Industrial Engineering, M.S.I.E., Ph.D.

Degrees Offered

- Masters of Science, Industrial Engineering (M.S.I.E.)
- Doctor of Philosophy, Industrial Engineering (Ph.D.)

Masters of Science in Industrial Engineering

A graduate of this master's program will be prepared to accomplish the following:

1. Practice industrial engineering and to initiate and develop leadership roles in business, industry and/or government
2. Continue professional development and life-long learning
3. Interact in society and business in a professional and ethical manner
4. Be proficient in written and oral communication and to utilize people-oriented skills in individual and team environments
5. Apply the skills from industrial engineering to be proficient in his/her chosen field or further advanced studies

In order to meet the educational objectives, students of this master's program must be able to meet the following educational outcomes at the time of their graduation. Students will have acquired:

1. The ability to use and master modern and classical industrial engineering methodologies in their area of concentration
2. The ability to apply knowledge of math, science, and engineering
3. The ability to do research, and to design and conduct experiments, analyze and interpret data, develop implementation strategies, and shape recommendations so that results will be achieved and findings will be communicated effectively
4. The ability to work individually, on teams, and/or on multi-disciplinary teams to identify, formulate, and solve problems using industrial engineering knowledge, skills, and tools
5. The ability to design and implement or improve integrated systems that include people, materials, information, equipment, and energy using appropriate analytical, computational, and experimental practices
6. An understanding of professional and ethical responsibility and the broad education and knowledge of contemporary issues necessary to understand the impact of solutions in a global and societal context
7. A recognition of the need for and an ability to engage in life-long learning
8. The professional characteristics expected of a successful industrial engineer

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Industrial Engineering

A graduate of the Industrial Engineering doctoral program will be prepared to:

1. Practice/teach Industrial Engineering and to initiate and develop leadership roles in education, business, industry and/or government.
2. Continue professional development and life-long learning.
3. Interact in society and business in a professional and ethical manner.
4. Be proficient in written and oral communication and to utilize people-oriented skills in individual and team environments.
5. Apply the skills from Industrial Engineering to be proficient in his/her chosen field.

In order to meet the educational objectives, students of the Industrial Engineering Doctoral program must be able to meet the following educational outcomes at the time of their graduation. Students will have acquired:

1. The ability to use, master, and teach modern and classical Industrial Engineering methodologies in their area of concentration.
2. The ability to apply knowledge of math, science, and engineering.
3. The ability to do research, and to design and conduct experiments, analyze and interpret data, develop implementation strategies, and shape recommendations so that results will be achieved and findings will be communicated effectively.
4. The ability to work individually, on teams, and/or on multi-disciplinary teams to identify, formulate, and solve problems using industrial engineering knowledge, skills, and tools.
5. The ability to design and implement or improve integrated systems that include people, materials, information, equipment, and energy using appropriate analytical, computational, and experimental practices.
6. A thorough understanding of professional and ethical responsibility and the broad education and knowledge of contemporary issues necessary to fully evaluate the impact of solutions in a global and societal context.
7. A recognition of the need for and an ability to engage in life-long learning.
8. The professional characteristics expected of a successful Industrial Engineer.
Masters Admissions
Applicants to master’s program in the industrial engineering program are required to provide the following:

• Applicants must have earned a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better (out of a possible 4.0)
• Official transcripts of all previous college course work
• GRE General Test scores
• Three letters of recommendation
• Bachelor of science degree from an engineering department, or from physics, chemistry, computer sciences, mathematics, or a similar technical or science program. In general, a degree in one of the related science programs is required with at least two years of calculus or equivalent mathematics.
• International applicants must meet the WVU requirement of English language proficiency (https://graduateadmissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply/apply-for-2022-2023/international-graduate-applicant/).

Doctoral Admissions
Applicants to doctoral program in the industrial engineering program are required to provide the following:

• Applicants must have earned a grade point average (GPA) of 3.4 or better (out of a possible 4.0) in their undergraduate coursework, and 3.5 or better(out of 4.0) in their graduate coursework
• Official transcripts of all previous college coursework
• GRE General Test scores
• Three letters of recommendation
• Typically, a Masters degree is required. However, applicants with B.S. degree with exceptional academic record can also be considered for direct admission into the Ph.D. program.
• International applicants must meet the WVU requirement of English language proficiency (https://graduateadmissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply/apply-for-2022-2023/international-graduate-applicant/).

Admission Requirements 2023-2024
The Admission Requirements above will be the same for the 2023-2024 Academic Year.

MSIE Major Code: 3045
PhD Major Code: 3046

For specific information on the following programs, please see the links to the right:

• Industrial Engineering, M.S.I.E.

