	4.0 BMES 511	3.0 BMES 538	3.0 BMES Elective	3.0
BMES 546 or 550	4.0 BMES 515	4.0 BMES 624	3.0	
BMES 864	0.0 BMES 864	0.0 BMES 864	0.0	
BMES 870	1.0 BMES 870	1.0 BMES 870	1.0	
	12	11	10	9

Second Year

Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
BMES 870	1.0 BMES 870	1.0 BMES 870	1.0 VACATION	
BMES 897	8.0 BMES 897	8.0 BMES 897	8.0	
	9	9	9	0

Third Year

Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits
BMES 870	1.0 BMES 870	1.0 BMES 870	1.0
BMES 897	8.0 BMES 897	8.0 BMES 897	2.0
	9	9	3

Total Credits 90

Note: A 4.5-credit minimum is required (considered half-time status) for graduate programs to be considered financial aid eligible. If registration is less than 4.5 credits, aid will not be disbursed to students this term.

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Integrated Biomedical Engineering and Business MS

Major: Integrated Biomedical Engineering and Business

Degree Awarded: Master of Science (MS)

Calendar Type: Quarter

Minimum Required Credits: 56.0

Co-op Option: Available for full-time, on-campus master's-level students

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code: 14.0501

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) code: 17-2031

About the Program

Note: this program will not accept students for the 2026-27 academic year.

The Master of Science in Integrated Biomedical Engineering and Business is designed for engineers pursuing business/management-oriented careers in biomedical engineering. The program is open for students with previous undergraduate degrees in an engineering discipline. The program provides participants with a biomedical engineering training, but combines it with a multifaceted and transferable skillset of a manager and technology entrepreneur. Colleges participating in this program are Drexel's College of Business and Drexel's Close School of Entrepreneurship. Participants will complete specific courses and have experiences that promote the development of their business skills in terms of management, finance, leadership, communications, and marketing skills, thus helping to ensure graduates' professional success.

Master students can choose to include a six-month graduate co-op cycle as part of their studies, supported by Drexel's Steinbright Career Development Center.

The program requires a minimum of 56.0 quarter credits and is a non-thesis program that can be completed in 1.5 years as a full time student, or it can be taken on a part-time basis.

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Applicants must also fulfill the following requirements for consideration:

- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Official test scores (GRE) not required
- Letters of recommendation from at least two instructors or professionals
- Personal essay
- Resume

International applicants (non-United States citizens) must meet the same requirements for admission as students from the United States. Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate the ability to speak, write, and understand the English language by submitting

an acceptable score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). An evaluation by World Education Services (WES) is required for transcripts from institutions outside the United States.

Online applications are accepted all year-round, but all admitted students initiate their studies in the following fall term. Students are encouraged to apply no later than July 1 for consideration for admission the following fall term. Students may defer admission by one year.

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Required Biomedical Engineering Core		
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BMES 510	Biomedical Statistics	4.0
BMES 511	Principles of Systems Analysis Applied to Biomedicine I	3.0
BMES 534	Design Thinking for Biomedical Engineers	3.0
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BMES 588	Medical Device Development	3.0
Required Business Classes		
BUSN 501	Measuring and Maximizing Financial Performance	3.0
ECON 601	Managerial Economics	3.0
MKTG 601	Marketing Strategy & Planning	3.0
ORGB 511	Leading in Dynamic Environments: A Personal, Relational, and Strategic Approach	3.0
ORGB 620	Leading Virtual Teams	3.0
Required Entrepreneurial Classes		
BMES 509	Entrepreneurship for Biomedical Engineering and Science	3.0
ENTP 540	Approaches to Entrepreneurship	3.0
Biomedical Engineering Elective Courses		
Select 6.0-10.0 credits from the following:		6.0-10.0
BMES 604	Pharmacogenomics	
BMES 631	Tissue Engineering I	
BMES 641	Biomedical Mechanics I	
BMES 660	Biomaterials I	
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BMES 821	Medical Instrumentation	
BMES 825	Hospital Administration	
BMES 1799	Independent Study in Biomedical Engineering & Science	
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Patricia A. Shewokis, PhD (*University of Georgia*). Professor. Roles of cognition and motor function during motor skill learning; role of information feedback frequency on the memory of motor skills, noninvasive neural imaging techniques of functional near infrared spectroscopy(fNIR) and electroencephalography (EEG) and methodology and research design.

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Wan Y. Shih, PhD (*Ohio State University*). Associate Professor. Piezoelectric microcantilever biosensors development, piezoelectric finger development, quantum dots development, tissue elasticity imaging, piezoelectric microcantilever force probes.

