Mechanical Engineering Graduate FAQ

What graduate degrees are offered by your department?

Mechanical Engineering Department offers (a) Master of Mechanical Engineering (M.ME, - Non thesis), (b) Master of Science (M.S.) and (c) Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees.

Where can I find information on faculty research interests and facilities?

Current faculty research interests can be found at the following website:
http://eng.auburn.edu/programs/mech/staff/faculty.html

What is the minimum GPA for admission into the Graduate Program in Mechanical Engineering?

3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Most students admitted into our program have a GPA greater than 3.5.

Do I need to take GRE? What is the target GRE scores for admission?

Yes. A combined verbal and quantitative score >1100 is desirable. Most international students have a verbal score of >350 and a quantitative score of >750. (Graduate school minimum is 1000.)

Do I need to take TOEFL? What is the minimum score on TOEFL?

Yes, if you are an international applicant. The minimum score on the TOEFL is 550 (paper test) or 213 (computer based test) or 79 on iBT (internet based test).

Is the Test of Spoken English (TSE) required and can it be taken after arriving in Auburn?

Graduate teaching assistants (GTA) must take the TSE with the exception that in certain situations, an oral exam can be taken upon arrival in Auburn in lieu of the TSE.

What is Auburn University’s code number to send ETS test scores?

1005

Should I send my application material directly to the department or to the Graduate School?

After electronically submitting your application at the graduate school website (http://www.grad.auburn.edu/), send a detailed resume, recommendation letters (in a sealed and signed by the recommender if sent as a hardcopy), list of mechanical engineering courses with grades/scores, statement of purpose, and any other material you deem important to the attention of:

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This will give the graduate program committee a chance for an early review of your qualifications. The department will then forward your material to the Graduate School if needed.
Can the application fee be waived? Who do I make the check payable to?

No, the application fee cannot be waived. The University, not the department, mandates this fee. The checks should be made payable to Auburn University.

What is the application deadline for admission consideration for Fall Semester?

Auburn University has a rolling admissions policy and we accept applications for Fall, Spring and Summer semesters. However, most students enter our program during the Fall semester. For Fall semester entry, application materials should be submitted by February 1. This target date is for GRA, GTA and fellowship consideration as well. For Spring semester entry, submitting application material by August 15 is recommended.

Is financial aid available?

Yes. Qualifying graduate students, mostly PhD and a few MS students, are offered financial support in the form of graduate teaching and/or research assistantships (GTA and/or GRA). Those who receive these assistantships are exempt from paying tuition.

Whom should I contact regarding graduate assistantship?

Most GTA/GRA offers are made by individual faculty based on availability of funds from research grants/projects. Therefore, it is best for you to match your research interest with that of a faculty member and contact them directly in this regard.

Are fellowships available to graduate students?

A limited number of merit based fellowships are available (application deadline February 1) as salary supplements to GRA/GTA assistantships. These are awarded to highly qualified graduate students entering the Fall semester.

Do my chances of admission and receiving financial support increase if I apply for PhD instead of MS?

Admission to PhD program is solely based on your academic qualifications. Many PhD applicants if found unsuitable for PhD program may be offered admission to MS program instead. All things being equal, preference is given to PhD students while granting financial support.

Does my financial aid cover health insurance and other expenses?

No. Graduate students are responsible for payment of health insurance premiums and other expenses including those for their spouse and dependents. Further, it is mandatory for all international students to purchase health insurance upon enrollment.

Where can I find information on current tuition and other fees?

The information can be found at
http://www.auburn.edu/administration/business_office/pdf/tuition.pdf
http://www.auburn.edu/academic/international/oie/iss/prospective/issprospcoa.htm