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• Industrial Engineering, Ph.D.

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING COURSES

IENG 502. Advanced Manufacturing Processes. 3 Hours.
PR: IENG 302 and IENG 303. Metal cutting economic models, solidification processes, bulk deformation, sheet metal and drawing, joining design, and economics. Overall view of manufacturing systems. Introduction to numerical control programming and projects on numerical control equipment.

IENG 503. Additive Manufacturing Technology and Materials. 3 Hours.
This course provides detailed principles, engineering design, theories, materials and applications to advanced additive manufacturing (AM) processes-extrusion, material jetting, photopolymerization, powder bed fusion, binder jetting, sheet lamination, direct energy deposition and the latest state of the art. Problem-based learning (PBL) method will be used to increase student engagement and improve students’ critical thinking, collaboration, and leadership skills.

IENG 505. Computer Integrated Manufacturing. 3 Hours.
PR: Graduate standing. Several aspects of computerized manufacturing systems will be covered. Emphasis will be placed on computer fundamentals, computer-aided design and manufacturing, numerically- controlled (NC) machine tools, part programming, system devices, and direct digital control. (2 hr. lec., 1 hr. lab.).

IENG 506. Computer Aided Process Planning. 3 Hours.
PR: Consent. Computer aided process planning for manufacturing applications; selection of processes and parameters; machining, casting, and forming; development of process plans from design data; and analysis of effect of changes in design on manufacturability in concurrent engineering.
IENG 507. Robotics and Flexible Automation. 3 Hours.
PR: Graduate standing. This course will provide an understanding of the principles, capabilities, and limitations of industrial robots and other flexible automation tools. Emphasis will be placed on kinematic analysis, trajectory planning, machine vision, and manufacturing automation. (2 hr. lec., 1 hr. lab.).

IENG 508. Advanced Problems in Manufacturing Engineering. 1-3 Hours.
PR: IENG 593 or IENG 502: Graduate standing. Special problems relating to one of the areas of manufacturing engineering, such as manufacturing processes, robotics, CAD/CAM, group technology, and manufacturing systems engineering.

IENG 514. Design of Industrial Experiments. 3 Hours.
PR: IENG 314 or Consent. Continuation of IENG 314. More complex experimental design especially useful to engineering and industrial researchers, including factorials and optimum-seeking design. Emphasis on use of existing digital computer routines and interpretation of results.

IENG 518. Technology Forecasting. 3 Hours.
PR: IENG 213 or Consent. Various procedures used in forecasting technical developments.

IENG 542. Advanced Production Control. 3 Hours.
PR: IENG 350. Different mathematical models useful in the design of effective production control systems. The various models include: static production control models under risk and uncertainty, dynamic models under certainty, and under risk.

IENG 551. Quality and Reliability Engineering. 3 Hours.
PR: Graduate standing. Introduction to quality and reliability engineering. Special emphasis on Taguchi Design and Markov Models for determining system reliability and availability.

IENG 553. Applied Linear Programming. 3 Hours.
PR: IENG 350 or Consent. Application of the assignment, transportation, and simplex algorithms to typical industrial problems. The methods and computational efficiencies of the revised simplex and other algorithms are also studied.

IENG 555. Scheduling and Sequencing Methods. 3 Hours.
PR: IENG 350. Theory and applications of analytical models used in the scheduling models; flow shop models; job shop models; and assembly line balancing methods.

IENG 556. Supply Chain Management. 3 Hours.
PR: IENG 350 or IENG 553. Principles and methods for designing and managing supply chain systems. Topics include: forecasting demand, strategies, aggregate planning, inventory control, outsourcing, transportation networks, and locating facilities within the supply chain network.

IENG 557. Geometric Programming. 3 Hours.
PR: IENG 350 or Consent. Introduction to the primal and dual solution techniques for geometric programming problems. Focus on the development of design relationships for cost optimization or profit maximization problems.

IENG 561. Industrial Hygiene Engineering. 3 Hours.
Introductory course in industrial hygiene with laboratory. Topics include: recognition, evaluation, and control of occupational and environmental contaminants and physical agents; basic IH quantitative analysis; PPE selection and evaluation.

IENG 564. Industrial Ergonomics. 3 Hours.
PR: IENG 360 or Consent. Practical experience in the application of ergonomic principles to industrial problems. Safety and production implications of work physiology, industrial biomechanics, and circadian rhythms, as well as current interest topics.

IENG 577. Advanced Engineering Economy. 3 Hours.
PR: IENG 377 or Consent. Special emphasis on depreciation, engineering and economic aspects of selection and replacement of equipment; relationship of technical economy to income taxation; and effect of borrowed capital and project cost control.