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Marek Swoboda, PhD (*Drexel University*). Assistant Teaching Professor. Cardiovascular engineering, cardiovascular system, diagnostic devices in cardiology, piezoelectric biosensors, and pathogen detection.

Amy Throckmorton, PhD (*University of Virginia*). Associate Professor. Computational and experimental fluid dynamics; cardiovascular modeling, including transient, fluid-structure interaction, and patient-specific anatomical studies; bench-to-bedside development of medical devices; artificial organs research; prediction and quantification of blood trauma and thrombosis in medical devices; design of therapeutic alternatives for patients with dysfunctional single ventricle physiology; human factors engineering of mechanical circulatory assist devices

Margaret Wheatley, PhD (*University of Toronto*) *John M. Reid Professor*. Ultrasound contrast agent development (tumor targeting and triggered drug delivery), controlled release technology (bioactive compounds), microencapsulated allografts (ex vivo gene therapy) for spinal cord repair.

Ming Xiao, PhD (*Baylor University*). Associate Professor. Nanotechnology, single molecule detection, single molecule fluorescent imaging, genomics, genetics, genome mapping, DNA sequencing, DNA biochemistry, and biophysics.

Yinghui Zhong, PhD (*Georgia Institute of Technology*). Assistant Professor. Spinal cord repair, and engineering neural prosthesis/brain interface using biomaterials, drug delivery, and stem cell therapy.

Leonid Zubkov, PhD, DSc (*St. Petersburg State University, Russia*). Research Professor. Physiology, wound healing, physiologic neovascularization, near-infrared spectroscopy, optical tomography, histological techniques, computer-assisted diagnosis, infrared spectrophotometry, physiologic monitoring, experimental diabetes mellitus, penetrating wounds, diabetes complications, skin, animal models, radiation scattering, failure analysis

Catherin von Reyn, PhD (*University of Pennsylvania*). Assistant Professor. Cell type-specific genetic engineering, whole-cell patch clamp in behaving animals, modeling, and detailed behavioral analysis to identify and characterize sensorimotor circuits.

Emeritus Faculty

Hun H. Sun, PhD (*Cornell University*). Professor Emeritus. Biological control systems, physiological modeling, systems analysis.

Graduate Minor in Bioinformatics

About the Graduate Minor

The graduate minor in Bioinformatics aims to train graduate students in core areas of bioinformatics through an interdisciplinary approach. Students are introduced to biocomputational programming languages and bioinformatics data analysis tasks. Students pursue further in-depth training in genomic data science topics, including systems biology, molecular analyses, and genomic technologies.

Key characteristics of the Bioinformatics graduate minor are:

- Designed for graduate students in programs related to science, health, engineering, and mathematics
- Requires courses in programming, machine learning, and genomics (12.0-15.0 credits)
- Can be completed in three quarters
- Requires interdisciplinary study

Drexel graduate students in STEM- or Health-Science-related disciplines are eligible to enroll.

Program Requirements

Depending on their background, students may find one of the following courses to be helpful in preparation for this graduate minor 0.0

BMES 510	Biomedical Statistics
BST 555	Introduction to Statistical Computing
CS 502	Data Structures and Algorithms
CS 510	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
ECES 631	Fundamentals of Deterministic Digital Signal Processing
ECES 632	Fundamentals of Statistical Digital Signal Processing
ENVS 501	Chemistry of the Environment
MATH 510	Applied Probability and Statistics I
PHYS 561	Biophysics

Program Requirements *

Programming. Select One from the list below: 3.0-4.0

BMES 546	Biocomputational Languages
BMES 550	Advanced Biocomputational Languages
CS 501	Introduction to Programming
CS 503	Systems Basics

Machine Learning. Select one from the list below: 3.0

BMES 547	Machine Learning in Biomedical Applications
CS 613	Machine Learning

Introductory Genomics. Select one course from the list below: 3.0-4.0

BIO 534	Bioinformatics I
BMES 544	Genome Information Engineering
ECES 640	Genomic Signal Processing
ECES 641	Bioinformatics

Advanced Genomics. Select one course from the list below: 3.0-4.0

BMES 543	Quantitative Systems Biology
BIO 613	Genomics
BMES 548	Structural Bioinformatics and Drug Design
BMES 549	Genomic and Sequencing Technologies
ECES 650	Statistical Analysis of Genomics
PHYS 562	Computational Biophysics

Total Credits 12.0-15.0

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Students may take a maximum of one course in their home department

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Graduate Minor in Pediatric Engineering

About the Graduate Minor

This minor in Pediatric Engineering aims to train graduate students in related science, mathematics, technology, health, and engineering fields: 1) to develop a fundamental understanding of childhood injury and disease, healthcare, and treatment, and 2) to apply scientific and engineering concepts, methods, and approaches to address healthcare challenges with direct relevance to pediatric patients. Pediatric patients suffer from injuries and diseases that are congenital due to genetic factors and that are acquired due to exposure to environmental or biological factors, such as trauma, bacteria or viruses. Infants and children have unique physiology that dramatically changes during growth and development, and the substantial heterogeneity of complex pediatric illnesses and rare childhood diseases is distinct from adult diseases.

