

# MSE (Environmental) DEGREE REQUIREMENTS



The Department's Master of Science in Engineering – Environmental Engineering (MSE) offers two options. Plan I is the thesis research option, and Plan II is the coursework only, non-thesis option. Note that up to three credit hours of non-thesis research is allowed (not required) as part of the Plan II option.

#### Thesis Option (Plan I)

## Plan of Study<sup>1</sup> (minimum of 30 credit hours): 21 hours of approved coursework

6 hours of CE 599 Thesis Research 3 hours of CE 593/693 Practicum<sup>2</sup>

#### • Approved Coursework (21 hours):

9 hours of core coursework (see below) 6 hours maximum of approved 400-level courses<sup>3</sup> 12 hours maximum of approved transfer credit 15 hours minimum of CE courses

• Thesis Committee and Defense:

Minimum of three graduate faculty, with the majority from the department and at least one member from outside the department Maximum of two attempts to pass defense

- The Committee may require additional prerequisite courses (not allowed as part of the Plan of Study) for those students without an ABET/EAC-accredited degree
- Maximum of 6 years to complete degree

#### Coursework Only, Non-thesis Option (Plan II)

- Plan of Study<sup>1</sup> (minimum of 30 credit hours): 24-30 hours of approved coursework
  - 0-3 hours of CE 593/693 Practicum
  - 0-3 hours of CE 598 Non-Thesis Research
- Approved Coursework (21-30 hours):

9 hours of core coursework (see below) 6 hours maximum of approved 400-level courses<sup>3</sup> 12 hours maximum of approved transfer credit

- 18 hours minimum of CE courses
- Comprehensive Exam and Committee: Minimum of three graduate faculty, with the majority from the department Maximum of two attempts to pass exam
- The Committee may require additional prerequisite courses (not allowed as part of the Plan of Study) for those students without an ABET/EAC-accredited degree
- Maximum of 6 years to complete degree

## MSE Core Coursework Requirements (9 hours)

## **Environmental and Water Resources Engineering**

CE 573 – Statistical Applications in Civil Engineering

CE 575 – Hydrology

CE 626 – Physical and Chemical Processes

### **Additional Course Requirements**

for students without an ABET/EAC-accredited degree not allowed as part of the Plan of Study

**AEM 201 Statics** 

**AEM 264 Dynamics** 

AEM 250 Mechanics of Materials I

**AEM 311 Fluid Mechanics** 

## Required Forms<sup>4</sup> (all forms are available from graduate.ua.edu)

- Appointment/Change of Masters Committee (Plan I)
- · Admission to Candidacy for the Masters Degree
- CE 501 (Plan II only)
- Thesis Final Defense Form or a memo with committee signatures (Plan I only)
- Committee Acceptance Form for Electronic Thesis (Plan I only)
- Publication Form for Electronic Thesis (Plan I only)
- · Application for Degree

Additional information may be found at graduate.ua.edu and cce.eng.ua.edu.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> University Scholars (BS/MS) students are allowed 9 credit hours of 500-level coursework to double count between the BS and MS degrees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Students on graduate assistantships must register for a minimum of 1 credit hour of CE 593 each semester they are supported.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Only 400-level courses without 500-level counterparts are allowed and must be approved prior to taking the class.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Students are responsible for all forms and must route all forms through the Department prior to submission to the Graduate School.