IENG 578. Costing and Estimating. 3 Hours.
PR: IENG 377 or Consent. Analysis of overhead, cost indexes, cost capacity factors; improvement curves; costing for materials with design considerations, conceptual cost estimating; costing for machining, joining, casting and forming; and facility cost estimation.

IENG 593. Special Topics. 1-6 Hours.
A study of contemporary topics selected from recent developments in the field.

IENG 660. Human Factors System Design. 3 Hours.
PR: IENG 360 or Consent. Theoretical aspects and practical applications of man/machine relationships as they influence future system design. The student will examine human limitations with respect to acceptance of information, decision making, and ability to transmit the result of such decisions to controlled equipment systems to obtain design optimization. (2 hr. lec., 3 hr. lab.).

IENG 662. Systems Safety Engineering. 3 Hours.
PR: IENG 461 or Consent. Analysis of manufacturing methods, processes, and properties of materials from a system safety engineering viewpoint. Emphasis will be on hazard analysis techniques (fault tree, MORT, failure modes, and effects) and machine guarding methods.
IENG 691. Advanced Topics. 1-6 Hours.
PR: Consent. Investigation of advanced topics not covered in regularly scheduled courses.

IENG 693. Special Topics. 1-6 Hours.
A study of contemporary topics selected from recent developments in the field.

IENG 695. Independent Study. 1-9 Hours.
Faculty supervised study of topics not available through regular course offerings.

IENG 697. Research. 1-9 Hours.
PR: Consent. Research activities leading to thesis, problem report, research paper or equivalent scholarly project, or a dissertation. (Grading may be S/U.).

IENG 698. Thesis or Dissertation. 1-6 Hours.
PR: Consent. This is an optional course for programs that wish to provide formal supervision during the writing of student reports (698), or dissertations (798). Grading is normal.

IENG 754. Inventory Theory. 3 Hours.
PR: IENG 213 and IENG 350 or Consent. Techniques used in optimization of inventory systems. Elements of static, deterministic inventory models, and static, stochastic inventory models. Selected inventory models. Selected topics related to inventory analysis.

IENG 756. Applied Stochastic Processes. 3 Hours.
PR: Consent. Stochastic systems with emphasis on application to inventory and queuing theory. Conditional probability, Poisson processes, renewal processes, Markov chains with discrete and continuous parameters.

IENG 790. Teaching Practicum. 1-3 Hours.
PR: Consent. Supervised practice in college teaching of industrial and management systems engineering. Note: This course is intended to insure that graduate assistants are adequately prepared and supervised when they are given college teaching responsibility. It will also present a mechanism for students not on assistantships to gain teaching experience. (Grading will be S/U.).

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IENG 792. Directed Study. 1-6 Hours.
Directed study, reading, and/or research.

IENG 793. Special Topics. 1-6 Hours.
A study of contemporary topics selected from recent developments in the field.

IENG 795. Independent Study. 1-9 Hours.
Faculty supervised study of topics not available through regular course offerings.

IENG 796. Graduate Seminar. 1-3 Hours.
PR: Consent. Each graduate student will present at least one seminar to the assembled faculty and graduate student body of his or her program.

IENG 797. Research. 1-9 Hours.
PR: Consent. Research activities leading to thesis, problem report, research paper or equivalent scholarly project, or a dissertation. (Grading may be S/U.).

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE SAFETY COURSES

IH&S 525. Aerosol Sciences for Industrial Hygienists. 3 Hours.
PR: Graduate standing or consent. This course explores exposure hazards due to airborne aerosols, which present toxicological, flammable and explosive hazards. Evaluating and remediating exposures also covered.

IH&S 689. Professional Experience in Industrial Hygiene. 2 Hours.
PR: Consent. Experiential learning program planned by the student and evaluated for credit by faculty. Involves field experience from an IH or safety job, or shadowing IH or safety personnel. Student must write an acceptable report on his or her experiences and defend it in a verbal presentation.

IH&S 691. Advanced Topics. 1-6 Hours.
PR: Consent. Investigation of advanced topics not covered in regularly scheduled courses.

IH&S 692. Directed Study. 1-6 Hours.
Directed study, reading, and/or research.

IH&S 693. Special Topics. 1-6 Hours.
A study of contemporary topics selected from recent developments in the field.

IH&S 694. Seminar. 1-6 Hours.
Special seminars arranged for advanced graduate students.

IH&S 695. Independent Study. 1-9 Hours.
Faculty supervised study of topics not available through regular course offerings.
IH&S 696. Graduate Seminar. 1-3 Hours.
PR: Consent. Each graduate student will present at least one seminar to the assembled faculty and graduate student body of his or her program.