Select topics in courses include pediatric trauma or injury, congenital or acquired cardiovascular diseases, cancer, cerebral palsy, infectious diseases, autism, musculoskeletal diseases, neurological illness and defects, anxiety, ADHD, learning disabilities, and medical devices for pediatric usage. The long-term goal of this minor is to train the next-generation of students for future scientific and technical careers in pediatric engineering, healthcare, entrepreneurship, and innovation that will have a lasting impact on global health.

This minor is divided among courses in biomedical engineering, entrepreneurship, clinical treatment, healthcare, psychology, biomedical ethics, and statistics. Key characteristics are:

- Designed for graduate students in science, mathematics, technology, health, and engineering program 1) to gain a fundamental understanding of childhood disease, healthcare, and treatment, and 2) to apply scientific and engineering concepts, methods, and approaches to address healthcare challenges with direct relevance to pediatric patients
- Requires 3 core and 2 elective courses (15.0-17.5 credits)
- Can be completed in 4 quarters

Admission Requirements

Requires that students have a minimum mathematical skill level equivalent to Calculus I.

Program Requirements

Required Courses

BMES 509	Entrepreneurship for Biomedical Engineering and Science	3.0
BMES 528	Pediatric Engineering I	3.0
BMES 529	Pediatric Engineering II	3.0

Elective Courses

Complete 2 of the following courses		6.0-8.5
BMES 508	Cardiovascular Engineering	
BMES 510	Biomedical Statistics	
BMES 515	Experimental Design in Biomedical Research	

BMES 517	Intermediate Biostatistics	
BMES 538	Biomedical Ethics and Law	
BMES 571	Biological Evolution: Applications to Human Health and Performance	
BMES 588	Medical Device Development	
BMES 609	Emerging Technologies in the Healthcare System	
BMES 641	Biomedical Mechanics I	
BMES 642	Biomedical Mechanics II	
BMES 710	Neural Signals	
BMES T580	Special Topics in Biomedical Engineering & Science (Brain Computer Interfaces)	
PTRS 664	Pediatric Physical Therapy *	
RHAB 1899	Independent Study in Rehabilitation Sciences (Pediatric Rehabilitation)	
Total Credits		15.0-17.5

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Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Bioinformatics

Certificate Level: Graduate

Admission Requirements: Bachelor's degree

Certificate Type: Post-Baccalaureate

Number of Credits to Completion: 14.0

Instructional Delivery: Campus

Calendar Type: Quarter

Expected Time to Completion: 1 year

Financial Aid Eligibility: Not aid eligible

Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Code: 26.1103

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Code: 15-1111

About the Program

The certificate in Bioinformatics emphasizes a systems engineering approach to provide a foundation in systems biology and pathology informatics. Students are provided with hands-on experience in the application of genomic, proteomic, and other large-scale information to biomedical engineering, as well as experience in advanced computational methods used in systems biology: pathway and circuitry, feedback and control, machine learning, and biostatistics.

Program Requirements

Required Courses

BMES 546	Biocomputational Languages	4.0
or BMES 550	Advanced Biocomputational Languages	
BMES 544	Genome Information Engineering	4.0
Select Two of the Following Electives		6.0-9.0
BMES 543	Quantitative Systems Biology	
BMES 548	Structural Bioinformatics and Drug Design	
BMES 547	Machine Learning in Biomedical Applications	
BMES 545	Biosystems Modeling	
BMES 549	Genomic and Sequencing Technologies	
BMES 551	Biomedical Signal Processing	

BMES 604	Pharmacogenomics
Total Credits	14.0-17.0

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Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Medical Product Design and Device Development

Certificate Level: Graduate

Admission Requirements: Bachelor's degree

Certificate Type: Post-baccalaureate Certificate

Minimum Number of Credits to Completion: 15.0

Instructional Delivery: Online

Calendar Type: Quarter

Expected Time to Completion: 1 year

Financial Aid Eligibility: Not aid eligible

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code: 14.0501

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) code: 17-2031

About the Program

Over the past 50 years, the practice of medicine has become increasingly driven by technological innovations; however, simply being able to design and develop a new technology is no guarantee that the technology will reach its intended audience, whether that audience be made of medical professionals or patients. To reach the goal of introducing a medical technology into the marketplace, a biomedical engineer must run the gauntlet of regulations, attitudes, and financial considerations that make up the United States healthcare system.

