## MECHANICAL Engineering



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Ranked among the top five mechanical engineering departments nationwide by the 2010 National Research Council, the **DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING** offers premier programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels—all of which provide solid foundations for careers in industry, research, and academia.

Department programs focus on the core disciplines of **mechanics**, **design**, **manufacturing**, and **systems** along with essential areas of **mathematics** and **physical sciences**. Students work with world-class faculty to dive into boundary-crossing topics such as **nanomaterials**, **advanced sensing**, **robotics**, **thermal systems**, and **biomechanical interfaces**.

#### UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

#### PROGRAMS OF STUDY

- ↘ Bachelor of science in mechanical engineering
- ➤ Combined degree programs ➤ Northwestern offers several combined degree options, including the opportunity to earn two BS degrees simultaneously, the BS/MS program, and the Engineering and Music Combined Degree Program.

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#### EXAMPLE COURSES

- ME 233 Electronics Design
- ME 315 Theory of Machines—Design of Elements
- ME 327 Finite Elements for Stress Analysis
- ME 340 Computer-Integrated Manufacturing
- ME 373 Engineering Fluid Mechanics
- ME 398 Engineering Design

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#### OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

NUSOLAR \ The Northwestern University Solar Car Team is an undergraduate student organization that designs, builds, and races solar-powered vehicles in the American Solar Challenge and Formula Sun Grand Prix. **DESIGN COMPETITION** \ Teams of engineering undergraduates from different departments come together each year to build robots and compete for prizes.

#### GRADUATE STUDY

#### PROGRAMS OF STUDY

- ∖ Master of science in mechanical engineering
- ↘ PhD in mechanical engineering
  - Mechanical engineering faculty members are also involved in the following programs:
- ∖ Master of science in robotics
- $\, {ackslash}\,$  Master of science in engineering design and innovation
- ↘ Master of Product Design and Development Management

#### RESEARCH AREAS

MEMS/nanotechnology \ Robotics \ Virtual design and manufacturing \ Tribology \ Microfluidics \ Computational solid and fluid mechanics \ Composite materials \ Nondestructive materials characterization and structural reliability \ Neuromechanics \ Biomimetics

#### "WHEN I ENTERED NORTHWESTERN, INEVER THOUGHT I'D BE SPENDING

#### ALL MY FREE TIME BUILDING A RACECAR, AND THAT IT WOULD BE

#### THE BEST EXPERIENCE."

CAROLYN JANE JONES  $\$  MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, PROJECT MANAGER FOR BAJA TEAM

#### CAREERS IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

Mechanical engineers often work in cross-functional teams with civil, chemical, electrical, and industrial engineers, as well as with marketing and business specialists. A rapidly diversifying field, mechanical engineering encompasses areas such as:

Robotics \ Biological molecular machines \ Microelectromechanical systems \ Nanotechnology \ Solid mechanics \ Fluid dynamics \ Product design \ Computer-aided manufacturing \ Energy and sustainability

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#### RECENT GRADUATE PLACEMENTS

- ↘ Manufacturing engineer at General Motors
- ∖ Design engineer at Honda
- ↘ Flight test operations engineer at Boeing
- $\checkmark$  Product development engineer at Pearson
- ∧ Mechanical test engineer at Honeywell Aerospace
- ↘ Product development engineer at Ford Motor Company
- ∖ Technology delivery analyst at Aon Hewitt
- $\smallsetminus$  Research and development engineer at Newell Rubbermaid
- ↘ Systems application engineer at Schneider Electric

#### HOW YOU SPEND YOUR TIME IN THIS PROGRAM

BASED ON A SURVEY OF CURRENT STUDENTS.

5.0% Giving/preparing for presentations

20.9% Studying for/taking written exams

16.1% Group projects

33.4% Working on problem sets

9.7% Building things

8.0%

Working in a Lab

6.8% Computer programming

#### ENVISION WHAT'S POSSIBLE

NORTHWESTERN ENGINEERING STUDENTS CONSTANTLY EXPLORE NEW PATHWAYS IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING. IMAGINE YOURSELF:

- > Developing technology that allows you to "feel" the textured keys on the screen of a smart phone
- > Designing a prototype of the human knee that gives surgical students feedback on their performance
- $\times$  Being part of a team that designs, builds, and races solar cars
- Getting involved at every stage of the product life cycle, from basic research to product development, production, sales, and support
- $\land$  Turning your ideas into progress

#### FIND YOUR DIRECTION HERE



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