

MSNE

Materials Science and
NanoEngineering



WEB LINKS	http://msne.rice.edu
FRANK ADVICE	Many MSNE students pursue graduate degrees in top graduate schools after earning their BS degree, so undergraduate research experiences are quite important. Research intern experiences also help students obtain industrial jobs after graduation.
ADVICE FOR STUDENTS WITH AP CREDIT	Students with AP credit for Calculus would do well to move the MATH and CAAM sequence up. If the CAAM sequence can be fully completed in the sophomore year, this reduces the junior year pressure and also allows for more opportunities to participate in undergraduate research.
ALTERNATIVE CURRICULA	Not applicable.
BS VERSUS BA	Students are encouraged to pursue the BS degree instead of the BA degree, especially those who plan to pursue a graduate degree.
NOT REQUIRED BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED COURSES	See the Undergraduate Program page on our website, http://msne.rice.edu



<p>RESEARCH</p>	<p>All MSNE majors participate in undergraduate research; some even start during their freshman year. To get involved, speak to a MSNE undergraduate advisor or directly to a MSNE faculty member.</p>
<p>INTERNSHIPS</p>	<p>Summer research internships are often available through individual MSNE research labs, too. Many students also pursue industrial or government lab internships as well. Notices are posted to the MSNE undergrad email list.</p>
<p>PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS</p>	<p>American Ceramic Society (ACerS) http://www.ceramics.org Association for Iron & Steel Technology (AIST) http://www.aist.org Materials Information Society http://www.asminternational.org Minerals, Metals, and Materials Society (TMS) http://www.tms.org Rice Undergraduate Materials Science and NanoEngineering Society http://materialsociety.blogs.rice.edu Rice Center for eEngineering Leadership(RCEL) http://rcel.rice.edu</p>
<p>INTERESTING COURSES FOR NON-MAJORS</p>	<p>MSNE 201 Introduction to NanoEngineering MSNE 402 Mechanical Properties of Materials MSNE 406 Physical Properties of Solids</p>

B.A. In Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Specialization Areas: Students select electives to suit their academic interests and career plans.

Sample Degree Plan

THIS IS ONE EXAMPLE OF MANY POSSIBLE SCHEDULES.

CONSULT A DIVISIONAL OR DEPARTMENTAL ADVISOR TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR DEGREE.

FALL			SPRING		
FRESHMAN 18 credits			FRESHMAN 14 credits		
MATH 101	Single Variable Calculus I	3	MATH 102	Single Variable Calculus II	3
CHEM 121	General Chem I w/Lab or CHEM 151	4*	CHEM 122	General Chemistry II w/Lab	4*
PHYS 101•	Mechanics w/Lab or PHYS 111	4*	PHYS 102••	Electr & Magnetism w/Lab or PHYS 112	4*
MSNE 201	Introduction to NanoEngineering	3	DIST	Distribution elective	3
FWIS	Freshman Writing	3			
LPAP	Lifetime Phys Activity elective	1			
SOPHOMORE 15 credits			SOPHOMORE 15 credits		
MATH 211	Ord. Diff. Eqs. & Linear Algebra	3	MATH 212	Multivariable Calculus	3
MSNE 301	Materials Science	3	DIST	Distribution elective	3
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OPEN	Open elective	3	OPEN	Open elective	3
OPEN	Open elective	3	OPEN	Open elective	3
JUNIOR 16 credits			JUNIOR 14 credits		
MSNE 401	Transport Phenomena in Mat Sci	4	MSNE 303	Materials Sci Junior Laboratory	1
MSNE 406	Physical Properties of Materials	3	MSNE 311	Materials Selection and Design	4
DIST	Distribution elective	3	DIST	Distribution elective	3
DIST	Distribution elective	3	OPEN	Open elective	3
OPEN	Open elective	3	OPEN	Open elective	3
SENIOR 15 credits			SENIOR 15 credits		
MSNE 402	Mechanical Properties of Materials	3	MSNE 435	Crystallography & Diffraction	3
DIST	Distribution elective	3	DIST	Distribution elective	3
OPEN	Open elective	3	OPEN	Open elective	3
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- When registering for PHYS 102, you must also register for PHYS 104, the discussion section for 102.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS	General Math & Science Courses	28
	Core Courses in Major	24
ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS	Open Electives and LPAP	44
	FWIS and Distribution Courses	24
Minimum credit required for the B.A.		120

Of the 120 total degree credits, the BA in Materials Science and NanoEngineering requires 52 credits in general math and science courses and core courses.

Major Requirements

NUMBER	CREDIT	TITLE
MATH 101	3	Single Variable Calculus I
MATH 102	3	Single Variable Calculus II
MATH 211	3	Ordinary Differential Equations and Linear Algebra
MATH 212	3	Multivariable Calculus
PHYS 101-/111	4*	Mechanics w/Lab
PHYS 102-/112	4*	Electricity and Magnetism w/Lab
CHEM 121	4*	General Chemistry I w/Lab
CHEM 122	4*	General Chemistry II w/Lab
MSNE 201	3	Introduction to NanoEngineering
MSNE 301	3	Materials Science
MSNE 303	1	Materials Science Junior Lab
MSNE 311	4	Materials Selection and Design
MSNE 401	4	Transport Phenomena in Materials Science
MSNE 402	3	Mechanical Properties of Material
MSNE 406	3	Physical Properties of Solids
MSNE 435	3	Crystallography and Diffraction

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