Medical devices are subject to extensive FDA regulations. Thus, biomedical engineers who design medical technologies must be proficient in the regulatory and economic components of introducing a new medical device into the US health market. Knowledge of intellectual property law is also a prerequisite for those who plan to develop novel medical technologies. Because the cost of obtaining FDA is steep, obtaining intellectual property protection for extended periods of time is necessary to recovering project costs. Along similar lines, biomedical engineers must also appreciate the role of Medicare and other insurers and their requirements for reimbursement.

This certificate program is designed to prepare biomedical engineers to understand the environment into which their innovations will be placed and the users who will interact with them. Professionals enrolled in the certificate will develop an understanding of critical regulatory, economic, and legal issues in addition to the project management skills that facilitate the development of new medical devices and positive working relationships with intellectual property lawyers, insurance companies, and the federal government.

Program Requirements

Required Courses

BMES 509	Entrepreneurship for Biomedical Engineering and Science	3.0
BMES 538	Biomedical Ethics and Law	3.0
BMES 588	Medical Device Development	3.0

BMES 821	Medical Instrumentation	3.0
or BMES 534	Design Thinking for Biomedical Engineers	
BMES 822	Medical Instrumentation II	3.0
Total Credits		15.0

Sample Plan of Study

First Year			
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits
BMES 821	3.0 BMES 822	3.0 BMES 588	3.0
	3	3	3
Second Year			
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits	
BMES 538	3.0 BMES 509	3.0	
	3	3	
Total Credits 15			

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Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Neurotechnologies and Neurosystems

Certificate Level: Graduate

Admission Requirements: Bachelor's degree

Certificate Type: Post-Baccalaureate

Minimum Number of Credits to Completion: 12.0

Instructional Delivery: Campus

Calendar Type: Quarter

Expected Time to Completion: 1 year

*Financial Aid Eligibility: Aid eligible**

Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Code: 26.1501

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Code: 11-9121

***The current plan of study for this program would only allow for federal financial aid (including Federal Direct Student Loans) for terms that are at least a minimum of 4.5 credits for graduate courses and 6.0 credits for undergraduate courses. This is based on current regulations from the U.S. Department of Education.**

About the Program

The certificate in Neurotechnologies and Neurosystems is designed for engineers pursuing careers at the intersection of device development and neuroscience. The program is open for all students with previous undergraduate degrees in an engineering discipline. The program is based on recent technological and scientific advances and provides participants with specific courses and experiences promoting the development of their skills, with the option to specialize either in the neuro-device and -technology sector, or specialize in neuroscience to decipher a better understanding of neuronal systems. This also includes skills at the interface of both technologies and science, such as analysis of complex neural data sets, understanding of how the nervous system interacts with technology, and demonstrate how it is being applied in clinical and research settings. Students will complete a sequence of

two required introductory courses and at least two elective course to focus their education on their interests, helping to ensure the graduate's professional success.

Admission Requirements

The applicant must have completed a four-year bachelor's engineering degree or equivalent program in a relevant subject area with a preferred GPA of at least 3.0. All students must submit two confidential letters of recommendation, a personal statement explaining their interest in the program and all previous official educational transcripts. No standardized test is required. The merit of each applicant will be evaluated by the admissions committee of the program and all qualifications, including professional experience, will be taken into consideration.

Program Requirements

Required courses		
BMES 710	Neural Signals	3.0
BMES 711	Principles in Neuroengineering	3.0
Elective courses (6 or more credits)		6.0
BMES 685	Experimental Methods in Neuroengineering	
BMES 715	Systems Neuroscience and Applications I	
BMES 718	Brain Computer Interfaces	
BMES 725	Neural Networks	
Total Credits		12.0

Sample Plan of Study

First Year			
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits
BMES 718	3.0 BMES 710	3.0 BMES 711	3.0
		BMES 725	3.0
	3	3	6
Total Credits 12			

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Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Tissue Engineering

Certificate Level: Graduate

Admission Requirements: Bachelor's degree

Certificate Type: Post-Baccalaureate

Number of Credits to Completion: 12.0

Instructional Delivery: Campus

Calendar Type: Quarter

Expected Time to Completion: 1 year

Financial Aid Eligibility: Not aid eligible

Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Code: 14.0501

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Code: 17-2031

About the Program

Program Requirements

Required Courses		
BMES 631	Tissue Engineering I	4.0
BMES 632	Tissue Engineering II	4.0

BMES 660	Biomaterials I	4.0
Total Credits		12.0

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