

MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING

Manufacturing engineers make things. Everything manufacturing engineers do is ultimately tied to the production of goods. Almost everything we use, whether at home, at work, or at play, is manufactured. By its official professional definition, manufacturing occurs when the shape, form or properties of a material are altered in a way that adds value. Manufactured goods are everywhere: aircraft structures, machinery, electronics, medical devices, automobile parts, household products, toys, textiles and clothing, cans and bottles—virtually everything we use.

The Profession

Everything needed in modern society is manufactured. Manufacturing engineers design, direct and coordinate the processes and production systems for making virtually every kind of product from beginning to end. As businesses try to make products better and at a lower cost, they turn to manufacturing engineers to find out how.

Manufacturing engineers apply scientific principles to the production of goods. They are key team members in production of a wide range of products: automobiles, airplanes, tractors, electronics, surgical instruments, toys, building products, foodstuffs, sports and recreational equipment, and more. In all cases, manufacturing engineers design the processes and systems to make products with the required functionality, to high quality standards, available when and where customers prefer, at the best possible price and in ways that are environmentally friendly.

The Program

The Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering (IME) at North Dakota State University offers programs in manufacturing engineering and in industrial engineering and management. Both programs are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, www.abet.org.

As a graduate of manufacturing engineering, you will have the opportunity to design systems and processes that improve the quality and productivity of an organization's business activities. You will employ a strong base of fundamental engineering and management skills to effectively integrate people, technology, machines and money to create positive change. Quite simply, you will design and implement the best way to make things.

Faculty and Facilities

The faculty and staff members in the department have extensive experience in industrial and manufacturing specialties. The IME faculty and staff will know your name, understand your potential and problems, and will offer encouragement when you need it. When you leave NDSU, you will have built excellent capabilities for career success, the confident ability for lifelong personal growth, and a network of friends and professional colleagues.

The department has 12 laboratories with a significant amount of equipment that provide valuable services in support of students' educational needs. The departmental laboratories include manufacturing, rapid prototyping, CNC, machining, microfabrication, welding, electronics, precision manufacturing, automation and robotics, and PLC, as well as computer simulation and human factors.

Career Opportunities

The IME programs at NDSU can help you to open the door to various opportunities for starting your professional career in a wide range of industries or to seek advanced degrees at NDSU or another university. The IME programs will help you to develop a strong basis in general education and engineering fundamentals that provide the foundation for a very wide range of career choices and for a lifetime of growth. IME programs will help you develop industry-standard skills you can use to open the door to many career opportunities that can offer you financial rewards and exceptional professional success.

Manufacturing engineering graduates have become a source of talent working in industries that produce such products as biomedical devices, microelectronics, transportation and construction equipment, aircraft and spacecraft, and processed foods. Recent IME graduates command starting salaries in the top rank of engineering disciplines. The 2012 Annual Employment Report data provided by the NDSU Career Center show an average salary of \$59,000 for manufacturing engineering graduates.

Transfer Admission

Students who have studied two years of pre-engineering at another institution may be able to transition into the manufacturing engineering program with no loss of credits.

Scholarships And Financial Aid

The Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering awards scholarships annually. The academic scholarships for freshmen are coordinated through the Office of Admission. These scholarships include the Helgason Scholarship, which is available only to College of Engineering students. Other forms of financial aid are available through the Office of Student Financial Services.

Sample Curriculum

General Education	Credits
First Year Experience	
ME 189 - Skills for Academic Success.....	1
Communication	
COMM 110 - Fundamentals of Public Speaking.....	3
ENGL 110, 120 - College Composition I, II.....	3, 3
ENGL 321 - Writing in the Technical Profession.....	3
Quantitative Reasoning	
MATH 165 - Calculus I.....	4
Science & Technology	
CHEM 121, 121L - General Chemistry I and Lab.....	3, 1
CHEM 122 - General Chemistry II.....	3
PHYS 252, 252L - University Physics II and Lab.....	4, 1
Humanities & Fine Arts.....	6
Social & Behavioral Sciences.....	6
Wellness.....	2
Cultural Diversity.....	-
Global Perspective.....	-
Total.....	40
Major Requirements	Credits
ENGR 402 - Engineering Ethics and Social Responsibilities.....	1
IME 111 - Introduction to IME.....	3
IME 311 - Work/Station Design.....	3
IME 330 - Manufacturing Processes I.....	3
IME 380 - CSD/CAM for Manufacturing.....	3
IME 430 - Process Engineering.....	3
IME 431 - Production Engineering.....	3
IME 432 - Composite Materials Manufacturing.....	3
IME 440 - Engineering Economy.....	3
IME 456 - Program and Project Management.....	3
IME 460 - Evaluation of Engineering Data.....	3
IME 461 - Quality Assurance and Control.....	3
IME 480 - Production and Inventory Control.....	3
IME 482 - Automated Manufacturing Systems.....	3
IME 489 - Manufacturing Engineering Capstone.....	3
MATH 128 - Introduction to Linear Algebra.....	1
MATH 166 - Calculus II.....	4
MATH 259 - Multivariate Calculus.....	3
MATH 266 - Introduction Differential Equations.....	3
ME 212 - Fundamentals of Visual Communication.....	3
ME 221 - Engineering Mechanics I.....	3
ME 222 - Engineering Mechanics II.....	3
ME 223 - Mechanics of Materials.....	3
ME 331 - Engineering Materials I.....	4
CSCI Elective.....	3
Engineering Science Electives.....	9
Technical Electives.....	6
Total.....	88
Curriculum Total.....	131

This sample curriculum is not intended to serve as a curriculum guide for current students, but rather an example of course offerings for prospective students. For the curriculum requirements in effect at the time of entrance into a program, consult with an academic advisor or with the Office of Registration and Records.

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