IH&S 697. Research. 1-9 Hours.
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IH&S 698. Thesis or Dissertation. 1-6 Hours.
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IH&S 699. Graduate Colloquium. 1-6 Hours.
PR: Consent. For graduate students not seeking coursework credit but who wish to meet residency requirements, use the University’s facilities, and participate in its academic and cultural programs. Note: Graduate students who are not actively involved in coursework or research are entitled, through enrollment in their department’s 699/799 Graduate Colloquium to consult with graduate faculty, participate in both formal and informal academic activities sponsored by their program, and retain all of the rights and privileges of duly enrolled students. Grading is S/U; colloquium credit may not be counted against credit requirements for masters programs. Registration for one credit of 699/799 graduate colloquium satisfies the University requirement of registration in the semester in which graduation occurs.

IH&S 797. Research. 1-9 Hours.
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SAFETY MANAGEMENT COURSES

SAFM 501. Safety Management Integration. 3 Hours.
Consideration of integrated arrangements, staff roles, management theory, staff liaison, project improvement, effectiveness, audits, and collaboration needed to assure success of the safety function.

SAFM 502. Controlling Environmental and Personnel Hazards. 3 Hours.
Investigation of hazard control principles relating to environmental facilities and equipment including control procedures recommended by authorities from the fields of engineering, medicine, and public health as well as from the field of safety.

SAFM 505. Safety Legislation and Compliance. 3 Hours.
Comprehensive study and analysis of federal and state legislation which mandates compliance with certain safety conditions and practices related to work performed in occupational and comparable settings.

SAFM 511. General Industry Safety. 3 Hours.
PR: Graduate standing. Focuses on management and planning aspects of general industry safety, including walking working surfaces, confined space, machine guarding, electricity, fire protection, emergency planning, and other compliance aspects of 29 CFR 1910.

SAFM 528. Economic Aspects of Safety. 3 Hours.
PR: Graduate standing. An overview of economic factors that must be considered when justifying the development and implementation of safety initiatives, including examining published research, cost estimating, ROI, risk assessment, benefit-cost analysis, and project planning.

SAFM 533. Disaster Preparedness. 3 Hours.
Major elements involved in disasters and emergencies, preparedness planning, systems utilization, and attention to essential human services, with emphasis on community action.

SAFM 534. Fire Safety Management. 3 Hours.
Analysis of fire services usually provided under safety manager jurisdiction, with special attention to legal bases, organizational structure, services rendered, training needs, and management techniques.

SAFM 539. Security Management. 3 Hours.
Safety manager responsibilities for security of persons and property including organizational patterns, personnel competencies expected, surveillance and monitoring methods, and occupational problems among security personnel.

SAFM 550. Loss Control and Recovery. 3 Hours.
Identifying and elimination areas of loss or recovering from losses of people, property, and efficacy via management practices, insurance and worker's compensation, and other management techniques and resources effective in controlling those losses.

SAFM 552. Safety and Health Training. 3 Hours.
Analysis of safety and health performance discrepancies, developing and conducting training programs to eliminate those discrepancies and the evaluation of program effectiveness in terms of cost effectiveness and organizational impact.

SAFM 578. Substance Abuse in the Workplace. 3 Hours.
The problem, nature, and effects of alcohol and drug use in the workplace; approaches for treatment and avoidance such as EAP’s, community programs, and testing; development of management approaches and programs.

SAFM 580. Fundamentals of Environmental Management. 3 Hours.
An introductory but comprehensive overview of topics related to environmental technology as it applies to safety management. Focuses on regulation and technology relative to environmental management. Includes field trip.
SAFM 593. Special Topics. 1-6 Hours.
A study of contemporary topics selected from recent developments in the field.

SAFM 640. Instrumentation for Safety Managers. 3 Hours.
Anticipation, recognition, and evaluation of industrial hygiene topics encountered by safety managers. Fundamental instrumentation techniques are presented in laboratory and lecture formats. Management-oriented control and remediation programs are developed.

SAFM 641. Leadership Development for Safety Management. 3 Hours.
This course presents concepts in ethics, leadership in crisis and non-crisis modes, experiential training, and creating a values-congruent workplace even under conditions of non-support by upper management.

SAFM 689. Professional Field Experience. 1-18 Hours.
PR: Must have completed 12 hours in SAFM and consent. Prearranged experiential learning program, to be planned, supervised, and evaluated for credit by faculty and field supervisors. Involves temporary placement with public or private enterprise for professional competence development.

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Investigation of advanced topics not covered in regularly scheduled courses.

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